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Switzerland imports more cheese than it exports

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese.html>

Only a handful of countries are famous for producing cheese. Switzerland is one of them. However, for the first time, Switzerland is importing more cheese than it exports. The reason is that in the 1990s, Switzerland opened up its milk market. This meant other countries could sell milk in Switzerland. The result is that Swiss farmers have had difficulty competing with the cheaper, imported milk. Many Swiss dairy farmers have given up because they can no longer make a profit. This has led to a decrease in the quantity of cheese made in Switzerland. A spokesperson for the Swiss Dairy Association said the country can now only produce enough cheese for its own population.

Swiss cheese like Gruyere and Emmental are well known for their high quality. Restaurants worldwide add these cheeses to their menus. However, eateries and supermarkets around the world may have to replace Swiss cheeses with those from England, France or Venezuela. Even though Switzerland is not exporting as much cheese, the Swiss are still big cheese eaters. They are actually eating more cheese than ever. The Swiss Info website said Swiss people ate an average of 22.9 kg per person last year. Dairy farmer Lina Fischer was sad to see so many farms disappearing. She said: "From fondues to fried cheese balls, cheese is a big part of life in Switzerland. We need our farms, and cheese."

Sources: <https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/business/switzerland-set-to-import-more-cheese-than-it-exports-for-first-time/48650616>
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WARM-UPS

1. CHEESE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about cheese. 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?

a handful / cheese / the first time / exports / the 1990s / milk / difficulty / profit / Swiss / restaurants / supermarkets / cheese eaters / average / fondues / farms

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

3. MELTED CHEESE: Students A **strongly** believe melted ; Students B **strongly** believe non-melted cheese is best. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. NATIONAL FOOD: What do you know about the food from these countries? What do you think of it? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Think
France		
Japan		
India		
Mexico		
Lebanon		
Thailand		

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

6. DAIRY PRODUCTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best dairy products at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Cheese
- Milk
- Yoghurt
- Butter
- Cream
- Condensed milk
- Custard
- Ice cream

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. a handful | a. All of the people in a village, town, city, area, country or the world. |
| 2. producing | b. A small number. |
| 3. import | c. Trying against other people, teams or countries to be better than them, or to win something. |
| 4. export | d. Making something. |
| 5. competing | e. Send things from your country to another country for sale. |
| 6. profit | f. Bring things into a country from another country for sale. |
| 7. population | g. The money a person or business makes (minus business costs). |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 8. eatery | h. A restaurant or cafe. |
| 9. replace | i. An area of land and its buildings, used for growing rice, wheat, vegetables, etc. and for keeping animals. |
| 10. eater | j. Change one thing for another. |
| 11. actually | k. About the production of milk and milk products. |
| 12. average | l. A person or animal who consumes food in a particular way. |
| 13. dairy | m. The truth or facts of a situation; really. |
| 14. farm | n. The average, usual or normal. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese.html>

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

1. The article says many countries are famous for producing cheese. **T / F**
2. Switzerland's milk market was closed to other countries until the 2010s. **T / F**
3. Swiss milk is generally cheaper than the milk from other countries. **T / F**
4. Swiss cheese makers can only make enough cheese for Swiss people. **T / F**
5. Restaurants around the world may have to switch from Swiss cheeses. **T / F**
6. Swiss people are actually eating less cheese. **T / F**
7. A Swiss dairy farmer was sad at the disappearance of farms. **T / F**
8. The dairy farmer said cheese was important in Swiss life. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| 1. producing | a. amount |
| 2. difficulty | b. component |
| 3. given up | c. citizens |
| 4. quantity | d. famous |
| 5. population | e. vanishing |
| 6. well known | f. trouble |
| 7. ever | g. consumed |
| 8. ate | h. making |
| 9. disappearing | i. before |
| 10. part | j. quit |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Only a handful | a. up its milk market |
| 2. Switzerland opened | b. of 22.9 kg per person |
| 3. Many Swiss dairy farmers | c. for its own population |
| 4. they can no longer make | d. of life in Switzerland |
| 5. produce enough cheese | e. cheese eaters |
| 6. Switzerland is not exporting | f. of countries |
| 7. the Swiss are still big | g. have given up |
| 8. eating more cheese than | h. as much cheese |
| 9. Swiss people ate an average | i. a profit |
| 10. cheese is a big part | j. ever |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese.html>

