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## Level 1

### Japan makes banana with peel you can eat

1st February, 2018

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180201-banana-peel-1.html>

There is now a banana with a skin you can eat. Most people would never do this. Banana farmers in Japan made a way of growing bananas with a peel we can eat. The new way is called the "freeze-thaw awakening". Farmers keep their banana trees at a freezing temperature of  $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$ . They then put the trees in  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$  temperatures. The change in temperature makes the tree grow very quickly. This makes the skin thin and soft enough to eat.

The new banana is called the "Mongee". Farmers sell it in bunches of 10 bananas. They are not cheap. One banana costs six dollars. Farmers don't grow many, so the price is high. They will grow more, so the price will fall. Japan imports about 99% of its bananas. The Mongee could mean Japanese people will eat more bananas that are grown in Japan. The Mongee banana skin is sweet. It has nutrients like vitamin B6 and magnesium.

Sources: <https://qz.com/1191654/a-banana-with-an-edible-peel-is-now-available-for-sale-in-japan/>  
<http://www.konbini.com/us/lifestyle/discover-mongee-banana-edible-skin/>  
<http://www.newsweek.com/you-eat-these-newly-engineered-bananas-skin-and-all-791546>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180201-banana-peel-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. a banana with a         | a. temperature      |
| 2. Most people would never | b. growing bananas  |
| 3. banana                  | c. to eat           |
| 4. a way of                | d. can eat          |
| 5. a peel we               | e. skin thin        |
| 6. The change in           | f. do this          |
| 7. This makes the          | g. skin you can eat |
| 8. soft enough             | h. farmers          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Farmers sell it in bunches | a. is sweet           |
| 2. They                       | b. more               |
| 3. the price will             | c. like vitamin B6    |
| 4. Japan imports about        | d. of 10 bananas      |
| 5. Japanese people will eat   | e. grown in Japan     |
| 6. bananas that are           | f. are not cheap      |
| 7. The Mongee banana skin     | g. fall               |
| 8. It has nutrients           | h. 99% of its bananas |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180201-banana-peel-1.html>

There is now a banana (1) \_\_\_\_\_ you can eat. Most people would (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Banana farmers in Japan made (3) \_\_\_\_\_ growing bananas with a peel we can eat. The new way is called the "freeze-thaw awakening". Farmers keep their banana trees (4) \_\_\_\_\_ temperature of  $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$ . They then put the trees in  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$  temperatures. The (5) \_\_\_\_\_ makes the tree grow very quickly. This makes the skin thin and soft (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The new banana (7) \_\_\_\_\_ "Mongee". Farmers sell it in bunches of 10 bananas. They (8) \_\_\_\_\_. One banana costs six dollars. Farmers (9) \_\_\_\_\_, so the price is high. They will grow more, so the (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Japan imports about 99% of its bananas. The Mongee could mean Japanese people will eat more bananas that (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Japan. The Mongee banana skin is sweet. (12) \_\_\_\_\_ like vitamin B6 and magnesium.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BANANA PEEL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180201-banana-peel-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about banana peel 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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) \_\_\_\_\_

