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Level 0 – 13th May, 2019

Cuba starts rationing food and other products

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190513-rationing-in-cuba-0.html>

Cuba will ration food and other products. It will ration beans, chicken, eggs, rice, soap and other things. There is an economic crisis in Cuba. There are shortages of food. This is because the USA put a trade embargo on Cuba. Another reason is a crisis in Venezuela means Cuba is getting less fuel.

Cuba imports about two-thirds of its food. It can now import less food. Many supermarket shelves are empty. People must stand in line to buy food. Rationing will stop people buying and keeping food. If people do this, there is less food for others.

One shopper in the capital city Havana said life was "tough".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-48237319>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Cuba will ration food | a. Venezuela |
| 2. It will | b. things |
| 3. soap and other | c. embargo on Cuba |
| 4. There is an economic | d. getting less fuel |
| 5. There are shortages | e. ration beans |
| 6. a trade | f. crisis in Cuba |
| 7. a crisis in | g. and other products |
| 8. Cuba is | h. of food |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Cuba imports about two- | a. keeping food |
| 2. It can now | b. city Havana |
| 3. supermarket | c. import less food |
| 4. People must stand in | d. food for others |
| 5. stop people buying and | e. tough |
| 6. there is less | f. shelves |
| 7. in the capital | g. line to buy food |
| 8. life was | h. thirds of its food |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190513-rationing-in-cuba-0.html>

Cuba will ration (1) _____ products. It will ration beans, chicken, (2) _____ and other things. There (3) _____ crisis in Cuba. There are shortages of food. (4) _____ the USA put a trade embargo on Cuba. (5) _____ a crisis in Venezuela means Cuba is (6) _____.

Cuba imports (7) _____ its food. It can now (8) _____. Many supermarket shelves are empty.

People (9) _____ line to buy food. Rationing will (10) _____ and keeping food. If people do this, there is less (11) _____. One shopper in the capital city Havana said (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CUBA SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190513-rationing-in-cuba-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Cuba 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) _____