Only a (1) _____ of countries are famous for producing cheese. Switzerland is one of them. However, for the first (2) _____, Switzerland is importing more cheese than it exports. The (3) _____ is that in the 1990s, Switzerland opened up its milk market. This (4) _____ other countries could sell milk in Switzerland. The result is that Swiss farmers have had difficulty competing with the cheaper, (5) _____ milk. Many Swiss dairy farmers have given up because they can no longer make a (6) _____. This has led to a decrease in the (7) _____ of cheese made in Switzerland. A spokesperson for the Swiss Dairy Association said the country can now only produce enough cheese for its own (8) _____.

reason
imported
quantity
handful
population
time
meant
profit

Swiss cheese like Gruyere and Emmental are well (9) _____ for their high quality. Restaurants worldwide add these cheeses to their (10) _____. However, eateries and supermarkets around the world may have to (11) _____ Swiss cheeses with those from England, France or Venezuela. Even though Switzerland is not exporting as much cheese, the Swiss are still big cheese (12) _____. They are actually eating more cheese than (13) _____. The Swiss Info website said Swiss people ate an (14) _____ of 22.9 kg per person last year. Dairy farmer Lina Fischer was (15) _____ to see so many farms disappearing. She said: "From fondues to fried cheese balls, cheese is a big part of (16) _____ in Switzerland. We need our farms, and cheese."

average
eaters
life
menus
ever
known
sad
replace

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese.html>

- 1) Only a handful of countries are famous _____
 - a. for reducing cheese
 - b. for produce sin cheese
 - c. for produce in cheese
 - d. for producing cheese
- 2) Switzerland is importing more cheese _____
 - a. than it expats
 - b. than it experts
 - c. than it exports
 - d. than it exhorts
- 3) dairy farmers have given up because they can no longer _____
 - a. make a profit
 - b. make a profits
 - c. make a profited
 - d. make a profitable
- 4) This has led to a decrease _____
 - a. in the quantity
 - b. in the quantify
 - c. in the quality
 - d. in the quantum
- 5) the country can now only produce enough cheese for _____
 - a. its own populated
 - b. its own population
 - c. its own populate it
 - d. its own population
- 6) Swiss cheese like Gruyere and Emmental are well known for _____
 - a. their height quality
 - b. their hike quality
 - c. their hi quality
 - d. their high quality
- 7) eateries and supermarkets around the world may have to _____
 - a. reap place Swiss cheeses
 - b. rip place Swiss cheeses
 - c. replace Swiss cheeses
 - d. ripple ace Swiss cheeses
- 8) Even though Switzerland is not _____
 - a. exporting as much
 - b. exporting a smooch
 - c. exporting as mulch
 - d. export tin as much
- 9) The Swiss Info website said Swiss people ate an _____
 - a. average of 22.9 kg
 - b. average of 22.8 kg
 - c. average of 22.4 kg
 - d. average of 23.9 kg
- 10) From fondues to fried cheese balls, cheese is a big _____
 - a. partner off life
 - b. part of life
 - c. party of life
 - d. part off life

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese.html>

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese.html>

1. How many countries are famous for producing cheese?
2. When did Switzerland open its milk market to other countries?
3. What do Swiss farmers have difficulty doing?
4. What can Swiss farmers no longer make?
5. Who can Switzerland make cheese for?
6. What do many restaurants add to their menus?
7. What cheese might eateries sell besides English and French cheese?
8. Who does the article say are big cheese eaters?
9. How much cheese did the average Swiss person eat last year?
10. What did a dairy farmer say she needed?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese.html>

