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Level 3

Sweet potato scientists win World Food Prize

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1610/161014-sweet-potato.html>

Four scientists have won the 2016 World Food Prize. The scientists are from the global agricultural research group the International Potato Center. They won the prize for enriching sweet potatoes. This has resulted in health benefits for millions of people across the world. The scientists developed a way to grow sweet potatoes that have extra amounts of Vitamin A in them. More Vitamin A means the sweet potato contains extra nutrition. One researcher said it was difficult to get farmers to help him with his work. Many farmers did not think it was a good idea. The researcher said: "They told me it was a bad idea. Their job was to increase yields, pest resistance and reduce poverty; it wasn't to improve nutrition."

The sweet potato could change the lives of many people across the globe. People without food can die of malnutrition – not having enough to eat. A lack of Vitamin A is one of the most harmful examples of malnutrition. Scientists say malnutrition affects more than 140 million children up to the age of four in 118 countries. It also affects more than seven million pregnant women. Scientists also say it is a big reason for children becoming blind in developing countries. Jan Low, from the International Potato Center, said the prize-winning sweet potatoes could make a big difference in making sure hungry people get enough Vitamin A. She hopes more scientists will focus on increasing nutrition in vegetables.

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WARM-UPS

1. POTATOES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about potatoes. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

scientists / global / agricultural / health / benefits / nutrition / good idea / poverty / lives / malnutrition / harmful / countries / pregnant / reason / developing / focus

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. VEGETABLES: Students A **strongly** believe it is OK for scientists to change vegetables; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MALNUTRITION: How can we stop hunger around the world? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good points	Bad points
Money		
Education		
Technology		
Food aid / charities		
Relocate people		
Better leaders		

5. PRIZE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "prize". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. HEALTHY: Rank these with your partner. Put the healthiest things at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- sweet potato
- beef
- spinach
- milk
- rice
- orange
- water
- salmon

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1610/161014-sweet-potato.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Two scientists won the World Food Prize for 2016. **T / F**
- b. The scientists are from the Global Sweet Potato Agency (GSPA). **T / F**
- c. The new sweet potatoes have more Vitamin A in them. **T / F**
- d. Many farmers wanted to increase nutrition in sweet potatoes. **T / F**
- e. Scientists say the sweet potato will not help fight malnutrition. **T / F**
- f. Malnutrition affects 7 million pregnant women around the globe. **T / F**
- g. Malnutrition is a big cause of blindness in children. **T / F**
- h. A scientist said the sweet potatoes will help people get more Vitamin A. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. global | a. absence |
| 2. enriching | b. additional |
| 3. resulted in | c. lower |
| 4. extra | d. lead to |
| 5. reduce | e. cases |
| 6. change | f. worldwide |
| 7. lack | g. certain |
| 8. examples | h. concentrate |
| 9. sure | i. improving |
| 10. focus | j. alter |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Four scientists have won the | a. of malnutrition |
| 2. They won the prize for enriching | b. for millions of people |
| 3. This has resulted in health benefits | c. poverty |
| 4. the sweet potato contains | d. more than 140 million children |
| 5. reduce | e. sweet potatoes |
| 6. People without food can die | f. blind |
| 7. affects | g. Vitamin A |
| 8. pregnant | h. 2016 World Food Prize |
| 9. a big reason for children becoming | i. extra nutrition |
| 10. making sure hungry people get enough | j. women |

GAP FILL

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Four scientists have won the 2016 World Food Prize. The scientists are from the global agricultural (1) _____ group the International Potato Center. They won the prize for (2) _____ sweet potatoes. This has resulted in health (3) _____ for millions of people across the world. The scientists developed a way to grow sweet potatoes that have (4) _____ amounts of Vitamin A in them. More Vitamin A means the sweet potato contains extra (5) _____. One researcher said it was difficult to get farmers to help him with his (6) _____. Many farmers did not think it was a good idea. The researcher said: "They told me it was a bad idea. Their job was to (7) _____ yields, pest resistance and reduce (8) _____; it wasn't to improve nutrition."

