

**The 7 Steps -**  
**June**



**Group of Seven**

**1. CONTEXT**

Mindmap anything you know about the topic, including vocabulary. Do some research online to help.

**2. QUESTIONS**

Read the listening questions to check your understanding. Look up any new vocabulary.

**3. LISTEN**

Listen and answer the questions using full sentences. Circle the number of times and % you understood.

**Listening Questions 1**

- Who are the seven G7 member countries and how often do they meet?  
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- What was one of the key discussion topics in the 2018 summit?  
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- Where did the first summit take place and how many countries participated?  
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- When did Japan last host a G7 summit and where was it?  
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- What two events will take place in Osaka in the future?  
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**Listening Questions 2**

- How many of the G7 countries produce cars? Name 3 manufacturers.  
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- How many more people lived in the United States than Canada in 2013?  
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- Which country had more female ministers in 2017, Japan or France?  
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- Which country's gender wage gap was higher in 2014, Italy's or Japan's?  
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- What was the life expectancy in France and the United States in 2015?  
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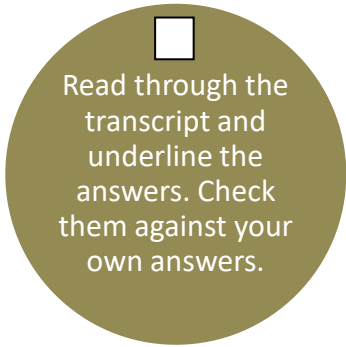
**Discussion Questions**

- What are the benefits for countries hosting international events such as G7 or G20 summits?
- What are some interesting societal statistics associated with Japan?

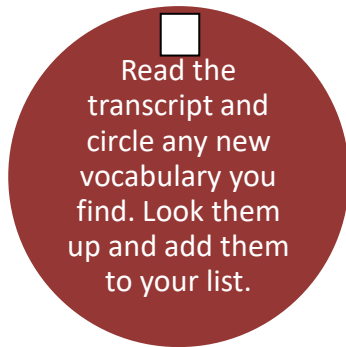
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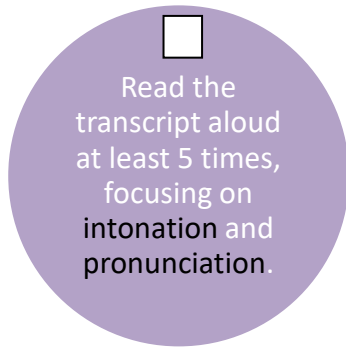
## 4. CHECK ANSWERS



## 5. CHECK VOCABULARY

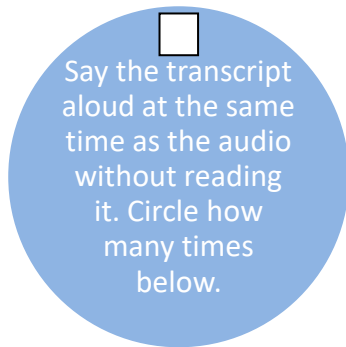


## 6. READ ALOUD



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## 7. SHADOWING



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## TRANSCRIPT 1

As the name itself **suggests**, the G7, or Group of Seven, is made up of 7 member countries – Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The group meets annually to discuss international issues such as the economy, security and environment.

At the 2018 G7 summit held in Canada, some of the key topics included jobs of the future, the climate and clean energy, and women's **empowerment**. It was the sixth such gathering Canada has hosted. The host leader was Justin Trudeau, the son of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, host of the 1981 G7 summit. The G7 presidency changes every year and in 2019 it is France's turn to host the conference in Biarritz in late August.

The G7's origins go back to 1975 when 6 of the current member countries first **got together** in France. Japan's Prime Minister at the time was Takeo Miki. Canada was not part of the original group but did become a member in 1976. The last time Japan hosted a G7 summit was in 2016 when it was held in Ise-Shima in Mie Prefecture. Japan has also been **designated** host of the G20 summit in Osaka in June 2019, aiming to promote the city as it readies itself for holding Expo 2025 in the same location.

### MATCH THE SYNONYMS BY DRAWING LINES BELOW:

Suggest	Member of parliament
Get together	Rank / Place
Empowerment	Indicate / Imply
Minister	Elect
Come in	Independence
Designate	Meet

## TRANSCRIPT 2

As seven of the world's biggest economies, the member countries make some of the most famous products in the world. For example, six of the seven produce cars including Renault, Mercedes, Ferrari, Toyota, Rolls-Royce, and Ford, to name just a few.

Here are a few facts and figures about the member countries based on recent Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (or OECD) data.

In terms of population, in 2013 Canada had the fewest people – roughly 35 million – while the U.S. had the most – about 317 million.

In politics in 2017, Japan had the lowest number of female **ministers** – almost 16% - while France had the highest – just under 53%. When it comes to the gender wage gap, data for 2014 show Italy had the smallest difference – about 6% - while Japan had the largest – approximately 26%. The US, Germany, and the UK were all around 17%.

As for the average life expectancy of men and women at birth, the top 3 countries in 2015 were Japan, Italy, and France at about 84, 83, and 82 years respectively. The US **came in** in seventh position at around 79 years.