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## Is the Tattoo Taboo on Its Way Out?

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# 1. Vocabulary *Check the meaning of these words/expressions in the dictionary.*

💡 Today's Expression(오른쪽 링크 클릭) - [Falling out](#)

- Definition
- Example

QR코드를 통해 **Falling out**의 설명 영상을 보실 수 있습니다.



1. **To follow suit** (idiom) - To do the same thing that someone else has just done or to behave in the same way as someone else.

ex) When one company in the industry adopted a more flexible dress code, several others quickly **followed suit**.

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2. **To sport** (verb) - To wear or display something, often with pride.

ex) She likes to **sport** colorful accessories to add some flair to her outfits.

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3. **Sea change** (noun) - A profound or significant transformation or shift.

ex) The introduction of smartphones brought about a **sea change** in how we communicate and access information.

"It may not be a **sea change** yet but the tides are slowly turning."

## 2. Listening Drill

Could the tattoo taboo be on its way out? A new study from the Pew Research Center finds that the attitude around tattoos is changing. Where there used to be a stigma around body art, Americans are warming up to the idea of wearing ink on your sleeve, and companies are following suit.

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Almost one fifth of people under the age of 30 who don't already have tattoos say that they're considering it. People get tattoos for many reasons. The most common one is using tattoos as a way to honor or remember somebody which 70% of people cited in the survey.

Others said they did it to make a statement about what they believe in or also just for looks. With the trend growing, and with many industries facing Covid-era labor shortages more companies have begun to respect tattoos in the workplace.

In 2021, Disney changed its policy to permit cast members at its many theme parks to have visible tattoos that aren't covered up by costumes as long as they're not on the face.

That same year, UPS broke ground by relaxing its rules on tattoos for uniformed workers and so did United Airlines. And the U.S. Army has also been raising its limit for the number of visible tattoos on people's arms, legs, hands, and neck. It may not be a sea change yet but the tides are slowly turning.

The New York City Council is also weighing a bill that would curb discrimination against people with tattoos and that's in line with a bigger cultural shift. According to the survey, two thirds of Americans say their impression of people doesn't change for good or bad based on their tattoo history, and 80% say that society has become more accepting of tattoos over the last 20 years. That's all to say what we think about ink has come a long way. Why do you think that visible tattoos in the workplace are still taboo? Let us know in the comments. (upbeat music)

