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Level 2 – 9th December, 2021

World faces maple syrup shortage

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Changing weather patterns and an increase in demand have led to shortages of maple syrup. Stocks of this popular pancake topping have gone down. Canada has just released 22 million kilograms of the sticky stuff into the market. This is almost half of its emergency reserves. Canada is the world's largest maple syrup producer. It produces around three-quarters of the global maple syrup supply. A maple syrup spokeswoman said there would be no shortages. She said: "That's why the reserve is made....We won't lack maple syrup."

A warmer spring reduced syrup supplies. Maple trees need warm daytime and freezing nighttime temperatures. The warmer, shorter spring led to a poorer harvest. Another factor is worldwide demand. This increased by more than 20 per cent this year. One major reason for this is the pandemic. More people are at home, cooking pancakes and waffles. The maple syrup spokeswoman said: "The pandemic helped our case because we're seeing people cook more at home and use more local products. It's not just in [Canada] where the demand is increasing."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/11/28/business/canada-maple-syrup-reserves-shortage/index.html>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-59555141>
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/maple-syrup-strategic-reserve-1.6268352>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. changing weather | a. producer |
| 2. an increase | b. the sticky stuff |
| 3. Stocks of this popular pancake | c. maple syrup |
| 4. 22 million kilograms of | d. in demand |
| 5. almost half of its emergency | e. quarters |
| 6. the world's largest maple syrup | f. patterns |
| 7. It produces around three- | g. reserves |
| 8. We won't lack | h. topping |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. freezing nighttime | a. demand |
| 2. worldwide | b. Canada |
| 3. One major | c. cook more at home |
| 4. cooking pancakes | d. increasing |
| 5. we're seeing people | e. products |
| 6. use more local | f. reason for this |
| 7. It's not just in | g. temperatures |
| 8. where the demand is | h. and waffles |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Changing weather patterns and (1) _____ demand have led to shortages of maple syrup. Stocks of this (2) _____ have gone down. Canada has just released 22 million kilograms of the (3) _____ the market. This is almost half of (4) _____. Canada is the world's largest maple syrup producer. It produces (5) _____ the global maple syrup supply. A maple syrup spokeswoman said there would (6) _____. She said: "That's why the reserve is made....We won't lack maple syrup."

A (7) _____ syrup supplies. Maple trees need warm (8) _____ nighttime temperatures. The warmer, shorter spring led to (9) _____. Another factor is worldwide demand. This increased by more than 20 per cent this year. One (10) _____ this is the pandemic. More people are at home, cooking pancakes and waffles. The maple syrup spokeswoman said: "The pandemic (11) _____ because we're seeing people cook more at home and (12) _____ products. It's not just in [Canada] where the demand is increasing."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MAPLE SYRUP SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about maple syrup 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **maple syrup** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
