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Level 2

Potato shortage causes 'chipocalypse'

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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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There is a shortage of potatoes in New Zealand. This means there could be a lack of potato chips (crisps in British English) until next year. Potato chip lovers are calling this a "chipocalypse". They joined the words "chip" and "apocalypse" to make this new word. The chipocalypse is because of a very wet winter. This has hit potato farmers. In some areas, a third of the potato crop has been lost. The wet weather has hit the potatoes used to make potato chips. This means companies will make fewer potato chips. It also means prices for potato chips will be higher.

New Zealand potato farmers told a news station about the problem. The Potatoes New Zealand group said: "It started raining in March, and it just simply hasn't stopped. We've had the entire year's worth of rainfall already, so the rainfall is 25 per cent above average....It's continuous, so the soils never get a chance to dry out." The group said potatoes are alive and need to breathe. He added that the potatoes are drowning and rotting because they are under water. A big supermarket chain said: "We are working closely with our suppliers to manage supply as much as possible."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-41633997>
<http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/341595/chips-are-down-as-potato-shortage-bites>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. There is a shortage | a. will be higher |
| 2. there could be a | b. lovers |
| 3. Potato chip | c. hit the potatoes used |
| 4. The chipocalypse is because of | d. of potatoes |
| 5. a third of the potato | e. fewer potato chips |
| 6. The wet weather has | f. lack of potato chips |
| 7. companies will make | g. crop has been lost |
| 8. prices for potato chips | h. a very wet winter |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. news | a. and rotting |
| 2. it just simply hasn't | b. of rainfall already |
| 3. We've had the entire year's worth | c. much as possible |
| 4. the soils never get a chance | d. station |
| 5. potatoes are alive and | e. to dry out |
| 6. potatoes are drowning | f. with our suppliers |
| 7. We are working closely | g. stopped |
| 8. manage supply as | h. need to breathe |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There (1) _____ of potatoes in New Zealand. This means there could (2) _____ potato chips (crisps in British English) until next year. Potato chip lovers are calling this a "chipocalypse". They (3) _____ "chip" and "apocalypse" to make this new word. The chipocalypse is because of a very wet winter. (4) _____ potato farmers. In some areas, a third of the potato crop has been lost. The wet weather has hit the potatoes (5) _____ potato chips. This means companies will make fewer potato chips. It also (6) _____ potato chips will be higher.

New Zealand potato farmers (7) _____ station about the problem. The Potatoes New Zealand group said: "It started raining in March, and (8) _____ hasn't stopped. We've had the entire (9) _____ rainfall already, so the rainfall is 25 per cent above average...It's continuous, so the soils never get (10) _____ dry out." The group said potatoes are alive and need to breathe. He added that the potatoes are (11) _____ because they are under water. A big supermarket chain said: "We are working closely with our suppliers (12) _____ as much as possible."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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POTATO CHIPS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Potato chips 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

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Write about **potato chips** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