### 3. Summary

*Summarize what you have seen/heard in two or three sentences*

**Tip.**

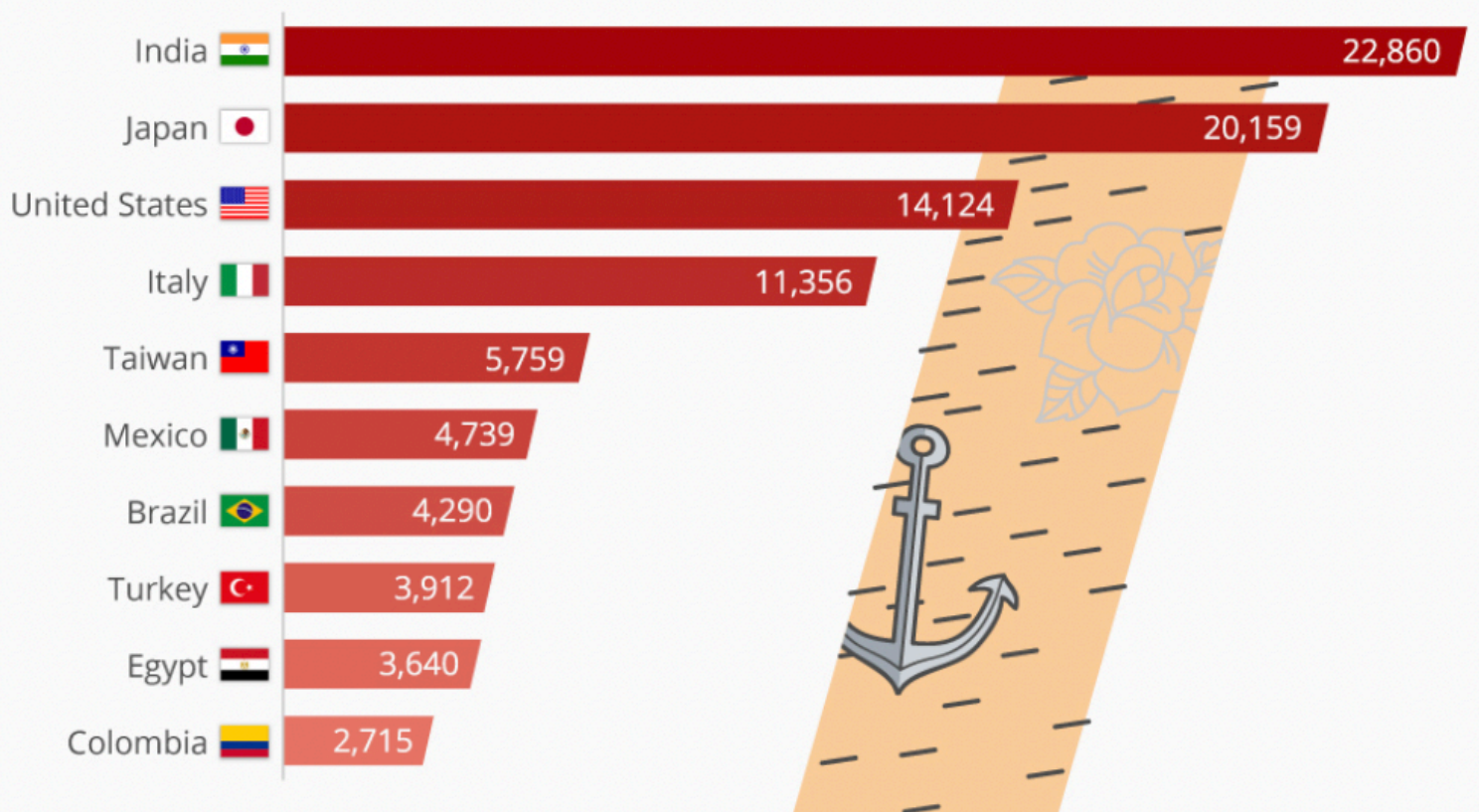
Answer the questions using vocabularies that you learned in the vocabulary section.

### 4. Describing The Chart

*Describe what is the general idea being expressed by the graph. Discuss it to your class. Try to interpret what you see in the chart.*

## Where Are People Regretting Their Tattoos The Most?

Number of tattoo removal procedures worldwide in 2016



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by Niall McCarthy, Nov 28, 2017

An online survey conducted by the Harris Poll found that in 2015, just under half of all U.S. millennials [had a tattoo](#). Given the rise of tattoos, levels of regret have increased as well, though the vast majority of people never look back after getting one. Nevertheless, the survey found that nearly a quarter of people (23 percent) regret their decision, up from 14 percent in 2012. Where are people actually taking action and removing their tattoos? [The International Society of Plastic Surgeons](#) revealed the top countries for removal procedures in 2016.

India has a tradition in body art that can be traced back to ancient times. In more recent years, tattoos have gone from being deeply cultural to something more modern and connected to style. As in other countries, demand for ink went up in India and that in turn led to an increase in demand for removal services. Last year, India had 22,860 [tattoo removal procedures](#), the highest number worldwide, more than likely due to the country's huge population.

Japan comes second with 20,159 procedures while the United States is in third position with 14,124. Italy is in fourth position and Taiwan rounds off the top five. People regret their tattoos and make the decision to remove them for a whole host of reasons. Sometimes it's just as simple as a tattoo not turning out as well as somebody originally envisaged. Then there are the classic horror stories like a drunken visit to the tattoo parlour or somebody deciding to get their lover's name inked before a breakup.

