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Free rice ATMs installed on Vietnam's streets

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm.html>

A Vietnamese entrepreneur has come up with an ingenious idea to help hungry people in Vietnam. Businessman Hoang Tuan Anh designed an ATM that dispenses rice instead of cash. He arranged for the ATMs to be installed on streets in cities across Vietnam. Mr Anh said he was troubled by the number of people going hungry after losing their jobs in the coronavirus. An estimated five million people lost their livelihoods as a result of the pandemic. The "free-rice ATMs" have become so popular that Anh is arranging for more to be manufactured and installed. He told reporters that other businesses, sponsors and donors have offered to help fund his project, allowing him to extend the reach of the ATMs.

Mr Anh explained what was behind his initiative. He told the BBC: "I wanted to invent a 24/7 automatic dispensing machine providing free rice for people out of work following an ongoing nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus." Mr Anh estimated that his machines have dispensed around 3,000 tons of free rice to those in need. People are permitted to "withdraw" 1.5kg of rice twice a day. Many people are appreciative of Mr Anh's efforts. A mother who recently lost her job told the Reuters news agency: "I read about this rice ATM on the Internet. I came to check it out, and couldn't believe it came out of the ATM. I really hope the sponsors keep doing this."

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WARM-UPS

1. RICE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about rice. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

idea / arranged / troubled / lost / result / popular / manufactured / donors / extend / initiative / automatic / novel / ton / appreciative / withdraw / news / Internet / believe

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BREAD: Students A **strongly** believe bread is better than rice; Students B **strongly** believe rice is better than bread. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. FREE: What do you think of these things being free on the streets? How useful are they? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What Do You Think?	Usefulness?
Water		
Newspapers		
Tissues		
Bicycles		
Music		
Art		

5. HUNGRY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "hungry". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. VENDING MACHINES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to put in a vending machine at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- rice
- juice
- newspapers
- potato chips
- umbrellas
- toothpaste
- gum
- tissues

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. entrepreneur | a. One's means of getting the necessities of life. |
| 2. ingenious | b. The extent or range of effect, impact or influence. |
| 3. dispense | c. A person who organizes and operates a business or businesses, taking on financial risks. |
| 4. troubled | d. Clever, original, and inventive. |
| 5. livelihood | e. Showing distress or anxiety. |
| 6. sponsor | f. A person, business or organization who promises to donate money to a charity, team, project, event, etc. |
| 7. reach | g. Supply a product (from a machine). |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. initiative | h. Take out something from somewhere. |
| 9. invent | i. Gave authorization or consent to someone to do something. |
| 10. curb | j. New or unusual in an interesting way. |
| 11. novel | k. An act or strategy intended to resolve a difficulty or improve a situation; a fresh approach to something. |
| 12. permitted | l. Feeling or showing gratitude or pleasure. |
| 13. withdraw | m. Create or design something that has not existed before; be the originator of. |
| 14. appreciative | n. Restrain or keep in check; stop from happening. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. An entrepreneur had an ingenious idea to help hungry people. **T / F**
- b. The entrepreneur created an ATM that gave vouchers to swap for rice. **T / F**
- c. The ATMs are currently only in Vietnam's capital city. **T / F**
- d. The entrepreneur is finding it difficult to find people to help his project. **T / F**
- e. The ATMs only work until 10pm. **T / F**
- f. The ATMs have dispensed about 3,000 tons of free rice. **T / F**
- g. People can take rice out of the ATM two times a day. **T / F**
- h. A woman who lost her job said she was disappointed with the ATMs. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. ingenious | a. continuing |
| 2. dispenses | b. situated |
| 3. installed | c. backers |
| 4. livelihood | d. range |
| 5. reach | e. allowed |
| 6. initiative | f. creative |
| 7. ongoing | g. source of income |
| 8. permitted | h. grateful for |
| 9. appreciative | i. hands out |
| 10. sponsors | j. plan |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. come up with an | a. be installed on streets |
| 2. an ATM that dispenses rice | b. behind his initiative |
| 3. He arranged for the ATMs to | c. it out |
| 4. five million people lost | d. instead of cash |
| 5. allowing him to extend the | e. of Mr Anh's efforts |
| 6. Mr Anh explained what was | f. reach of the ATMs |
| 7. free rice for people out | g. 1.5kg of rice twice a day |
| 8. permitted to "withdraw" | h. ingenious idea |
| 9. people are appreciative | i. of work |
| 10. I came to check | j. their livelihoods |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm.html>

