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Level 1 – 16th June, 2022

New Zealand may tax farm animal burps

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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/2206/220616-cow-burps-1.html>

New Zealand wants to start a tax to help the environment. The tax is on sheep, cows and other animals. These create a lot of methane when they burp or fart. Methane is a damaging greenhouse gas. The new "burp tax" would start in 2025. New Zealand has over 20,000 farms, 26 million sheep and 4 million cows. New Zealand's climate change minister said: "There is no question that we need to cut the amount of methane we are putting into the atmosphere."

Farming makes up 14.5 per cent of global greenhouse gasses. This comes from animals burping and farting, animal waste, clearing land and transporting animals. Farmers will have to change how they farm. Cows may have to eat seaweed instead of grass and wear masks. This will lower emissions. Farmers will also plant more trees. New Zealand's farmers support the government. They want to do their bit for the environment.

Sources: <https://news.yahoo.com/new-zealand-considers-taxing-cow-and-sheep-burps-to-combat-climate-change-184504518.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2206/220616-cow-burps-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. New Zealand wants to | a. is on sheep |
| 2. help the | b. or fart |
| 3. The tax | c. of methane |
| 4. These create a lot of | d. environment |
| 5. when they burp | e. that we need to |
| 6. Methane is a damaging | f. methane |
| 7. There is no question | g. greenhouse gas |
| 8. cut the amount | h. start a tax |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. 14.5 per cent of global | a. plant more trees |
| 2. clearing | b. of grass |
| 3. Farmers will have to change | c. for the environment |
| 4. eat seaweed instead | d. land |
| 5. This will lower | e. how they farm |
| 6. Farmers will also | f. the government |
| 7. farmers support | g. emissions |
| 8. do their bit | h. greenhouse gasses |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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New Zealand (1) _____ a tax to help the environment. The (2) _____ sheep, cows and other animals. These (3) _____ of methane when they burp or fart. Methane is a damaging greenhouse gas. The new "burp tax" (4) _____ 2025. New Zealand has over 20,000 farms, 26 million sheep and 4 million cows. New Zealand's (5) _____ said: "There is no question that we need to (6) _____ of methane we are putting into the atmosphere."

Farming makes up 14.5 per cent of global greenhouse gasses. This (7) _____ burping and farting, animal waste, (8) _____ transporting animals. Farmers will have to change (9) _____. Cows may have to eat seaweed instead of grass (10) _____. This will lower emissions. Farmers will also (11) _____. New Zealand's farmers support the government. They want to (12) _____ for the environment.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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COW BURPS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2206/220616-cow-burps-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about cow burps 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2206/220616-cow-burps-1.html>

Write about **cow burps** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
