

Sumo bosses to decide on punishment for Tokitsukaze over wrestler's death

Section A Warm up

Answer the following questions based on your own experience.



- ◆ Do you like Sumo?
- ◆ Have you ever been to watch Sumo?
- ◆ How many Sumo wrestlers can you name?
- ◆ Do you know any current news about Sumo?

Section B Vocabulary

Match the word on the left with its definition on the right.

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| 1. _____Decided | (a) organization |
| 2. _____Emergency | (b) make something known |
| 3. _____Punishment | (c) penalty for doing something wrong |
| 4. _____Connection | (d) an unexpected and sudden event that must be dealt with |
| 5. _____Association | (e) according to an unconfirmed report |
| 6. _____Revealed | (f) the joining together of two or more things |
| 7. _____Officials | (g) free of uncertainty or doubt |
| 8. _____Reportedly | (h) a holder of office in an organization |
| 9. _____Sacked | (i) to continue in a particular state without changing |
| 10. _____Prevent | (j) stop something from happening |
| 11. _____Remain | (k) dismissal from a job (informal) |

Section C Reading

Read the following article from the Mainichi Newspaper

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Sources close to the **association revealed** Tuesday that **officials** were planning a meeting, where there is **reportedly** a strong chance that Tokitsukaze will be **sacked** over the death. However, some officials have said that forcing Tokitsukaze out of the JSA would **prevent** the association from carrying out its own investigation into the death, and they have suggested that he should **remain** connected with the association in some form or other.

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Section D: Comprehension

Write your answers to the following, then discuss with a partner.

1. What does JSA stand for?
2. What has the JSA decided?
3. What did Tokitsukaze do?
4. Who died? How old was he?
5. What is the heaviest penalty in Sumo?

Section E: Gap Fill

Fill in the spaces with words from the box

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