

Intermediate lesson: Article Lesson

Instruction: Read the article and do the activity.

**Japan prepares for many foreign
workers**

Activity1

Japan is changing its immigration policy because it needs workers. Japan is an aging society. This means it does not have enough workers to work in many jobs. Japan's government has decided to allow many workers from other countries into the country to help fill the jobs. Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said his government will meet on December 28 to approve the plan. If the plan is approved, it will become law on April 1. The new law would allow up to 345,000 foreign workers to help with labor shortages. Many of these workers will work in the construction, fishing, healthcare and agriculture industries. They will be largely low-skilled workers and will need to pass a Japanese language test.

immigration / policy / aging / society / workers / country /
plan / law / language / test Saturday / economy / path /
difficult situation / cities and towns / fertility / population

Activity 4

Synonym Match :

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| 1. policy | a. accepted |
| 2. aging | b. mainly |
| 3. enough | c. a smaller number |
| 4. approved | d. sufficient |
| 5. largely | e. route |
| 6. change | f. strategy |
| 7. path | g. falling |
| 8. foreign | h. overseas |
| 9. fewer | i. Lovers |
| 10. dropping | j. maturing |



Activity 5

Discussion:

1. What kind of immigration policy does your country have?
2. Should foreign workers have to speak the language? Why or Why not?
3. What foreign workers are there in your country?
4. What workers does your country need?
5. What do you think of working abroad?

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