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Smiling lessons in Japan after years of mask-wearing

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Many people have not stopped wearing masks. In Japan, many people still wear them. Some of those who have gone maskless are having lessons in how to smile. Some people say they have "forgotten" how to smile naturally because they had a face covering for three years. They are taking smiling lessons to relearn how to smile with confidence. "Smile coach" Keiko Kawano from a "smile education" company spoke about her work. She said people smiled less because of masks, so they developed a complex. She wants people to smile for their mental wellbeing.

Smile coaches in Japan are busy. A survey by Laibo Research found that 28% of company workers in their 20s to 50s wear masks. Just over two-thirds said they wear a mask depending on the situation. Only 5.5% said they stopped wearing a mask. Ms Kawano has coached 4,000 people in the art of smiling. She has also trained hundreds of "smile specialists". She said: "Smiling makes a good impression on others and helps communication. It also has the effect of making yourself feel more positive." She said: "Moving and relaxing the facial muscles is the key to a good smile."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Many people have not | a. with confidence |
| 2. many people still | b. covering |
| 3. Some of those who have gone | c. stopped |
| 4. lessons in how | d. a complex |
| 5. they had a face | e. maskless |
| 6. relearn how to smile | f. wellbeing |
| 7. they developed | g. to smile |
| 8. smile for their mental | h. wear them |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Smile coaches in Japan | a. a good smile |
| 2. company workers in | b. on the situation |
| 3. Just over | c. of smiling |
| 4. wear a mask depending | d. muscles |
| 5. the art | e. on others |
| 6. Smiling makes a good impression | f. are busy |
| 7. relaxing the facial | g. their 20s to 50s |
| 8. the key to | h. two-thirds |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many people have not (1) _____. In Japan, many people still wear them. Some of those who (2) _____ are having lessons in how to smile. Some people say they have "forgotten" how (3) _____ because they had a face covering for three years. They are taking smiling lessons to relearn how to (4) _____. "Smile coach" Keiko Kawano from a "smile education" company spoke (5) _____. She said people smiled less because of masks, so they developed a complex. She wants people to smile for (6) _____.

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SMILING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about smiling 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) _____

