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Level 1 – 9th December, 2021

World faces maple syrup shortage

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup-1.html>

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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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Changing weather and increasing demand have led to shortages of maple syrup. Stocks of this pancake topping have gone down. Canada put 22 million kilograms of the sticky stuff into the market. This is half of its emergency reserves. Canada is the world's largest maple syrup producer. It produces around three-quarters of the global supply. A spokeswoman said there would be no shortages. She said: "We won't lack maple syrup."

A warmer and shorter spring reduced supply. Maple trees need warm daytime and freezing nighttime temperatures. Another reason is worldwide demand. This has increased by more than 20 per cent, largely because of the pandemic. More people are at home, cooking pancakes and waffles. The maple syrup spokeswoman said: "We're seeing people cook more at home and use more local products. It's not just in [Canada] where the demand is increasing."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/11/28/business/canada-maple-syrup-reserves-shortage/index.html>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-59555141>
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/maple-syrup-strategic-reserve-1.6268352>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. increasing | a. maple syrup |
| 2. Stocks of this pancake | b. producer |
| 3. 22 million kilograms | c. quarters |
| 4. half of its emergency | d. demand |
| 5. the world's largest maple syrup | e. be no shortages |
| 6. three- | f. reserves |
| 7. there would | g. topping |
| 8. We won't lack | h. of the sticky stuff |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A warmer and | a. Canada |
| 2. freezing nighttime | b. shorter spring |
| 3. largely because | c. increasing |
| 4. cooking pancakes | d. temperatures |
| 5. We're seeing people | e. products |
| 6. use more local | f. and waffles |
| 7. It's not just in | g. cook more |
| 8. the demand is | h. of the pandemic |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup-1.html>

Changing weather and increasing demand
(1) _____ shortages of maple syrup. Stocks of
this (2) _____ gone down. Canada put 22 million
kilograms of (3) _____ into the market. This is
half of (4) _____. Canada is the world's largest
maple syrup producer. It produces around
(5) _____ the global supply. A spokeswoman
said there would (6) _____. She said: "We won't
lack maple syrup."

A warmer and (7) _____ supply. Maple trees
need warm (8) _____ nighttime temperatures.
Another reason (9) _____. This has increased by
more than 20 per cent, (10) _____ the pandemic.
More people are at home, cooking pancakes and waffles. The
maple syrup spokeswoman said: "We're seeing people cook
(11) _____ and use more local products. It's
(12) _____ [Canada] where the demand is
increasing."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MAPLE SYRUP SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about maple syrup 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) _____