benefits
extra
increase
enriching
poverty
research
nutrition
work

The sweet potato could change the (9) _____ of many people across the globe. People without food can die of malnutrition – not having enough to eat. A (10) _____ of Vitamin A is one of the most harmful (11) _____ of malnutrition. Scientists say malnutrition affects more than 140 million children up to the (12) _____ of four in 118 countries. It also affects more than seven million (13) _____ women. Scientists also say it is a big reason for children becoming blind in (14) _____ countries. Jan Low, from the International Potato Center, said the prize-winning sweet potatoes could make a big (15) _____ in making sure hungry people get enough Vitamin A. She hopes more scientists will (16) _____ on increasing nutrition in vegetables.

lack
age
focus
lives
pregnant
difference
examples
developing

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) This has resulted in health benefits for millions of people _____
 - a. across the worlds
 - b. across a world
 - c. a cross the world
 - d. across the world
- 2) a way to grow sweet potatoes that have extra amounts of _____
 - a. Vitamin A on them
 - b. Vitamin A in them
 - c. Vitamin A at these
 - d. Vitamin A in these
- 3) More Vitamin A means the sweet potato contains _____
 - a. extra nutrition all
 - b. extra nutritional
 - c. extra nutrition
 - d. extra nutritionally
- 4) Many farmers did not think it was _____
 - a. a good idealism
 - b. a good ideally
 - c. a good ideal
 - d. a good idea
- 5) Their job was to increase yields, pest resistance and _____
 - a. reduce poverty
 - b. reduce property
 - c. reduce impoverish
 - d. reduce pottery
- 6) The sweet potato could change the lives of many people _____
 - a. across the global
 - b. across the globes
 - c. across the globe
 - d. across the globalise
- 7) People without food can die of malnutrition – not having _____
 - a. enough for eat
 - b. enough to eat
 - c. enough then eat
 - d. enough that eat
- 8) malnutrition affects more than 140 million children up to _____
 - a. the age at four
 - b. the age by four
 - c. the age for four
 - d. the age of four
- 9) Scientists also say it is a big reason for children _____
 - a. become blinding
 - b. becomes in blind
 - c. becoming blinding
 - d. becoming blind
- 10) She hopes more scientists will focus on increasing nutrition _____
 - a. in vegetable
 - b. in vegetables
 - c. on vegetables
 - d. on vegetable

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1610/161014-sweet-potato.html>

Four scientists have won the 2016 World Food Prize. The (1) _____ the global agricultural research group the International Potato Center. They (2) _____ enriching sweet potatoes. This has resulted in health benefits for millions of people across the world. The scientists developed (3) _____ sweet potatoes that have extra amounts of Vitamin A in them. More Vitamin A means the sweet potato contains extra nutrition. One researcher said it was difficult to get farmers (4) _____ his work. Many farmers did not think it was a good idea. The researcher said: "They told me it was a bad idea. Their job (5) _____ yields, pest resistance and reduce poverty; it wasn't (6) _____."

The sweet potato (7) _____ lives of many people across the globe. People without (8) _____ of malnutrition – not having enough to eat. A lack of Vitamin A is one of the most harmful examples of malnutrition. Scientists say malnutrition affects more than 140 million children (9) _____ of four in 118 countries. It also affects more than seven million pregnant women. Scientists also say it is a big reason for children (10) _____ in developing countries. Jan Low, from the International Potato Center, said the prize-winning sweet potatoes could make a big difference (11) _____ hungry people get enough Vitamin A. She hopes more scientists (12) _____ increasing nutrition in vegetables.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1610/161014-sweet-potato.html>

1. How many scientists won the World Food Award?
2. What did the scientists enrich?
3. What do the new sweet potatoes contain more of?
4. Who didn't think growing the new sweet potatoes was a good idea?
5. What did farmers want to reduce?
6. Where could the sweet potato change people's lives?
7. How many small children does malnutrition affect?
8. How many pregnant women does malnutrition affect?
9. What kind of difference did Jan Low say the sweet potatoes could make?
10. What did Jan Low want scientists to focus on increasing in vegetables?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1610/161014-sweet-potato.html>

