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## **Level 2**

### **Halal snack helps bring Australians together**

**8th April, 2017**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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A new fast food in Australia is helping to bring Australian people together. It was named as the People's Choice Word of the Year by an Australian dictionary. It is the "halal snack pack", also known as an "HSP". It is a mixture of kebab meat, potato fries and a special spicy sauce. The snack started in Australia, but it has its roots in the Middle East. It is now a symbol of multiculturalism in Australia. It is making people more aware of halal food. There is even an HSP group on Facebook with 180,000 members. People share HSP stories and discuss, "possibly the best snack pack in the world".

The halal snack pack has got people talking in Australia, especially after a far-right politician refused to eat one. She said halal meat was unacceptable in Australia and that "98% of Australians" were against it, but gave no proof to support this. Her words and actions have made the HSP more popular. The president of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils said HSP winning word of the year was fantastic. He said: "If you're able to find it in the dictionary, it takes away the mystery. It brings people comfort and satisfaction...about the word 'halal'. It's all about what's positive."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A new fast                  | a. multiculturalism   |
| 2. helping to bring Australian | b. as an "HSP"        |
| 3. also known                  | c. in the Middle East |
| 4. a special spicy             | d. HSP stories        |
| 5. it has its roots            | e. people together    |
| 6. a symbol of                 | f. of halal food      |
| 7. making people more aware    | g. food               |
| 8. People share                | h. sauce              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The halal snack pack has got | a. was unacceptable |
| 2. a far-                       | b. satisfaction     |
| 3. She said halal meat          | c. right politician |
| 4. no proof                     | d. mystery          |
| 5. Her words and                | e. people talking   |
| 6. find it in the               | f. actions          |
| 7. it takes away the            | g. to support this  |
| 8. It brings people comfort and | h. dictionary       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A new fast food in Australia is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Australian people together. It was named as the People's Choice Word of the Year by an Australian dictionary. It is the "halal snack pack", (2) \_\_\_\_\_ "HSP". It is a mixture of kebab meat, potato fries and a (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The snack started in Australia, but it (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the Middle East. It is now a symbol of multiculturalism in Australia. It is making people more aware of halal food. There (5) \_\_\_\_\_ HSP group on Facebook with 180,000 members. People share HSP stories and discuss, "(6) \_\_\_\_\_ snack pack in the world".

The halal snack pack has (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in Australia, especially after a far-right politician (8) \_\_\_\_\_ one. She said halal meat was unacceptable in Australia and that "98% of Australians" were against it, but (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to support this. Her words and actions have made (10) \_\_\_\_\_ popular. The president of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils said HSP winning word of the year was fantastic. He said: "If (11) \_\_\_\_\_ find it in the dictionary, it takes away the mystery. It brings people comfort and satisfaction...about the word 'halal'. It's all about (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HALAL SNACK PACK SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170408-halal-snack-pack-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Halal Snack Pack 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) \_\_\_\_\_

