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Level 1 – 19th July, 2021

U.K. considers tax on sugary and salty snacks

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

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THE READING

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The UK wants people to eat more healthily. It asked a food expert for some ideas. The expert created the National Food Strategy. He showed it to the government. He has two main ideas. One is to tax food with salt and sugar. The media called this a "snack tax". The second one is to give poorer people free vegetables. The expert said what we eat is doing "terrible damage" to the environment and our health. Poor diets kill people and put pressure on hospitals.

The UK's leader is not happy with the strategy. It could increase the price of snack food by up to 13 per cent. He does not want to put "extra taxes on hard-working people". He said the best way to fight obesity was to exercise and eat less junk food. The expert said good leadership from government could "change the system so it makes both us and the planet healthier". He added that the country had to build a better food system "for our children and grandchildren".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. It asked a food expert | a. on hospitals |
| 2. He showed it | b. a "snack tax" |
| 3. He has two | c. to the government |
| 4. One is to tax food | d. the environment |
| 5. The media called this | e. for some ideas |
| 6. give poorer people | f. with salt |
| 7. doing terrible damage to | g. free vegetables |
| 8. put pressure | h. main ideas |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The UK's leader is | a. was to exercise |
| 2. It could increase the price | b. working people |
| 3. by up | c. food system |
| 4. extra taxes on hard- | d. not happy |
| 5. the best way to fight obesity | e. planet healthier |
| 6. good leadership | f. of snack food |
| 7. it makes both us and the | g. from government |
| 8. build a better | h. to 13 per cent |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210719-snack-tax-1.html>

The UK wants people to (1) _____. It asked a food expert for some ideas. The (2) _____ National Food Strategy. He showed it to the government. He has (3) _____. One is to tax food with salt and sugar. The media called this (4) _____. The second one is to give poorer people free vegetables. The expert said what we eat is (5) _____ to the environment and our health. Poor diets kill people and (6) _____ hospitals.

The UK's leader is not happy (7) _____. It could increase (8) _____ snack food by up to 13 per cent. He does not want to (9) _____ on hard-working people". He said the best way (10) _____ was to exercise and eat less junk food. The expert said good leadership from government could "(11) _____ so it makes both us and the planet healthier". He added that the country had to build a (12) _____ "for our children and grandchildren".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FOOD SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210719-snack-tax-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about food 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) _____