A Vietnamese entrepreneur has come up with an (1) _____ idea to help hungry people in Vietnam. Businessman Hoang Tuan Anh designed an ATM that (2) _____ rice instead of cash. He arranged for the ATMs to be installed on streets in cities across Vietnam. Mr Anh said he was (3) _____ by the number of people going hungry after losing their jobs in the coronavirus. An estimated five million people lost their (4) _____ as a result of the pandemic. The "free-rice ATMs" have become so (5) _____ that Anh is arranging for more to be manufactured and (6) _____. He told reporters that other businesses, sponsors and (7) _____ have offered to help fund his project, allowing him to (8) _____ the reach of the ATMs.

Mr Anh explained what was (9) _____ his initiative. He told the BBC: "I wanted to (10) _____ a 24/7 automatic dispensing machine providing free rice for people out of work following an (11) _____ nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus." Mr Anh (12) _____ that his machines have dispensed around 3,000 tons of free rice to those in need. People are (13) _____ to "withdraw" 1.5kg of rice twice a day. Many people are (14) _____ of Mr Anh's efforts. A mother who recently lost her job told the Reuters news agency: "I read about this rice ATM on the Internet. I came to (15) _____ it out, and couldn't believe it came out of the ATM. I really hope the (16) _____ keep doing this."

dispenses

installed

livelihoods

extend

ingenious

donors

troubled

popular

ongoing

permitted

behind

sponsors

estimated

check

invent

appreciative

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm.html>

- 1) A Vietnamese entrepreneur has come up with _____
 - a. an in genuine ideal
 - b. an in-genie as idea
 - c. an ingenious eye dear
 - d. an ingenious idea
- 2) Mr Anh said he was troubled by the number of _____
 - a. people gone hungry
 - b. people gone hungrily
 - c. people go in hunger
 - d. people going hungry
- 3) An estimated five million people lost their livelihoods _____
 - a. was a result
 - b. has a result
 - c. as a result
 - d. ass a result
- 4) Anh is arranging for more to be manufactured _____
 - a. end distilled
 - b. an installed
 - c. and installed
 - d. and distilled
- 5) offered to help fund his project, allowing him to extend _____ the ATMs
 - a. the breach of
 - b. the reach of
 - c. the retch of
 - d. the reach off
- 6) Mr Anh explained what was _____
 - a. be kind his initiation
 - b. beyond his initiative
 - c. behest his initiation
 - d. behind his initiative
- 7) invent a 24/7 automatic dispensing machine _____
 - a. provide din free rice
 - b. provide in free rice
 - c. providing free rice
 - d. prove ad-free rice
- 8) following an ongoing nationwide lockdown to curb the spread _____ coronavirus
 - a. of the novelist
 - b. of the novella
 - c. of the novel
 - d. of the novels
- 9) permitted to "withdraw" 1.5kg of rice twice a day. Many people _____
 - a. are appreciative
 - b. are appreciation
 - c. are appreciate
 - d. are appreciate I've
- 10) it came out of the ATM. I really hope the _____ this
 - a. sponsors keep do in
 - b. sponsor scoop doing
 - c. sponsor scape do wing
 - d. sponsors keep doing

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Mr Anh explained what was (7) _____. He told the BBC: "I wanted to invent a 24/7 automatic dispensing machine providing free rice for people (8) _____ following an ongoing nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus." Mr Anh estimated that his machines (9) _____ 3,000 tons of free rice to those in need. People are permitted to "withdraw" 1.5kg of rice twice a day. Many people (10) _____ Mr Anh's efforts. A mother who recently lost her job told the Reuters news agency: "I read about this rice ATM on the Internet. I (11) _____ it out, and couldn't believe it came out of the ATM. I really hope the (12) _____ this."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm.html>

