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People eat first "Google burger"

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THE READING

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Two food lovers have eaten meat that was grown in a lab. It is the first time anyone has done this. It was part of a \$380,000 research project run by Google co-founder Sergey Brin. A team of scientists at a university in Holland took two months to grow the meat. They used stem cells from a cow to grow 20,000 tiny pieces of meat. They added salt, egg powder, breadcrumbs and other ingredients to make the burger. Mr Brin hopes we will all eat artificial meat in ten years. He wants to stop animals from being killed for food. He also knows stem-cell meat is better for the environment.

Two food experts tested the taste of the beef burger on Monday. An English chef fried it in sunflower oil and butter. Austrian food scientist Hanni Rutzler said it was "close to meat" but it "lacked juiciness" and was a little tough. US writer Josh Schonwald said it was a little dry because it had no fat, but was like a real burger. He said: "The bite feels like a conventional hamburger." Many journalists wanted a taste, but there was only one burger. Researcher Mark Post said his children would get any leftovers. He said cells taken from one cow could produce 175 million burgers.

Sources: <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/worlds-first-lab-grown-beef-burger-2127451#ixzz2bBEeqQB8>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. food | a. meat in ten years |
| 2. meat that was grown | b. killed for food |
| 3. It is the first time anyone | c. lovers |
| 4. They used stem cells | d. has done this |
| 5. egg powder, breadcrumbs and | e. for the environment |
| 6. we will all eat artificial | f. from a cow |
| 7. stop animals from being | g. in a lab |
| 8. stem-cell meat is better | h. other ingredients |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. food | a. conventional hamburger |
| 2. tested the taste | b. 175 million burgers |
| 3. fried it | c. there was only one burger |
| 4. it was a little dry because | d. experts |
| 5. The bite feels like a | e. any leftovers |
| 6. Many journalists wanted a taste, but | f. of the beef |
| 7. his children would get | g. it had no fat |
| 8. one cow could produce | h. in sunflower oil |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

WRITING

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Write about **burgers** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
