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Level 4 – 25th July, 2022

Ukraine and Russia sign deal to resume grain exports

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal-4.html>

Ukraine and Russia signed a deal to allow exports of Ukrainian grain to restart. This should ease a world shortage of wheat. Millions of people are at risk of hunger. The invasion of Ukraine resulted in a rise in food prices. Tons of grain are sitting at Ukrainian ports. The grain deal could cut food prices. Russia's Defence Minister and Ukraine's Infrastructure Minister signed the deal at a ceremony in Istanbul. Turkey's President Erdogan helped broker it.

The deal took two months to negotiate and will last for 120 days. Ukraine said any Russian provocation would endanger the deal. This already happened after Russian forces attacked the port of Odesa within 24 hours of the deal. Russia said the deal might mean the export of Russian agricultural products and fertiliser. The US said more exports were needed, "to prevent the world's most vulnerable from sliding into deeper food insecurity and malnutrition."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-62268070>
<https://www.bangkokpost.com/world/2351992/ukraine-and-russia-sign-landmark-grain-deal>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2022/07/22/middleeast/grain-shortage-mideast-africa-mime-intl-cmd/index.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Ukraine and Russia signed | a. at Ukrainian ports |
| 2. allow exports of Ukrainian grain | b. in Istanbul |
| 3. ease a world shortage | c. of hunger |
| 4. people are at risk | d. broker it |
| 5. a rise in | e. of wheat |
| 6. ons of grain are sitting | f. a deal |
| 7. at a ceremony | g. food prices |
| 8. President Erdogan helped | h. to restart |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The deal took two months | a. the port of Odesa |
| 2. last | b. vulnerable |
| 3. provocation would endanger | c. products |
| 4. forces attacked | d. the deal |
| 5. within 24 hours | e. and malnutrition |
| 6. agricultural | f. of the deal |
| 7. the world's most | g. to negotiate |
| 8. deeper food insecurity | h. for 120 days |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Ukraine and Russia signed a deal (1) _____ of Ukrainian grain to restart. (2) _____ a world shortage of wheat. Millions of people are at (3) _____. The invasion of Ukraine (4) _____ rise in food prices. Tons of grain are sitting at Ukrainian ports. The grain (5) _____ food prices. Russia's Defence Minister and Ukraine's Infrastructure Minister signed the deal at (6) _____ Istanbul. Turkey's President Erdogan helped broker it.

The deal took two months to negotiate and (7) _____ 120 days. Ukraine said any Russian provocation (8) _____ deal. This already happened after Russian forces (9) _____ of Odesa within 24 hours of the deal. Russia said the deal might mean (10) _____ Russian agricultural products and fertiliser. The US said more exports were needed, "(11) _____ world's most vulnerable from sliding into (12) _____ and malnutrition."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ofgrainaresittingatUkrainianports.Thegraindealcouldcutfoodprices.
Russia'sDefenceMinisterandUkraine'sInfrastructureMinistersignedt
hedeataceremonyinIstanbul.Turkey'sPresidentErdoganhelpedbro
kerit.Thedealtooktwomonthstonegotiateandwilllastfor120days.Ukr
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happenedafterRussianforcesattackedtheportofOdesawithin24hour
softhedeal.RussiasaidthedealmightmeantheexportofRussianagricul
turalproductsandfertiliser.TheUSSaidmoreexportswereneeded,"top
reventtheworld'smostvulnerablefromslidingintodeeperfoodinsecuri
tyandmalnutrition."

GRAIN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about grain 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) _____

