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Level 5 – 19th May, 2019

Parents risk jail for raising children as vegans

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190519-vegans-5.html>

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190519-vegans-5.html>

Doctors in Belgium have said giving children a vegan diet is "unethical" and should be a crime. Vegans do not eat any animal products, including eggs, dairy products and other animal-derived food. Belgium's medical association declared that veganism is "unsuitable for unborn children, children, teenagers, and pregnant...women". It said vegan parenting is "non-assistance to a person in danger," which is a criminal offense that carries a prison sentence of up to two years. It said children need the protein and essential fatty acids from animal products.

The animal rights group PETA rejected the ruling and called it "ignorant codswallop". A PETA spokeswoman said: "A meat- and dairy-based diet is what strikes people down in adulthood, as it can lead to hardened arteries that cause stroke, brain aneurysms, and heart attacks. She added: "A well-planned vegan diet is perfect for babies and children." She said her children "thrive on a balanced vegan diet". She added: "It's the parents' responsibility to ensure their child is getting all the necessary nutrients." Around three per cent of Belgian children live in vegan families.

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-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. giving children a vegan | a. offense |
| 2. animal | b. need the protein |
| 3. Belgium's medical | c. for unborn children |
| 4. unsuitable | d. from animal products |
| 5. a criminal | e. diet is "unethical" |
| 6. a prison sentence of | f. association |
| 7. It said children | g. up to two years |
| 8. essential fatty acids | h. products |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The animal rights group PETA | a. and heart attacks |
| 2. called it ignorant | b. responsibility |
| 3. hardened arteries that cause | c. rejected the ruling |
| 4. brain aneurysms, | d. nutrients |
| 5. perfect for | e. stroke |
| 6. children thrive on a balanced | f. codswallop |
| 7. It's the parents' | g. babies |
| 8. getting all the necessary | h. vegan diet |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Doctors in Belgium have (1) _____ a vegan diet is "unethical" and should (2) _____. Vegans do not eat any animal products, including eggs, (3) _____ other animal-derived food. Belgium's medical association declared that veganism is "unsuitable (4) _____, children, teenagers, and pregnant...women". It said vegan parenting is "non-assistance to a person in danger," which is (5) _____ that carries a prison sentence of up to two years. It said children need the protein and (6) _____ from animal products.

The animal rights group PETA (7) _____ and called it "ignorant codswallop". A PETA spokeswoman said: "A meat- and dairy-based diet (8) _____ people down in adulthood, as it can lead to hardened (9) _____ stroke, brain aneurysms, and heart attacks. She added: "A well-(10) _____ is perfect for babies and children." She said her children "thrive (11) _____ vegan diet". She added: "It's the parents' responsibility to ensure their child is getting all (12) _____." Around three per cent of Belgian children live in vegan families.

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) _____

