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Level 1 - 11th December, 2020 Japan to use artificial intelligence to match couples

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https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201211-ai-matchmaking-1.html

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Japan wants more people to go on dates. It wants to increase the birth rate. There are fewer babies in Japan. Artificial intelligence will match couples and help them find love. This will cost \$19 million to set up. There are many matchmaking services in Japan. With these, people have to fill out forms on hobbies and interests. A worker then matches people. The AI project will automate this system. It will give better analysis of data and get better matches.

The government wants the population to increase. Japan's fertility rate is one of the lowest in the world. Japanese women have an average of 1.36 children. The government said it wants to reverse the decline in the birth rate. The population is ageing guickly because people are living longer. The longevity rate for women is the highest in the world. There are fewer younger workers to pay for the pension and welfare of retired people.

Sources:

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

 Japan wants more people 	e to	
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a. to set up

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	The government	wants t	he population
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- 2. Japan's fertility
- 3. one of the lowest
- 4. an average of
- 5. it wants to
- 6. The population is ageing
- 7. people are living
- 8. fewer younger workers to

- b. in the world
- c. pay for the pension
- d. to increase
- e. longer
- f. rate
- g. quickly
- h. 1.36 children

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Japan wants more people to (1)	It wants
to increase the birth rate. There (2)	in
Japan. Artificial intelligence will (3)	help
them find love. This will cost \$19	million
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will give better analysis of (6)	better
matches.	
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(8) one of the lowest in t	he world.
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birth rate. The population (10)	_ because
people are living longer. The longevity rate for won	nen is the
highest in the world. There (11)	workers to
pay for the pension and (12) peo	ple.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MATCHMAKING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about matchmaking 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).

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WRITING

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Write about paper.	matchmak	(ing for 10 n	ninutes. Re	ad and talk a	bout your part	:ner's