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**Level 4 – 19th May, 2019**

## Parents risk jail for raising children as vegans

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190519-vegans-4.html>

Belgian doctors said giving children a vegan diet is "unethical" and criminal. Vegans do not eat animal products, including eggs and dairy. Belgium's medical association said veganism was "unsuitable for unborn children, children, teenagers, and pregnant...women". It said vegan parenting does not help "a person in danger". This is a criminal offense with a possible two-year prison sentence. It said children needed protein from meat.

An animal rights group called the ruling "ignorant codswallop". It said: "A meat- and dairy-based diet is what strikes people down in adulthood, as it can lead to hardened arteries that cause stroke...and heart attacks." A spokeswoman said: "A well-planned vegan diet is perfect for babies and children." Her children "thrived" on a vegan diet. She added: "It's the parents' responsibility to ensure their child is getting all the necessary nutrients."

Sources: <https://www.plantbasednews.org/post/parents-raising-children-vegan-prosecuted>  
<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/lifestyle/2019/05/belgium-will-no-longer-tolerate-parents-who-force-their-kids-to-be-vegan.html>  
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/05/16/parents-raise-children-vegans-should-prosecuted-say-belgian/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190519-vegans-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. giving children a vegan         | a. offense         |
| 2. Vegans do not eat animal        | b. children        |
| 3. including eggs                  | c. prison sentence |
| 4. unsuitable for unborn           | d. diet            |
| 5. vegan                           | e. from meat       |
| 6. This is a criminal              | f. and dairy       |
| 7. a possible two-year             | g. parenting       |
| 8. It said children needed protein | h. products        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. An animal rights             | a. stroke             |
| 2. called the ruling ignorant   | b. responsibility     |
| 3. A meat- and dairy-           | c. perfect for babies |
| 4. hardened arteries that cause | d. nutrients          |
| 5. A well-planned vegan diet is | e. group              |
| 6. Her children "thrived"       | f. based diet         |
| 7. It's the parents'            | g. codswallop         |
| 8. getting all the necessary    | h. on a vegan diet    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Belgian doctors said giving children a vegan (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and criminal. Vegans do not (2) \_\_\_\_\_, including eggs and dairy. Belgium's (3) \_\_\_\_\_ veganism was "unsuitable for unborn children, children, (4) \_\_\_\_\_...women". It said vegan parenting does not help "a (5) \_\_\_\_\_". This is a criminal offense with a possible two-year prison sentence. It said children needed (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

An animal rights group (7) \_\_\_\_\_ "ignorant codswallop". It said: "A meat- and dairy-based diet (8) \_\_\_\_\_ people down in adulthood, as it can lead to hardened (9) \_\_\_\_\_ stroke...and heart attacks." A spokeswoman said: "A well-planned vegan (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for babies and children." Her children "thrived" on a vegan diet. She added: "(11) \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility to ensure their child is getting all (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# VEGANISM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190519-vegans-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about veganism 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) \_\_\_\_\_

