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Level 4 – 9th January 2023

France may have to increase price of baguettes

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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/2301/230109-baguette-prices-4.html>

France is famous for baguettes. They are currently facing a problem. High energy costs are forcing bakers to close their bakeries or raise baguette prices. Wheat supply issues caused by the Ukraine War is adding to bakers' woes. One baker is worried about his future. He may have to treble his baguette prices. He said: "I cannot pay an electricity bill of 12,000 euros with a turnover of 20,000 euros."

France's President Macron is worried about the baguette. He described it as "250 grams of magic and perfection". France introduced an "electricity damper" to limit how much bakers' electricity bills can rise by. Eligible bakers can benefit from this aid. Consumers also have tough choices. One said she didn't want to pay higher prices. She said she may have to "because there is no equivalent to a baguette".

Sources: <https://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/fears-for-french-baguettes-as-power-prices-burn-bakers-179888>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. France is famous | a. forcing bakers to close |
| 2. They are currently | b. 20,000 euros |
| 3. High energy costs are | c. woes |
| 4. Wheat supply | d. his baguette prices |
| 5. adding to bakers' | e. facing a problem |
| 6. One baker is worried about | f. issues |
| 7. He may have to treble | g. his future |
| 8. a turnover of | h. for baguettes |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. 250 grams of magic | a. higher prices |
| 2. an "electricity damper" to limit | b. bills |
| 3. electricity | c. a baguette |
| 4. Eligible bakers can benefit | d. and perfection |
| 5. Consumers also have tough | e. have to |
| 6. she didn't want to pay | f. how much |
| 7. She said she may | g. choices |
| 8. there is no equivalent to | h. from this aid |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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France (1) _____ baguettes. They are currently (2) _____. High energy costs are forcing bakers to close their (3) _____ baguette prices. Wheat supply issues caused by the Ukraine War are adding (4) _____. One baker is worried about his future. He may (5) _____ his baguette prices. He said: "I cannot pay an electricity bill of 12,000 euros with (6) _____ 20,000 euros."

France's President Macron (7) _____ the baguette. He described it as "250 grams of (8) _____". France introduced an "electricity damper" to limit how much bakers' (9) _____ rise by. Eligible bakers can benefit (10) _____. Consumers also have tough choices. One said she didn't want to (11) _____. She said she may have to "because there is (12) _____ a baguette".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BREAD SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about bread 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **bread** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
