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**Level 1** – 25th March, 2021

## Stink bugs arrive in UK and threaten crops

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210325-stink-bugs-1.html>

Farmers worry about many things, like no rain or pests eating their crops. British farmers have a new worry - stink bugs. Stink bugs have arrived in Britain from China, Japan or Korea. These smelly insects are a threat to fruit and vegetables on farms. The insects get their name from the bad smell they create when they are in danger. Stink bugs arrived in the USA in the mid-1990s. They are now a problem for farmers in 44 states.

Stink bugs eat by sucking out the juice from fruits and vegetables. This makes the fruit go bad. Farmers cannot sell their crops. The fruit often ends up as juice. An insect expert said there is no risk to our health if we eat damaged fruit. He said stink bugs have a wide diet. They eat over one hundred different types of plants. He added that: "With climate change and global trade, these stories are going to become more frequent."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210325-stink-bugs-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Farmers worry              | a. danger            |
| 2. pests eating their         | b. threat to fruit   |
| 3. Stink bugs have arrived    | c. crops             |
| 4. These smelly insects are a | d. 44 states         |
| 5. the bad smell              | e. about many things |
| 6. when they are in           | f. 1990s             |
| 7. in the mid-                | g. in Britain        |
| 8. a problem for farmers in   | h. they create       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. sucking out the         | a. to our health  |
| 2. fruits                  | b. of plants      |
| 3. This makes the fruit go | c. frequent       |
| 4. there is no risk        | d. juice          |
| 5. stink bugs have a wide  | e. change         |
| 6. hundred different types | f. and vegetables |
| 7. climate                 | g. diet           |
| 8. going to become more    | h. bad            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210325-stink-bugs-1.html>

Farmers (1) \_\_\_\_\_ things, like no rain or pests eating their crops. British (2) \_\_\_\_\_ new worry - stink bugs. Stink bugs have arrived in Britain from China, Japan or Korea. These (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a threat to fruit and vegetables on farms. The insects (4) \_\_\_\_\_ from the bad smell they create when they (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Stink bugs arrived in the USA in (6) \_\_\_\_\_. They are now a problem for farmers in 44 states.

Stink bugs eat by sucking out the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and vegetables. This makes the (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Farmers cannot sell their crops. The fruit often (9) \_\_\_\_\_ juice. An insect expert said there is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ our health if we eat damaged fruit. He said stink bugs have a wide diet. They eat over one hundred (11) \_\_\_\_\_ plants. He added that: "With climate change and global trade, these stories are going to (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# STINK BUGS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210325-stink-bugs-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about stink bugs 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) \_\_\_\_\_