- 1) How many countries are famous for producing cheese?
 - a) around 32
 - b) dozens
 - c) a handful
 - d) two
- 2) When did Switzerland open its milk market to other countries?
 - a) in the 1990s
 - b) in the 1980s
 - c) in the 1970s
 - d) in the 2000s
- 3) What do Swiss farmers have difficulty doing?
 - a) producing beef
 - b) raising cows
 - c) making butter and yoghurt
 - d) competing with cheaper milk
- 4) What can Swiss farmers no longer make?
 - a) cream
 - b) a profit
 - c) news
 - d) new species of cows
- 5) Who can Switzerland make cheese for?
 - a) the world
 - b) Europeans
 - c) Swiss people
 - d) cheese lovers
- 6) What do many restaurants add to their menus?
 - a) QR codes
 - b) photos
 - c) calorie information
 - d) Swiss cheese
- 7) What cheese might eateries sell besides English and French cheese?
 - a) Greek cheese
 - b) Venezuelan cheese
 - c) Dutch cheese
 - d) Lebanese cheese
- 8) Who does the article say are big cheese eaters?
 - a) vegetarians
 - b) cyclists
 - c) mice
 - d) Swiss people
- 9) How much cheese did the average Swiss person eat last year?
 - a) 22.9 kg
 - b) 29.2 kg
 - c) 92.2 kg
 - d) 22.2 kg
- 10) What did a dairy farmer say she needed?
 - a) a milk shake
 - b) a cheese sandwich
 - c) fondue
 - d) farms and cheese

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese.html>

Role A – Cheese

You think cheese is the best dairy product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their products. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): milk, butter or yoghurt.

Role B – Milk

You think milk is the best dairy product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their products. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): cheese, butter or yoghurt.

Role C – Butter

You think butter is the best dairy product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their products. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): milk, cheese or yoghurt.

Role D – Yoghurt

You think yoghurt is the best dairy product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their products. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): milk, butter or cheese.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese.html>

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

cheese	import
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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">• handful• reason• result• cheaper• profit• enough	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• known• replace• big• actually• average• need
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CHEESE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cheese 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.

CHEESE DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'cheese'?
3. What do you think of cheese?
4. What can we do with cheese?
5. Which country makes the best cheese?
6. What are your country's biggest exports?
7. What would life as a farmer be like?
8. How important is cheese in your country?
9. Is melted or non-melted cheese best?
10. What advice do you have for Switzerland's dairy farmers?

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CHEESE DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'Switzerland'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What different kinds of cheese are there?
15. What dishes containing cheese do you like?
16. How healthy is cheese?
17. Are you a big cheese eater?
18. What do you think of fondues and fried cheese balls?
19. What food do you really need?
20. What questions would you like to ask Swiss cheese makers?

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese.html>

Only a (1) _____ of countries are famous for producing cheese. Switzerland is one of them. However, for the first time, Switzerland is importing (2) _____ cheese than it exports. The reason is that in the 1990s, Switzerland opened (3) _____ its milk market. This meant other countries could sell milk in Switzerland. The result is that Swiss farmers have had (4) _____ competing with the cheaper, imported milk. Many Swiss dairy farmers have given up because they can no (5) _____ make a profit. This has led to a decrease in the quantity of cheese made in Switzerland. A spokesperson for the Swiss Dairy Association said the country can now only produce (6) _____ cheese for its own population.

Swiss cheese like Gruyere and Emmental are well (7) _____ for their high quality. Restaurants worldwide add these cheeses to their menus. However, eateries and supermarkets around the world may have to (8) _____ Swiss cheeses with those from England, France or Venezuela. Even though Switzerland is not exporting (9) _____ much cheese, the Swiss are still big cheese eaters. They are actually eating more cheese than ever. The Swiss Info website said Swiss people ate an average (10) _____ 22.9 kg per person last year. Dairy farmer Lina Fischer was sad to see so many farms (11) _____. She said: "From fondues to fried cheese balls, cheese is a big (12) _____ of life in Switzerland. We need our farms, and cheese."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) armful | (b) skinful | (c) mouthful | (d) handful |
| 2. | (a) much | (b) many | (c) most | (d) more |
| 3. | (a) on | (b) up | (c) in | (d) down |
| 4. | (a) difficult | (b) difficultness | (c) difficulty | (d) differs |
| 5. | (a) lengthen | (b) longing | (c) longer | (d) longest |
| 6. | (a) enough | (b) plenty | (c) amount | (d) quantity |
| 7. | (a) knows | (b) known | (c) knowing | (d) know |
| 8. | (a) replace | (b) cross | (c) ban | (d) melt |
| 9. | (a) has | (b) as | (c) was | (d) that |
| 10. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) of | (d) by |
| 11. | (a) diapers | (b) disappearance | (c) disappearing | (d) disappears |
| 12. | (a) thing | (b) matter | (c) ratio | (d) part |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Only a adnhful of countries
2. they can no longer make a rofpit
3. This has led to a rcdeesae
4. the unqitaty of cheese made in Switzerland
5. A soksprepseon for the Swiss Dairy Association
6. enough cheese for its own lpuaoitpon

