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Level 5

China ends ban on smelly cheese

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THE READING

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China has lifted an import ban on types of cheese that get their flavor and smell from bacteria. Health officials initially put a ban on the cheeses after authorities discovered that the bacteria used to make the cheeses were not officially approved. The cheeses now approved for sale include Brie and Camembert. The ban was lifted after meetings between the European Commission and Chinese quarantine and health officials. China's health commission said the bacteria used to make these cheeses were not harmful to consumers' health.

Cheese lovers in China were happy that they could continue to enjoy their favourite dairy product. Cheese is becoming more and more popular in China. It is not a typical part of the Chinese diet but tastes are changing. More Chinese people have a taste for cheese because of a recent increase in pizza restaurants and other western food. A cheese importer in Shanghai said: "It's a real relief. It is now written...that this category of cheese is legally importable." Cheese sales in China will be worth \$820 million this year. This is a 25 per cent increase from last year.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-41717848>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171025-cheese-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. China has lifted | a. sale |
| 2. the bacteria used to make | b. lovers |
| 3. not officially | c. health officials |
| 4. approved for | d. product |
| 5. quarantine and | e. the cheeses |
| 6. not harmful to consumers' | f. an import ban |
| 7. Cheese | g. approved |
| 8. enjoy their favourite dairy | h. health |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Cheese | a. increase |
| 2. becoming more and | b. changing |
| 3. a typical part | c. from last year |
| 4. tastes are | d. more popular |
| 5. because of a recent | e. relief |
| 6. It's a real | f. lovers |
| 7. Cheese sales in China will be | g. of the Chinese diet |
| 8. a 25 per cent increase | h. worth \$820 million |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China (1) _____ import ban on types of cheese that get their flavor and smell from bacteria. Health officials (2) _____ ban on the cheeses after authorities discovered that the bacteria (3) _____ the cheeses were not officially approved. The cheeses now approved (4) _____ Brie and Camembert. The ban was lifted after meetings between the European Commission and Chinese (5) _____ officials. China's health commission said the bacteria used to make these cheeses were not (6) _____ health.

Cheese lovers in China were happy that they could (7) _____ their favourite dairy product. Cheese is becoming more (8) _____ in China. It is not a typical part of the Chinese (9) _____ are changing. More Chinese people have a taste for cheese because (10) _____ increase in pizza restaurants and other western food. A cheese importer in Shanghai said: "It's (11) _____. It is now written...that this category of cheese is legally importable." Cheese sales in China (12) _____ \$820 million this year. This is a 25 per cent increase from last year.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CHEESE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171025-cheese-4.html>

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) _____