- 1) How many scientists won the World Food Award?
 - a) 2
 - b) 3
 - c) 4
 - d) 5
- 2) What did the scientists enrich?
 - a) sweet potatoes
 - b) prizes
 - c) agriculture
 - d) benefits
- 3) What do the new sweet potatoes contain more of?
 - a) magnesium
 - b) Vitamin A
 - c) zinc
 - d) calories
- 4) Who didn't think growing the new sweet potatoes was a good idea?
 - a) a potato center
 - b) supermarkets
 - c) the WHO
 - d) farmers
- 5) What did farmers want to reduce?
 - a) temperatures
 - b) prices
 - c) poverty
 - d) production
- 6) Where could the sweet potato change people's lives?
 - a) on farms
 - b) across the globe
 - c) in a potato center
 - d) in kitchens
- 7) How many small children does malnutrition affect?
 - a) 140 thousand
 - b) 1,400,000
 - c) 14,000,000
 - d) 140,000,000
- 8) How many pregnant women does malnutrition affect?
 - a) 8 million
 - b) 7 million
 - c) 5 million
 - d) 6 million
- 9) What kind of difference did Jan Low say the sweet potatoes could make?
 - a) a welcome difference
 - b) a big difference
 - c) a tiny difference
 - d) no difference
- 10) What did Jan Low want scientists to focus on increasing in vegetables?
 - a) nutrition
 - b) size
 - c) weight
 - d) price

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Sweet potato

You think sweet potato is the healthiest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as healthy. Also, tell the others which is the least healthy of these (and why): milk, beef or spinach.

Role B – Milk

You think milk is the healthiest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as healthy. Also, tell the others which is the least healthy of these (and why): sweet potato, beef or spinach.

Role C – Beef

You think beef is the healthiest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as healthy. Also, tell the others which is the least healthy of these (and why): milk, sweet potato or spinach.

Role D – Spinach

You think spinach is the healthiest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as healthy. Also, tell the others which is the least healthy of these (and why): milk, beef or sweet potato.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1610/161014-sweet-potato.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'sweet' and 'potato'.

sweet	potato
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• group• resulted• way• means• good• pest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• change• harmful• 140• seven• reason• hopes
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POTATOES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about potatoes in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

POTATOES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'potato'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. How important are potatoes?
5. What are three differences between potatoes and sweet potatoes?
6. What food do you think should win a World Food Prize (and why)?
7. What is your country's best food?
8. Where do you get your vitamins from?
9. How good or bad is the nutrition in the food you eat?
10. How do you think the new sweet potato will help the world?

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POTATOES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. How many different ways can you cook sweet potato?
13. How can sweet potato be used as a dessert?
14. What can we do to end malnutrition?
15. Why is there still so much malnutrition in the world?
16. What is your favourite vegetable, and why?
17. What can you do to help hungry children?
18. What malnutrition is there in your country?
19. How will nutrition in vegetables be different in 50 years?
20. What questions would you like to ask the prizewinners?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The sweet potato could change the lives of many people across the globe. People without food can die (7) ____ malnutrition – not having enough to eat. A lack of Vitamin A is one of the most harmful examples of malnutrition. Scientists say malnutrition affects more than 140 million children (8) _____ to the age of four in 118 countries. It also (9) ____ more than seven million pregnant women. Scientists also say it is a big (10) _____ for children becoming blind in developing countries. Jan Low, from the International Potato Center, said the prize-winning sweet potatoes could make a big difference in making (11) ____ hungry people get enough Vitamin A. She hopes more scientists will focus (12) ____ increasing nutrition in vegetables.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) global | (b) globally | (c) globe | (d) globalise |
| 2. | (a) on | (b) on | (c) in | (d) to |
| 3. | (a) weigh | (b) wry | (c) way | (d) whey |
| 4. | (a) these | (b) that | (c) it | (d) them |
| 5. | (a) with | (b) to | (c) on | (d) at |
| 6. | (a) past | (b) pest | (c) post | (d) paste |
| 7. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) on | (d) of |
| 8. | (a) on | (b) up | (c) over | (d) around |
| 9. | (a) affect | (b) affecting | (c) affects | (d) affection |
| 10. | (a) why | (b) reason | (c) grounds | (d) sense |
| 11. | (a) 100% | (b) positive | (c) certainly | (d) sure |
| 12. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) of | (d) to |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. uturarcillga research
2. The scientists ledveepdo a way
3. extra nmauots of Vitamin A
4. Their job was to eneciras yields
5. crduee poverty
6. it wasn't to poermvi nutrition

