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Level 1

Sweet potato scientists win World Food Prize

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Four scientists have won the 2016 World Food Prize. They won the prize for making healthier sweet potatoes. The sweet potatoes have extra amounts of Vitamin A. This means they have more nutrition. One researcher said farmers didn't want to help him at first. The researcher said: "They told me it was a bad idea." The farmers said their job was to grow more potatoes, kill pests and reduce poverty. They said it wasn't to increase nutrition.

The sweet potato could stop people dying from malnutrition - not having enough to eat. A lack of Vitamin A is very harmful. Scientists say malnutrition harms 140 million children in 118 countries. It affects seven million pregnant women and is a big reason for children becoming blind. The International Potato Center said the prize-winning sweet potatoes could help people get enough Vitamin A. It hopes there will be more vegetables with extra nutrition.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-37619154>
<http://iowapublicradio.org/post/historic-move-world-food-prize-honors-four-laureate-team#stream/0>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Four scientists have | a. nutrition |
| 2. the prize for making | b. to increase nutrition |
| 3. extra amounts | c. idea |
| 4. This means they have more | d. of Vitamin A |
| 5. farmers didn't want to help | e. poverty |
| 6. They told me it was a bad | f. won |
| 7. reduce | g. him at first |
| 8. They said it wasn't | h. healthier sweet potatoes |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. stop people dying | a. becoming blind |
| 2. not having | b. Vitamin A |
| 3. A lack of | c. women |
| 4. malnutrition harms | d. with extra nutrition |
| 5. pregnant | e. from malnutrition |
| 6. a big reason for children | f. sweet potatoes |
| 7. the prize-winning | g. enough to eat |
| 8. more vegetables | h. 140 million children |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Four scientists (1) _____ 2016 World Food Prize. They won the prize (2) _____ healthier sweet potatoes. The sweet potatoes have (3) _____ of Vitamin A. This means they have more nutrition. One researcher said farmers didn't want to help (4) _____. The researcher said: "They told me it (5) _____." The farmers said their job was to grow more potatoes, kill pests and reduce poverty. They said it wasn't to (6) _____.

The sweet potato (7) _____ dying from malnutrition - not having enough to eat. A lack of Vitamin A is (8) _____. Scientists say malnutrition harms 140 million children in 118 countries. (9) _____ seven million pregnant women and is a (10) _____ children becoming blind. The International Potato Center said the (11) _____ sweet potatoes could help people (12) _____ Vitamin A. It hopes there will be more vegetables with extra nutrition.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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POTATOES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161014-sweet-potato-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about potatoes 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) _____