### Questions

1. What 's the take away of the graph?
2. What extra information can help you understand the graph even better?
3. Do you have any interesting findings? What's your guess about it?

## 5. Discussion Questions

*Let's begin at the easy category. You are expected to have prepared your answers already before the class begins.*

### Easy

1. "Have you ever encountered individuals, either within your social circle or famous personalities, who have explained their reasons for getting tattoos? **If so, please share.** - **If not**, have you ever considered getting a tattoo yourself? If the answer is yes, what factors or motivations would influence your decision to get one or not?"

### Average

2. How do you perceive the changing societal attitudes towards tattoos in Korea? Can you share any personal experiences or observations?

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### Average

2. Is visible tattoo exposure allowed in your current company?

- Hypothetically, if you were in a position to create a company dress code, would you allow visible tattoos? Why or why not?

### Difficult

1. Considering the statistic that 80% of Americans say society has become more accepting of tattoos in the last 20 years, what other societal shifts have you observed or experienced during this time?



These expressions and idioms can **be used when describing various trends, changes, or patterns** in charts, graphs, or data presentations.

1. **Shoot up** (phrasal verb) - to increase rapidly and sharply  
ex) The sales figures for the new product **shot up** after the marketing campaign.
2. **Plummet** (verb) - to fall or decline steeply  
ex) The stock prices **plummeted** after the negative news was released.
3. **Level off** (phrasal verb) - to stabilize or reach a steady state  
ex) After a period of growth, the demand for the product **leveled off**.
4. **Skyrocket** (verb) - to increase dramatically and quickly.  
ex) The company's profits **skyrocketed** after the successful launch of their new product.
5. **Plateau** (noun) - a period of stability or little change  
ex) The revenue growth **reached a plateau** and remained steady for several months.
6. **Fluctuate** (verb) - to rise and fall irregularly or unpredictably  
ex) The stock prices **fluctuated** throughout the day, responding to market conditions.
7. **Bottom out** (phrasal verb) - to reach the lowest point and then stabilize  
ex) The housing prices finally **bottomed out** and showed signs of recovery.
8. **Surge** (verb) - to experience a sudden and significant increase  
ex) The website experienced a **surge** in traffic after being featured in a popular blog.
9. **Slump** (noun) - a sudden and significant decline or decrease  
ex) The company's profits **suffered a slump** due to the economic downturn.
10. **Rebound** (verb) - to recover or bounce back after a decline  
ex) After a period of recession, the economy **rebounded with** strong growth.
11. **Peak** (noun) - the highest point or level  
ex) The chart shows that sales **reached their peak** during the holiday season.
12. **Downturn** (noun) - a period of decline or decrease in economic activity  
ex) The industry **experienced a downturn** due to changes in consumer preferences.
13. **Accelerate** (verb) - to increase in speed or rate  
ex) The company's expansion plans **accelerated** after securing additional funding.
14. **Slow down** (phrasal verb) - to decrease in speed or rate  
ex) The production rate **slowed down** due to a shortage of raw materials.
15. **Flattening curve** (idiom) - a gradual reduction or stabilization of a trend  
ex) The chart indicates a **flattening curve** in COVID-19 cases, suggesting a decrease in infection rates.
16. **Break-even point** (noun) - the point at which total costs equal total revenue  
The business needs to **reach the break-even point** to start making a profit.
17. **Double-digit growth** (idiom) - a growth rate of more than 10%  
ex) The company **achieved double-digit growth** in sales for the third consecutive quarter.
18. **Taper off** (phrasal verb) - to gradually decrease or diminish  
ex) The demand for the product **tapered off** after the initial launch hype.
19. **Upswing** (noun) - an upward or positive trend  
ex) The market **experienced an upswing** as consumer confidence improved.
20. **Hit a plateau** (idiom) - to reach a point of stability or little change  
The number of subscribers **hit a plateau** and remained steady for several months.