1. What kind of idea did the article say the entrepreneur had?
2. Where in Vietnam were the ATMs installed?
3. How many people lost their jobs in Vietnam because of the pandemic?
4. What is the entrepreneur arranging to have manufactured?
5. What will more sponsors allow the entrepreneur to extend the reach of?
6. What hours are the ATMs in operation?
7. How much rice has been dispensed by the ATMs?
8. How often can people withdraw rice from the ATMs?
9. Who was appreciative of the entrepreneur's efforts?
10. What did a woman say she could not believe?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm.html>

- 1) What kind of idea did the article say the entrepreneur had?
 - a) a novel idea
 - b) a sudden idea
 - c) an ingenious idea
 - d) a crazy idea
- 2) Where in Vietnam were the ATMs installed?
 - a) across Vietnam
 - b) in the capital city
 - c) in rural areas
 - d) next to farms
- 3) How many people lost their jobs in Vietnam because of the pandemic?
 - a) around five million
 - b) over five million
 - c) exactly five million
 - d) fewer than five million
- 4) What is the entrepreneur arranging to have manufactured?
 - a) rice cookers
 - b) more ATMs
 - c) portable snack bars
 - d) a rice tester
- 5) What will more sponsors allow the entrepreneur to extend the reach of?
 - a) his businesses
 - b) his arms
 - c) rice
 - d) the ATMs
- 6) What hours are the ATMs in operation?
 - a) nine to five
 - b) 24 hours a day
 - c) 12 hours a day
 - d) from nine to nine
- 7) How much rice has been dispensed by the ATMs?
 - a) around 3,000 tons
 - b) over 5,000 tons
 - c) 30,000 tons
 - d) nearly 1,000 tons
- 8) How often can people withdraw rice from the ATMs?
 - a) once a day
 - b) once a week
 - c) twice a day
 - d) twice a week
- 9) Who was appreciative of the entrepreneur's efforts?
 - a) a child
 - b) a farmer
 - c) Vietnam's government
 - d) a woman who lost her job
- 10) What did a woman say she could not believe?
 - a) rice coming out of the ATM
 - b) the rice was free
 - c) the quality of the rice
 - d) the taste of the rice

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Rice

You think rice is the best thing to put in vending machines. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): newspapers, gum or tissues.

Role B – Newspapers

You think newspapers are the best things to put in vending machines. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): rice, gum or tissues.

Role C – Gum

You think gum is the best thing to put in vending machines. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): newspapers, rice or tissues.

Role D – Tissues

You think tissues are the best things to put in vending machines. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): newspapers, gum or rice.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'rice' and 'ATM'.

rice	ATM

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• idea• instead• troubled• result• popular• reach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• behind• work• estimated• withdraw• lost• check
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RICE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about rice 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.

RICE DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'rice'?
3. What do you know about rice?
4. What do you think of entrepreneurs?
5. What do you think of the free-rice ATM idea?
6. What kind of free ATMs does your country need?
7. How ingenious is the free-rice ATM?
8. How has the pandemic changed your life?
9. What three adjectives best describe this story?
10. What advice do you have for Mr Hoang?

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RICE DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'ATM'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of rice?
15. What else can businesses do for needy people?
16. When was the last time you appreciated someone's help?
17. How important is rice?
18. What can the world do to make sure people have food?
19. When was the last time you got something for free?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mr Hoang?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) ingenious | (b) injurious | (c) ingenuity | (d) angina |
| 2. | (a) rather | (b) prefer | (c) instead | (d) place |
| 3. | (a) of | (b) to | (c) by | (d) at |
| 4. | (a) loser | (b) lost | (c) loses | (d) losing |
| 5. | (a) popularity | (b) populace | (c) popular | (d) populated |
| 6. | (a) extent | (b) extend | (c) extreme | (d) extant |
| 7. | (a) harvesting | (b) dispensing | (c) compensation | (d) partition |
| 8. | (a) club | (b) curb | (c) crib | (d) carb |
| 9. | (a) them | (b) their | (c) those | (d) they're |
| 10. | (a) repetitive | (b) immediate | (c) lifesaving | (d) appreciative |
| 11. | (a) round | (b) over | (c) up | (d) out |
| 12. | (a) save | (b) hold on | (c) retain | (d) keep |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm.html>

Paragraph 1

1. A Vietnamese nrprueeeetrn
2. come up with an giinsenou idea
3. an ATM that epsdiness rice instead of cash
4. people lost their vdslialeoh as a result
5. be manufactured and denlislat
6. allowing him to xtneed the reach