Paragraph 2

7. people across the ebogl
8. die of mltioniarnu
9. one of the most harmful elpemsax
10. nntaergp women
11. make a big nrfileefec
12. nuhyrg people

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () nutrition. One researcher said it was difficult to get farmers to help him with his work. Many farmers did not think it was
- () winning sweet potatoes could make a big difference in making sure hungry
- () to increase yields, pest resistance and reduce poverty; it wasn't to improve nutrition."
- (**1**) Four scientists have won the 2016 World Food Prize. The scientists are from the global agricultural research
- () of malnutrition – not having enough to eat. A lack of Vitamin A is one of the most harmful
- () of four in 118 countries. It also affects more than seven million pregnant women. Scientists also say it is a big
- () in health benefits for millions of people across the world. The scientists developed a way to grow sweet potatoes that
- () have extra amounts of Vitamin A in them. More Vitamin A means the sweet potato contains extra
- () examples of malnutrition. Scientists say malnutrition affects more than 140 million children up to the age
- () group the International Potato Center. They won the prize for enriching sweet potatoes. This has resulted
- () The sweet potato could change the lives of many people across the globe. People without food can die
- () reason for children becoming blind in developing countries. Jan Low, from the International Potato Center, said the prize-
- () people get enough Vitamin A. She hopes more scientists will focus on increasing nutrition in vegetables.
- () a good idea. The researcher said: "They told me it was a bad idea. Their job was

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. have Four Food 2016 won scientists Prize World the .
2. agricultural are research from group the The global scientists .
3. for prize the won They potatoes sweet enriching .
4. benefits of has health millions This in for people resulted .
5. farmers think a Many not was idea did it good .
6. many sweet change of The could lives people potato the .
7. of lack A examples harmful most the of one is A Vitamin .
8. million affects pregnant more women than It seven also .
9. a big difference The prize - winning sweet potatoes could make .
10. on will More in increasing focus scientists vegetables nutrition .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1610/161014-sweet-potato.html>

Four scientists have *win / won* the 2016 World Food Prize. The scientists are from the *globally / global* agricultural research group the International Potato Center. They won the prize for enriching sweet potatoes. This has resulted *on / in* health benefits for millions of people across *the / a* world. The scientists developed a way to *grow / growth* sweet potatoes that have extra amounts of Vitamin A in *there / them*. More Vitamin A means the sweet potato contains extra *nutrition / nutritious*. One researcher said it was *difficulty / difficult* to get farmers to help him with his work. Many farmers did not think it was a good idea. The researcher said: "They told me it was a bad idea. Their job was *to / for* increase yields, pest resistance and reduce poverty; it wasn't *to / too* improve nutrition."

The sweet potato could change the lives of *much / many* people across the globe. People without food can *die / dead* of malnutrition – not having enough to eat. A lack of Vitamin A is one of the most *harm / harmful* examples of malnutrition. Scientists say malnutrition *affects / effects* more than 140 million children up to the *old / age* of four in 118 countries. It also affects *over / more* than seven million pregnant women. Scientists also say it is a big *reason / reasons* for children becoming blind in developing countries. Jan Low, from the International Potato Center, said the prize-winning sweet potatoes could make a big *different / difference* in making sure hungry people get enough Vitamin A. She *hopes / hoping* more scientists will focus on increasing nutrition in *vegetable / vegetables*.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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F__r sc__nt_sts h_v_ w_n th_ 2016 W_rld F__d Pr_z_.
Th_ sc__nt_sts _r_ fr_m th_ gl_b_l _gr_c_lt_r_l
r_s__rch gr__p th_ _nt_rn_t__n_l P_t_t_ C_nt_r. Th_y
w_n th_ pr_z_ f_r _nr_ch_ng sw__t p_t_t__s. Th_s h_s
r_s_lt_d _n h__lth b_n_f_ts f_r m_ll__ns _f p__pl_
_cr_ss th_ w_rld. Th_ sc__nt_sts d_v_l_p_d _ w_y t_
gr_w sw__t p_t_t__s th_t h_v_ _xtr_ _m__nts _f
V_t_m_n _ _n th_m. M_r_ V_t_m_n _ m__ns th_ sw__t
p_t_t_ c_nt__ns _xtr_ n_tr_t__n. _n_r_s__rch_r_s__d
_t_w_s_d_ff_c_lt_t_ g_t_f_r_m_r_s_t_ h_lp_h_m_w_th_h_s
w_rk. M_ny_f_r_m_r_s_d_d_n_t_th_nk_t_w_s_g__d_d__.
Th_r_s__rch_r_s__d: "Th_y_t_ld_m__t_w_s_b_d_d__.
Th__r_j_b_w_s_t__ncr__s_y__lds, p_st_r_s_st_nc_ _nd
r_d_c_p_v_rty; _t_w_sn't_t__mpr_v_n_tr_t__n."