Paragraph 2

7. well known for their high aqiluty
8. eplrcae Swiss cheeses
9. Switzerland is not xoetrpig as much cheese
10. the Swiss are still big cheese aeetrs
11. an vreaage of 22.9 kg per person
12. sad to see so many farms spiapearidng

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () profit. This has led to a decrease in the quantity of cheese made in Switzerland. A spokesperson
- () with the cheaper, imported milk. Many Swiss dairy farmers have given up because they can no longer make a
- () exports. The reason is that in the 1990s, Switzerland opened up its milk market. This meant other
- () replace Swiss cheeses with those from England, France or Venezuela. Even though Switzerland
- () for the Swiss Dairy Association said the country can now only produce enough cheese for its own population.
- () year. Dairy farmer Lina Fischer was sad to see so many farms disappearing. She said: "From fondues
- () is not exporting as much cheese, the Swiss are still big cheese eaters. They are actually eating more cheese than
- () Swiss cheese like Gruyere and Emmental are well known for their high quality. Restaurants worldwide add these cheeses
- () countries could sell milk in Switzerland. The result is that Swiss farmers have had difficulty competing
- () ever. The Swiss Info website said Swiss people ate an average of 22.9 kg per person last
- () to their menus. However, eateries and supermarkets around the world may have to
- () them. However, for the first time, Switzerland is importing more cheese than it
- () to fried cheese balls, cheese is a big part of life in Switzerland. We need our farms, and cheese."
- (**1**) Only a handful of countries are famous for producing cheese. Switzerland is one of

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese.html>

1. are A countries for of famous handful cheese .
2. is importing than cheese Switzerland more it exports .
3. countries could sell milk Other in Switzerland .
4. can longer no They make a profit .
5. produces enough cheese for its It own population .
6. worldwide cheeses these add to Restaurants their menus .
7. may have to replace Supermarkets Swiss cheeses .
8. Swiss still are The big cheese eaters .
9. are actually eating more cheese They than ever .
10. sad so see to many She's farms disappearing .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese.html>

Only a *mouthful / handful* of countries are famous *for / to* producing cheese. Switzerland is one of them. However, for the first time, Switzerland is importing *more / most* cheese than it exports. The reason *are / is* that in the 1990s, Switzerland opened up its *milky / milk* market. This meant other countries could sell milk in Switzerland. The result is that Swiss farmers have had difficulty *completing / competing* with the cheaper, imported milk. Many Swiss dairy farmers have given *down / up* because they can no longer make a profit. This has *led / lid* to a decrease in the quantity of cheese made in Switzerland. A spokesperson for the Swiss Dairy Association said the country can *know / now* only produce enough cheese for its *own / owner* population.

Swiss cheese like Gruyere and Emmental are well *knowing / known* for their high quality. Restaurants worldwide *add / minus* these cheeses to their menus. However, eateries and supermarkets *abound / around* the world may have to replace Swiss cheeses with *them / those* from England, France or Venezuela. Even though Switzerland is not exporting as *many / much* cheese, the Swiss are still big cheese *eats / eaters*. They are actually eating more cheese than *never / ever*. The Swiss Info website said Swiss people ate an average of 22.9 kg *per / par* person last year. Dairy farmer Lina Fischer was sad to see so many farms *disappearing / disappearance*. She said: "From fondues to fried cheese balls, cheese is a big part of life in Switzerland. We *needy / need* our farms, and cheese."

