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Level 1 – 7th December, 2020

Dog three times heavier than normal goes on diet

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201207-dog-diet-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 <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201207-dog-diet-1.html>

Wolfgang the dog had to go on a diet. He was three times heavier than normal. This was unhealthy. He risked getting diseases. His owner overfed him and then abandoned him at an animal shelter. Many customers came to the shelter. No one took Wolfgang because he was so big. Then, a dog lover came to the rescue. She looked at Wolfgang and it was love at first sight. She took the overweight beagle home and put him on a diet to lose weight.

Wolfgang is now doing well. He has only 600 calories a day. He swims, goes on walks and exercises every day. He is losing weight. His new owner is very happy with him. She said: "His personality shines through. He's just such a nice dog. It's so hard to say no to that face." She makes his food. He eats turkey and vegetables. Beagles usually weigh around 13kgs, but Wolfgang weighed 40kgs. He now has his own Instagram account. He has 37,000 followers.

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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201207-dog-diet-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. He was three times heavier | a. at first sight |
| 2. His owner overfed | b. an animal shelter |
| 3. abandoned him at | c. to lose weight |
| 4. Many customers | d. to the rescue |
| 5. a dog lover came | e. him |
| 6. it was love | f. beagle home |
| 7. She took the overweight | g. came to the shelter |
| 8. put him on a diet | h. than normal |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Wolfgang is now | a. turkey |
| 2. walks and exercises | b. account |
| 3. His new owner is very | c. every day |
| 4. He's just such | d. followers |
| 5. He eats | e. happy with him |
| 6. Beagles usually weigh | f. a nice dog |
| 7. He now has his own Instagram | g. doing well |
| 8. He has 37,000 | h. around 13kgs |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Wolfgang the dog had to go (1) _____. He was three times (2) _____. This was unhealthy. He risked getting diseases. His (3) _____ and then abandoned him at an animal shelter. Many customers came to the shelter. No one took Wolfgang because he (4) _____. Then, a dog lover came to the rescue. She looked at Wolfgang and it was love (5) _____. She took the overweight beagle home and put him on a (6) _____ weight.

Wolfgang is (7) _____. He has only 600 calories a day. He swims, (8) _____ and exercises every day. He is losing weight. His new owner is very happy with him. She said: "(9) _____ through. He's just such a nice dog. It's so hard to (10) _____ that face." She makes his food. He (11) _____ vegetables. Beagles usually weigh around 13kgs, but Wolfgang weighed 40kgs. He now (12) _____ Instagram account. He has 37,000 followers.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DOG DIETS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201207-dog-diet-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about dog diets 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) _____

