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**Level 0 – 17th August, 2020**

## **China launches 'Clean Plate' food waste campaign**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200817-clean-plate-0.html>

China wants to cut food waste with its new "Clean Plate Campaign". President Xi called the waste "shocking and distressing". There are reports of a food crisis in China. Food production has fallen because of coronavirus and floods. President Xi said people must think carefully about food security and not leave food on their plate.

Restaurants are taking the campaign seriously. One restaurant started weighing customers. It apologised because diners were angry. A Beijing restaurant said: "We remind our guests when they order too much food." Other restaurants say groups of diners must order one fewer dish than the number of people in their group.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-53761295>  
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<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-53792871>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200817-clean-plate-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. China wants to cut           | a. on their plate  |
| 2. Xi called the waste shocking | b. food waste      |
| 3. There are reports of a food  | c. and floods      |
| 4. Food production has          | d. security        |
| 5. because of coronavirus       | e. crisis          |
| 6. think                        | f. and distressing |
| 7. food                         | g. carefully       |
| 8. leave food                   | h. fallen          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. taking the campaign   | a. guests         |
| 2. weighing              | b. restaurant     |
| 3. diners were           | c. in their group |
| 4. A Beijing             | d. much food      |
| 5. We remind our         | e. fewer dish     |
| 6. order too             | f. customers      |
| 7. diners must order one | g. angry          |
| 8. the number of people  | h. seriously      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200817-clean-plate-0.html>

China (1) \_\_\_\_\_ food waste with its new "Clean Plate Campaign". President Xi (2) \_\_\_\_\_ "shocking and distressing". (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of a food crisis in China. Food production (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of coronavirus and floods. President Xi (5) \_\_\_\_\_ think carefully about food security and not leave food (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Restaurants (7) \_\_\_\_\_ campaign seriously. One restaurant (8) \_\_\_\_\_. It apologised because (9) \_\_\_\_\_. A Beijing restaurant said: "We (10) \_\_\_\_\_ when they order too much food."

Other restaurants (11) \_\_\_\_\_ diners must order one (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the number of people in their group.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FOOD WASTE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200817-clean-plate-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about food waste 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/2008/200817-clean-plate-0.html>

Write about **food waste** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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