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

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese.html>

Only the handful of countries that produce cheese. Switzerland is not of them. However, for the first time, Switzerland is importing more cheese than it exports. The reason is that in the 1990s, Switzerland opened up its milk market. This meant that countries could sell milk in Switzerland. The result is that Swiss farmers have had difficulty competing with the cheap, imported milk. Many Swiss dairy farmers have given up because they can no longer make a profit. This has led to a decrease in the quantity of cheese made in Switzerland. It is surprising for the Swiss Dairy Association since the country can now only produce enough cheese for its own population.

Swiss cheese like Gruyère and Emmentaler are well known for their high quality. Restaurants worldwide add these cheeses to their menus. However, outlets and supermarkets around the world may have to replace Swiss cheeses with those from England, France or Venezuela. Even though Switzerland is not exporting as much cheese, the Swiss are still big cheese eaters. They are actually eating more cheese than ever. The Swiss consume about 22.9 kg per person last year. Dairy farmer Len Fischer was sad to see many farms disappearing. He said: "From fondue to fondue cheese balls, cheese is a big part of life in Switzerland. We need our farms, and cheese."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese.html>

only a handful of countries are famous for producing cheese switzerland is one of them however for the first time switzerland is importing more cheese than it exports the reason is that in the 1990s switzerland opened up its milk market this meant other countries could sell milk in switzerland the result is that swiss farmers have had difficulty competing with the cheaper imported milk many swiss dairy farmers have given up because they can no longer make a profit this has led to a decrease in the quantity of cheese made in switzerland a spokesperson for the swiss dairy association said the country can now only produce enough cheese for its own population

swiss cheese like gruyere and emmental are well known for their high quality restaurants worldwide add these cheeses to their menus however eateries and supermarkets around the world may have to replace swiss cheeses with those from england france or venezuela even though switzerland is not exporting as much cheese the swiss are still big cheese eaters they are actually eating more cheese than ever the swiss info website said swiss people ate an average of 229 kg per person last year dairy farmer lina fischer was sad to see so many farms disappearing she said from fondues to fried cheese balls cheese is a big part of life in switzerland we need our farms and cheese

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese.html>

Only a handful of countries are famous for producing cheese. Switzerland is one of them. However, for the first time, Switzerland is importing more cheese than it exports. The reason is that in the 1990s, Switzerland opened up its milk market. This meant other countries could sell milk in Switzerland. The result is that Swiss farmers have had difficulty competing with the cheaper, imported milk. Many Swiss dairy farmers have given up because they can no longer make a profit. This has led to a decrease in the quantity of cheese made in Switzerland. A spokesperson for the Swiss Dairy Association said the country can now only produce enough cheese for its own population. Swiss cheeses like Gruyere and Emmental are well known for their high quality. Restaurants worldwide add these cheeses to their menus. However, eateries and supermarkets around the world may have to replace Swiss cheeses with those from England, France or Venezuela. Even though Switzerland is not exporting as much cheese, the Swiss are still big cheese eaters. They are actually eating more cheese than ever. The Swiss Info website said Swiss people ate an average of 22.9kg per person last year. Dairy farmer Lina Fischer was sad to see so many farms disappearing. She said: "From fondue to fried cheese balls, cheese is a big part of life in Switzerland. We need our farms, and cheese."

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. HELP: Write a magazine article about helping Swiss farmers. 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 cheese. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on cheese. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. e 5. c 6. g 7. a
8. h 9. j 10. l 11. m 12. n 13. k 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. f	3. j	4. a	5. c
6. d	7. i	8. g	9. e	10. b

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A handful
2. In the 1990s
3. Competing with cheaper milk
4. A profit
5. Swiss people
6. Swiss cheese
7. Venezuelan cheese
8. Swiss people
9. 22.9 kg
10. Farms and cheese

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. A handful of countries are famous for cheese.
2. Switzerland is importing more cheese than it exports.
3. Other countries could sell milk in Switzerland.
4. They can no longer make a profit.
5. It produces enough cheese for its own population.
6. Restaurants worldwide add these cheeses to their menus.
7. Supermarkets may have to replace Swiss cheeses.
8. The Swiss are still big cheese eaters.
9. They are actually eating more cheese than ever.
10. She's sad to see so many farms disappearing.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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