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Level 2 – 28th September, 2018

French fries will be 3cm shorter

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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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Europe's poor potato harvest this summer could mean French fries are three centimeters shorter than usual. The poor harvest is because of the very hot summer. Europe had record temperatures. This heatwave caused a lack of rain, so farmers produced a lot fewer potatoes than normal. A spokesman from a potato growers' association in Belgium said farmers grew 25 per cent fewer potatoes this summer. This increased potato prices and made the average size of potatoes smaller. Smaller potatoes will mean French fries are shorter.

The potato shortage is a big talking point in Belgium. Fries are the national dish there. The country has over 5,000 shops that specialize in fries. Belgians love their fries. There is a campaign to rename them "Belgian fries" because Belgians say the fry was invented in Belgium. Belgium is one of the largest exporters of frozen fries in the world. The spokesman explained why fries would be shorter. He said: "To have long fries, we work with potatoes with a diameter of more than 50mm. Then you get fries of 8 to 9 cm. This time, as the potatoes are smaller, the fries will be shorter."

Sources: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/experience/2018/09/23/french-fries-likely-lose-inch-europe/1406665002/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Europe's poor potato | a. association |
| 2. French fries are three | b. temperatures |
| 3. Europe had record | c. of potatoes |
| 4. This heatwave caused a lack | d. harvest |
| 5. a lot fewer potatoes | e. prices |
| 6. a potato growers' | f. of rain |
| 7. This increased potato | g. centimeters shorter |
| 8. the average size | h. than normal |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Fries are the national | a. fries |
| 2. There is a campaign | b. of 8 to 9 cm |
| 3. Belgians say the fry was | c. to rename them |
| 4. Belgium is one of the largest | d. smaller |
| 5. frozen | e. invented in Belgium |
| 6. a diameter of | f. exporters |
| 7. you get fries | g. dish |
| 8. the potatoes are | h. more than 50mm |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Europe's (1) _____ this summer could mean French fries are three centimeters (2) _____. The poor harvest is because of the (3) _____. Europe had record temperatures. This heatwave caused a lack of rain, so farmers produced (4) _____ potatoes than normal. A spokesman from (5) _____ association in Belgium said farmers grew 25 per cent fewer potatoes this summer. This increased potato prices and made (6) _____ of potatoes smaller. Smaller potatoes will mean French fries are shorter.

The potato shortage is a (7) _____ in Belgium. Fries are the national dish there. The country has over 5,000 shops that (8) _____. Belgians love their fries. There is a campaign to rename them "Belgian fries" because Belgians say the fry (9) _____ Belgium. Belgium is one of the largest (10) _____ fries in the world. The spokesman explained why fries would be shorter. He said: "To have long fries, we work with potatoes with (11) _____ more than 50mm. Then you (12) _____ 8 to 9 cm. This time, as the potatoes are smaller, the fries will be shorter."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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POTATOES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Zzzzz 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) _____

