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**Level 4 – 7th April, 2020**

## **Manga exhibition is British Museum's biggest show**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2004/200407-manga-4.html>

The Japanese art of manga has risen in popularity in the past few decades. Its roots go back nearly 1,000 years. It is now as well known as sushi, geisha and Mt Fuji. It is so popular outside Japan that a manga exhibition was the British Museum's most popular show in 2019. It was the largest display of manga material ever put together outside Japan. Around 1,920 people paid to see it every day.

The exhibition showed manga's 900-year history, from the earliest forms to sketches of today's popular anime and game characters. The show included 70 manga series, including the seminal work "Astro Boy". The British Museum said: "Manga is the modern graphic art of storytelling first perfected in Japan....Building on Japan's centuries-old tradition, the best manga have the visual power to excite us and draw us into their world."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The Japanese art             | a. popularity     |
| 2. risen in                     | b. of manga       |
| 3. in the past                  | c. it every day   |
| 4. It is now as well            | d. few decades    |
| 5. a manga                      | e. outside Japan  |
| 6. the largest display of manga | f. known as sushi |
| 7. put together                 | g. material ever  |
| 8. people paid to see           | h. exhibition     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. manga's 900-                   | a. to excite us  |
| 2. game                           | b. manga series  |
| 3. The show included 70           | c. their world   |
| 4. graphic                        | d. characters    |
| 5. first perfected                | e. old tradition |
| 6. Building on Japan's centuries- | f. art           |
| 7. have the visual power          | g. in Japan      |
| 8. draw us into                   | h. year history  |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The exhibition showed manga's 900-year history, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ forms to sketches of today's popular (8) \_\_\_\_\_ characters.

The show included 70 manga series, including (9) \_\_\_\_\_

"Astro Boy". The British Museum said: "Manga is the

(10) \_\_\_\_\_ of storytelling first perfected in Japan....Building

on Japan's (11) \_\_\_\_\_, the best manga have the visual

power to excite us and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ their world."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MANGA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about manga in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