Paragraph 2

7. explained what was behind his ntiviiiiaet
8. pdrinoigv free rice for people
9. the spread of the eolnv coronavirus
10. People are permitted to awdrtwih 1.5kg
11. people are iericpaptvae of Mr Anh's efforts
12. I really hope the ossprosn keep doing this

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () designed an ATM that dispenses rice instead of cash. He arranged for the ATMs to be installed
- () Mr Anh explained what was behind his initiative. He told the BBC: "I wanted to invent a 24/7 automatic dispensing
- () livelihoods as a result of the pandemic. The "free-rice ATMs" have become so popular that Anh is
- () hungry after losing their jobs in the coronavirus. An estimated five million people lost their
- () on streets in cities across Vietnam. Mr Anh said he was troubled by the number of people going
- () sponsors and donors have offered to help fund his project, allowing him to extend the reach of the ATMs.
- () out, and couldn't believe it came out of the ATM. I really hope the sponsors keep doing this."
- () her job told the Reuters news agency: "I read about this rice ATM on the Internet. I came to check it
- () arranging for more to be manufactured and installed. He told reporters that other businesses,
- (**1**) A Vietnamese entrepreneur has come up with an ingenious idea to help hungry people in Vietnam. Businessman Hoang Tuan Anh
- () a day. Many people are appreciative of Mr Anh's efforts. A mother who recently lost
- () of free rice to those in need. People are permitted to "withdraw" 1.5kg of rice twice
- () spread of the novel coronavirus." Mr Anh estimated that his machines have dispensed around 3,000 tons
- () machine providing free rice for people out of work following an ongoing nationwide lockdown to curb the

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm.html>

1. idea an with Come to help . ingenious up
2. dispenses that ATM rice of instead An cash .
3. of Troubled the people going number hungry . by
4. estimated livelihoods . five lost million An people their
5. of him Allowing reach ATMs . the extend to
6. initiative . what Anh explained behind Mr his was
7. invented 24/7 machine . He automatic dispensing a
8. for out free Providing rice work . of people
9. appreciative efforts . people of Mr Anh's are Many
10. the really I sponsors hope this . doing keep

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm.html>

A Vietnamese entrepreneur has come *down / up* with an ingenious idea to help *hunger / hungry* people in Vietnam. Businessman Hoang Tuan Anh designed an ATM that *dispenses / expenses* rice instead *of / for* cash. He arranged for the ATMs to be installed on streets in cities across Vietnam. Mr Anh said he was *cautioned / troubled* by the number of people going hungry after *losing / lost* their jobs in the coronavirus. An estimated five million people lost their livelihoods as a result *to / of* the pandemic. The "free-rice ATMs" have become so *popular / populace* that Anh is arranging for more to be manufactured and installed. He told reporters that *another / other* businesses, sponsors and donors have offered to help fund his project, allowing him to extend the *reach / extend* of the ATMs.

Mr Anh explained what was *before / behind* his initiative. He told the BBC: "I wanted to invent a 24/7 automatic dispensing machine *reviving / providing* free rice for people out of work following an ongoing nationwide *lockup / lockdown* to curb the spread of the *book / novel* coronavirus." Mr Anh estimated that his machines have dispensed around 3,000 tons of *free / freely* rice to those *in / on* need. People are permitted to "withdraw" 1.5kg of rice twice a day. Many people are *appreciated / appreciative* of Mr Anh's efforts. A mother who *recently / recent* lost her job told the Reuters news agency: "I read about this rice ATM on the Internet. I came to check it *up / out*, and couldn't believe it came out of the ATM. I really hope the *sponsorship / sponsors* keep doing this."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm.html>

