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Level 1 – 13th July 2023

Switzerland imports more cheese than it exports

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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/2307/230713-swiss-cheese-1.html>

Switzerland is famous for producing cheese. However, it now imports more cheese than it exports for the first time. This is because other countries can sell milk in Switzerland. It is difficult for Swiss farmers to compete with cheap, imported milk. Many farmers have given up. They cannot make money. This has decreased the quantity of cheese they make. Swiss farmers can only make enough cheese for their own population.

Swiss cheese is known for its high quality. It is often on the menu of restaurants. However, restaurants and supermarkets are replacing Swiss cheese with cheese from other countries. Switzerland is exporting less cheese, but the Swiss are eating more cheese than ever. Swiss people ate an average of 22.9 kg per person in 2022. A dairy farmer was sad. She said: "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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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Switzerland is famous | a. sell milk |
| 2. for the | b. up |
| 3. other countries can | c. imported milk |
| 4. It is difficult for Swiss farmers | d. first time |
| 5. cheap, | e. money |
| 6. Many farmers have given | f. for producing cheese |
| 7. They cannot make | g. of cheese they make |
| 8. This has decreased the quantity | h. to compete |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Swiss cheese is known for its | a. farmer was sad |
| 2. It is often on | b. per person |
| 3. replacing Swiss cheese with cheese | c. our farms |
| 4. the Swiss are eating more cheese | d. the menu |
| 5. an average of 22.9 kg | e. of life in Switzerland |
| 6. a dairy | f. than ever |
| 7. We need | g. high quality |
| 8. Cheese is a big part | h. from other countries |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Switzerland (1) _____ producing cheese. However, it now imports more cheese than it exports (2) _____ time. This is because other countries can sell milk in Switzerland. It (3) _____ Swiss farmers to (4) _____, imported milk. Many farmers have given up. They cannot make money. This has (5) _____ of cheese they make. Swiss farmers can only make enough cheese (6) _____ population.

Swiss cheese is (7) _____ high quality. It is often (8) _____ of restaurants. However, restaurants and supermarkets are replacing Swiss cheese with cheese (9) _____. Switzerland is exporting less cheese, but the Swiss are eating more cheese than ever. Swiss people (10) _____ of 22.9 kg per person in 2022. A dairy (11) _____. She said: "Cheese is a big part of life in Switzerland. We (12) _____, and cheese."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CHEESE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese-4.html>

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.

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) _____

