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## **Level 1**

### **A third of the food we produce is wasted**

**2nd May, 2017**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170502-food-waste-1.html>

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170502-food-waste-1.html>

Britain said a third of the world's food is wasted. It said this was "unacceptable". The UK wastes over 7 million tons of food every year. A politician talked about solutions to this problem. First, schools could raise children's awareness of food waste. Secondly, supermarkets could sell vegetables they throw away because they are the "wrong" shape. Finally, "sell-by" dates need to change. People throw away good food because of these labels.

The politician said food waste was unacceptable. He said: "Socially, it is a scandal that people are going hungry...when so much [food] is being wasted." He added that: "Environmentally, it is a disaster, because energy and resources are wasted." He said the food rots and produces a climate-changing gas. He said it was wrong for supermarkets to throw away good vegetables if they are a funny shape.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170502-food-waste-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. a third of the world's food    | a. to change               |
| 2. It said this was               | b. shape                   |
| 3. solutions to this              | c. because of these labels |
| 4. schools could raise children's | d. problem                 |
| 5. sell vegetables they throw     | e. is wasted               |
| 6. they are the "wrong"           | f. away                    |
| 7. Finally, "sell-by" dates need  | g. "unacceptable "         |
| 8. People throw away good food    | h. awareness               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The politician said food waste was | a. rots             |
| 2. it is a scandal that people        | b. was wrong        |
| 3. so much food is being              | c. shape            |
| 4. the food                           | d. are going hungry |
| 5. produces a climate-                | e. unacceptable     |
| 6. He said it                         | f. vegetables       |
| 7. throw away good                    | g. wasted           |
| 8. if they are a funny                | h. changing gas     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170502-food-waste-1.html>

Britain (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the world's food is wasted. It said this (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The UK wastes over 7 million tons of food every year. A politician (3) \_\_\_\_\_ solutions to this problem. First, schools could raise children's (4) \_\_\_\_\_ food waste. Secondly, supermarkets could sell vegetables they throw away because they are (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Finally, "sell-by" dates need to change. People throw away good food (6) \_\_\_\_\_ labels.

The politician said food waste (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "Socially, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ that people are going hungry...when so much [food] (9) \_\_\_\_\_." He added that: "Environmentally, (10) \_\_\_\_\_, because energy and resources are wasted." He said the food rots and produces a climate-changing gas. He (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for supermarkets to throw away good vegetables if (12) \_\_\_\_\_ funny shape.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FOOD WASTE SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170502-food-waste-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about food waste 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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