A V__ t n_m_s_ _n t r_p r_n__ r h_s c_m_ _p w_t h
_n _n g_n__s _d__ t_ h_l p h_n g r y p__ p l_ _n
V__ t n_m . B_s_n_s s m_n H__ n g T__ n A n h
d_s_g n_d _n A T M t h_t d_s p_n s_s r_c_ _n s t__ d
_f c_s h . H_ _r r_n g_d f_r t h_ A T M s t_ b_ _n s
t_l l_d _n s t r__ t s _n c_t__ s _c r_s s V__ t n_m .
M r A n h s__ d h_ w_s t r__ b l_d b y t h_ n_m
b_r _f p__ p l_ g__ n g h_n g r y _f t_r l_s_n g t
h__ r j_b s _n t h_ c_r_n_v_r_s . A n _s t_m_t_d
f_v_ m_l l__ n p__ p l_ l_s t t h__ r l_v_l_h__ d s _s
_ r_s_l t _f t h_ p_n d_m_c . T h_ " f r__ - r_c_ A T M
s " h_v_ b_c_m_ s_ p_p_l_r t h_t A n h _s _r r_n
g_n g f_r m_r_ t_ b_ m_n_f_c t_r_d _n d _n s t_l l_d .
H_ t_l d r_p_r t_r s t h_t _t h_r b_s_n_s s_s , s_p_n
s_r s _n d d_n_r s h_v_ _f f_r_d t_ h_l p f_n d h_s
p_r_j_c t , _l l_w_n g h_m t_ _x t_n d t h_ r__ c h _f
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm.html>

a vietnamese entrepreneur has come up with an ingenious idea to help hungry people in vietnam businessman hoang tuan anh designed an atm that dispenses rice instead of cash he arranged for the atms to be installed on streets in cities across vietnam mr anh said he was troubled by the number of people going hungry after losing their jobs in the coronavirus an estimated five million people lost their livelihoods as a result of the pandemic the freerice atms have become so popular that anh is arranging for more to be manufactured and installed he told reporters that other businesses sponsors and donors have offered to help fund his project allowing him to extend the reach of the atms

mr anh explained what was behind his initiative he told the bbc i wanted to invent a 247 automatic dispensing machine providing free rice for people out of work following an ongoing nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus mr anh estimated that his machines have dispensed around 3000 tons of free rice to those in need people are permitted to withdraw 15kg of rice twice a day many people are appreciative of mr anhs efforts a mother who recently lost her job told the reuters news agency i read about this rice atm on the internet i came to check it out and couldnt believe it came out of the atm i really hope the sponsors keep doing

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A Vietnamese entrepreneur has come up with an ingenious idea to help hungry people in Vietnam. Businessman Hoang Tuan Anh designed an ATM that dispenses rice instead of cash. He arranged for the ATMs to be installed on streets in cities across Vietnam. Mr Anh said he was troubled by the number of people going hungry after losing their jobs in the coronavirus. An estimated five million people lost their livelihoods as a result of the pandemic. The "free-rice ATMs" have become so popular that Anh is arranging for more to be manufactured and installed. He told reporters that other businesses, sponsors and donors have offered to help fund his project, allowing him to extend the reach of the ATMs. Mr Anh explained what was behind his initiative. He told the BBC: "I wanted to invent a 24/7 automatic dispensing machine providing free rice for people out of work following a nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus. "Mr Anh estimated that his machines have dispensed around 3,000 tons of free rice to those in need. People are permitted to "withdraw" 1.5kg of rice twice a day. Many people are appreciative of Mr Anh's efforts. Another who recently lost her job told the Reuters news agency: "I read about this rice ATM on the Internet. I came to check it out, and couldn't believe it came out of the ATM. I really hope the sponsors keep doing this."

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. RICE: Make a poster about rice. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ATMs: Write a magazine article about putting free rice ATMs in the streets of every country. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on rice. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on rice. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. g 4. e 5. a 6. f 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T b F c F d F e F f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. i	3. b	4. g	5. d
6. j	7. a	8. e	9. h	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. An ingenious idea
2. On streets in cities across Vietnam
3. Around five million
4. More ATMs
5. The ATMs
6. 24 hours a day
7. Around 3,000 tons
8. Twice a day
9. A woman who lost her job
10. That rice came out the ATM

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Come up with an ingenious idea to help.
2. An ATM that dispenses rice instead of cash.
3. Troubled by the number of people going hungry.
4. An estimated five million people lost their livelihoods.
5. Allowing him to extend the reach of ATMs.
6. Mr Anh explained what was behind his initiative.
7. He invented a 24/7 automatic dispensing machine.
8. Providing free rice for people out of work.
9. Many people are appreciative of Mr Anh's efforts.
10. I really hope the sponsors keep doing this.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. d 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)