

B1+/B2 Grammar pairs cloze: coordinators

The Shinkansen are fast but onboard food sales slowing

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| 1. A. but also / B. nor | 6. A. For / B. So |
| 2. A. or / B. so | 7. A. or / B. yet |
| 3. A. For / B. Either | 8. A. Plus / B. Not only |
| 4. A. both / B. and | 9. A. nor / B. and |
| 5. A. neither / B. both | 10. A. Either / B. Yet |

The Japanese *Shinkansen*, generally known as bullet trains and famed for their high speeds, are phasing out sales of food. The trains have been operating since 1964 and their popular food carts have always been an enjoyment for passengers.

However in recent years, not only has there been less demand for food onboard, 1. _____ there has been no shortage of food sales on platforms. People are either buying from vending machines 2. _____ bringing their own food such as the traditional Japanese *bento* boxed lunches.

The change takes place this autumn on the original bullet train connection between Tokyo and Osaka. 3. _____ customers with a desire for food, it will only be available in the first-class carriages 4. _____ only if purchased in advance via an app. The slower *Kodama* bullet train on the same Tokyo-Osaka service already stopped food cart sales in 2012. Now the same applies on the other services, 5. _____ the faster *Nozomi* and *Hikari* trains. 6. _____ as travellers pass by landmarks such as Mount Fuji, they will need to have made alternative plans for food, 7. _____ stay hungry.

This also signals a reduction in the number of cabin crew who would be needed to push the carts up and down the aisles. 8. _____ they will be dressed more simply. Female staff will neither have to wear skirts 9. _____ hats, they can be at ease in trousers and without hats. 10. _____ the crew will still follow Japanese etiquette, bowing when entering and leaving the coaches.

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Answers

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