Th_ sw__t p_t_t_ c__ld ch_ng_ th_ l_v_s _f m_ny
p__pl_ _cr_ss th_ gl_b_. P__pl_ w_th__t_f__d_c_n_d__
_f_m_l_n_tr_t__n - n_t_h_v_ng _n__gh_t__t. _l_ck_f
V_t_m_n _ _s _n_ _f th_ m_st_h_rmf_l_xmpl_s _f
m_l_n_tr_t__n. Sc__nt_sts_s_y_m_l_n_tr_t__n_ff_cts
m_r_th_n_140_m_ll__n_ch_ldr_n_p_t_th_g__f_f__r
_n_118_c__ntr__s. _t_ls__ff_cts_m_r_th_n_s_v_n
m_ll__n_pr_gn_nt_w_m_n. Sc__nt_sts_ls_s_y_t_s_
b_g_r__s_n_f_r_ch_ldr_n_b_c_m_ng_b_l_n_d_n_d_v_l_p_ng
c__ntr__s. J_n_L_w, fr_m th_ _nt_rn_t__n_l_P_t_t_
C_nt_r, s__d th_ pr_z_-w_nn_ng sw__t p_t_t__s c__ld
m_k_ _b_g_d_ff_r_nc_ _n_m_k_ng_s_r_h_ngr_y_p__pl_
g_t_n__gh_V_t_m_n_. Sh_h_p_s_m_r_sc__nt_sts
w_ll_f_c_s_n_ncr__s_ng_n_tr_t__n_n_v_g_t_b_l_s.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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four scientists have won the 2016 world food prize the scientists are from the global agricultural research group the international potato center they won the prize for enriching sweet potatoes this has resulted in health benefits for millions of people across the world the scientists developed a way to grow sweet potatoes that have extra amounts of vitamin a in them more vitamin a means the sweet potato contains extra nutrition one researcher said it was difficult to get farmers to help him with his work many farmers did not think it was a good idea the researcher said "they told me it was a bad idea their job was to increase yields pest resistance and reduce poverty it wasn't to improve nutrition"

the sweet potato could change the lives of many people across the globe people without food can die of malnutrition – not having enough to eat a lack of vitamin a is one of the most harmful examples of malnutrition scientists say malnutrition affects more than 140 million children up to the age of four in 118 countries it also affects more than seven million pregnant women scientists also say it is a big reason for children becoming blind in developing countries jan low from the international potato center said the prize-winning sweet potatoes could make a big difference in making sure hungry people get enough vitamin a she hopes more scientists will focus on increasing nutrition in vegetables

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about the World Food Prize. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. POTATOES: Make a poster about sweet potatoes. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. NUTRITION: Write a magazine article about adding nutrition to vegetables. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on potatoes. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make them better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c T d F e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. global | a. worldwide |
| 2. enriching | b. improving |
| 3. resulted in | c. lead to |
| 4. extra | d. additional |
| 5. reduce | e. lower |
| 6. change | f. alter |
| 7. lack | g. absence |
| 8. examples | h. cases |
| 9. sure | i. certain |
| 10. focus | j. concentrate |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Four
2. Sweet potatoes
3. Vitamin A
4. Farmers
5. Poverty
6. Across the globe
7. 140 million
8. Seven million
9. A big difference
10. Nutrition

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)