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Level 4

China ends ban on smelly cheese

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THE READING

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China has lifted a ban on cheese that gets its flavor and smell from bacteria. Health officials banned some cheeses after they found the bacteria used to make the cheeses were not approved. The cheeses now approved include Brie and Camembert. The ban was lifted after meetings between the European Commission and Chinese health officials. Chinese health officials said the bacteria used to make these cheeses were not harmful to our health.

Cheese lovers in China were happy the ban was lifted. Cheese is becoming more popular in China. It is not a typical part of the Chinese diet. However, tastes are changing because pizza and other western food are becoming more popular. A Shanghai cheese importer said: "It's a real relief...this category of cheese is legally importable." Cheese sales in China will be worth \$820 million this year, up by 25 per cent from last year.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. China has lifted a ban | a. these cheeses |
| 2. flavor and | b. cheeses |
| 3. officials banned some | c. to our health |
| 4. they found | d. officials |
| 5. The cheeses now approved include | e. smell |
| 6. health | f. on cheese |
| 7. the bacteria used to make | g. the bacteria |
| 8. not harmful | h. Brie |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Cheese | a. popular in China |
| 2. happy the ban was | b. \$820 million |
| 3. Cheese is becoming more | c. changing |
| 4. a typical part | d. lovers |
| 5. tastes are | e. relief |
| 6. pizza and other | f. lifted |
| 7. It's a real | g. western food |
| 8. worth | h. of the Chinese diet |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China has (1) _____ on cheese that gets its flavor and smell from bacteria. Health officials banned some cheeses (2) _____ the bacteria used to make the cheeses were not approved. The cheeses (3) _____ Brie and Camembert. The ban was lifted (4) _____ the European Commission and Chinese health officials. Chinese (5) _____ the bacteria used to make these cheeses were not harmful (6) _____.

(7) _____ China were happy the ban was lifted. Cheese is becoming more popular in China. It is not a (8) _____ the Chinese diet. However, (9) _____ because pizza and other western food are becoming more popular. A Shanghai cheese importer said: "It's (10) _____ ...this category of cheese is legally importable." Cheese sales in China (11) _____ \$820 million this year, up by 25 per cent (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CHEESE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Cheese 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) _____

