

## World Food Prize goes to Nigerian banker

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The president of the African Development Bank, Akinwumi Adesina, has won the 2017 World Food Prize. Mr Adesina won the prize and

\$250,000. He got the award for his two decades of work in increasing food production in Africa. He used his experience as a top banker to help agriculture in Africa. He helped to change many farming laws and made it easier for small farmers to get loans for their business. He also helped farmers to modernize their farms and the way they grow their crops. The World Food Prize Foundation President, Kenneth Quinn, said Mr. Adesina won the prize, "for driving change in African agriculture for over 25 years and improving food security for millions across the continent".

The World Food Prize was created by the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize winner Norman Borlaug. He is known as the father of the "green revolution". He helped to breed crops that produced more food and were stronger and more resistant against disease. His work helped to prevent famine in Asia in the 1960s. Mr Quinn said Adesina "grew up in poverty" in Africa and decided to do his best at school to get a good education. He got a Ph.D. in agricultural economics. He became a leader in African banking and was also Nigeria's Minister of Agriculture from 2011 to 2015. Quinn said Adesina used his background and experiences to, "lift millions of people out of poverty, especially farmers in rural Africa".

Sources: [agriculture.com](http://agriculture.com) / [allafrica.com](http://allafrica.com) / [dailypost.ng](http://dailypost.ng)

## Writing

There will be enough food for everyone in the world one day. Discuss.

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

world / food / prize / Africa / agriculture / loans / modernize / security / continent / green revolution / crops / disease / famine / poverty / education / banking / rural

## True / False

- a) The World Food Prize winner got \$250,000. T / F
- b) The winner spent two decades helping to create more food in Africa. T / F
- c) The winner told farmers to stick to old ways of farming. T / F
- d) The winner improved food security for millions of Africans. T / F
- e) A Nobel Peace Prize winner created the World Food Prize. T / F
- f) Akinwumi Adesina created crops that were stronger against disease. T / F
- g) Akinwumi Adesina helped to prevent famine in Africa in the 1960s. T / F
- h) Akinwumi Adesina was Nigeria's Minister of Agriculture in 2016. T / F

## Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <b>award</b>       | a. bring up to date |
| 2. <b>increasing</b>  | b. stop             |
| 3. <b>top</b>         | c. farming          |
| 4. <b>modernize</b>   | d. expanding        |
| 5. <b>agriculture</b> | e. countryside      |
| 6. <b>created</b>     | f. prize            |
| 7. <b>breed</b>       | g. raise            |
| 8. <b>prevent</b>     | h. reproduce        |
| 9. <b>lift</b>        | i. leading          |
| 10. <b>rural</b>      | j. developed        |

## Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do you think the 'green revolution' is?
- c) How do countries recover from famine?
- d) How can we lift people out of poverty?
- e) What would it be like to be a farmer?
- f) What problems might farmers have in the future?
- g) What advice do you have for farmers?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the World Food Prize winner?

## Phrase Match

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Mr Adesina won the prize         | a. against disease           |
| 2. made it easier for small farmers | b. the continent             |
| 3. the way they grow                | c. of poverty                |
| 4. improving food                   | d. to get loans              |
| 5. millions across                  | e. famine in Asia            |
| 6. He is known as the father of     | f. and \$250,000             |
| 7. stronger and more resistant      | g. security                  |
| 8. His work helped to prevent       | h. in agricultural economics |
| 9. He got a Ph.D.                   | i. their crops               |
| 10. lift millions of people out     | j. the "green revolution"    |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you know about the World Food Prize?
- How important is the World Food Prize?
- Why are there so many food problems around the world?
- What food problems are there in your country?
- What kinds of laws would you need in farming?
- What should farmers do to farms to modernize them?
- What is food security and why is it important?
- What food problems will there be in the future?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. d	3. i	4. a	5. c
6. j	7. h	8. b	9. g	10. e

## Role Play

### Role A – Corn

You think corn is the world's most important crop. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crop isn't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): rice, potato or soya bean.

### Role B – Rice

You think rice is the world's most important crop. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crop isn't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): corn, potato or soya bean.

### Role C – Potato

You think potato is the world's most important crop. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crop isn't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): rice, corn or soya bean.

### Role D – Soya Bean

You think soya bean is the world's most important crop. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their crop isn't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): rice, potato or corn.

## Speaking – Crops

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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|-------------|--------------|
| • sugarcane | • corn       |
| • potatoes  | • wheat      |
| • bananas   | • rice       |
| • yams      | • soya beans |

### Answers – True False

a	T	b	T	c	F	d	T	e	T	f	F	g	F	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.