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**Level 2** – 13th July 2023

## Switzerland imports more cheese than it exports

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

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Switzerland is a country famous for producing cheese. However, it is now importing more cheese than it exports for the first time. The reason is that Switzerland opened up its milk market. Other countries can sell milk in Switzerland. This means it is difficult for Swiss farmers to compete with cheaper, imported milk. Many dairy farmers have given up because they cannot make a profit. This has decreased the quantity of cheese made in Switzerland. The Swiss Dairy Association said the country can now only make enough cheese for its own population.

Swiss cheese is well known for its high quality. It is often on the menu of restaurants worldwide. However, restaurants and supermarkets are replacing Swiss cheeses with those from other countries. Even though Switzerland is exporting less cheese, the Swiss are still big cheese eaters. They are eating more cheese than ever. Swiss people ate an average of 22.9 kg per person last year. A dairy farmer was sad to see dairy farms disappearing. She said: "Cheese is a big part of life in Switzerland. We need our farms, and cheese."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a country famous for              | a. given up           |
| 2. for the                           | b. up its milk market |
| 3. Switzerland opened                | c. its own population |
| 4. it is difficult for Swiss farmers | d. producing cheese   |
| 5. Many dairy farmers have           | e. of cheese          |
| 6. they cannot make                  | f. to compete         |
| 7. decreased the quantity            | g. a profit           |
| 8. make enough cheese for            | h. first time         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. It is often                 | a. part of life          |
| 2. Switzerland is              | b. cheese eaters         |
| 3. the Swiss are still big     | c. our farms             |
| 4. They are eating more cheese | d. on the menu           |
| 5. people ate an average       | e. disappearing          |
| 6. sad to see dairy farms      | f. than ever             |
| 7. Cheese is a big             | g. exporting less cheese |
| 8. We need                     | h. of 22.9 kg            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Switzerland is a country (1) \_\_\_\_\_ cheese. However, it is now importing more cheese than it exports for the first time. The reason is that Switzerland (2) \_\_\_\_\_ milk market. Other countries can sell milk in Switzerland. This means it is difficult for Swiss farmers to (3) \_\_\_\_\_, imported milk. Many dairy farmers have given up because they cannot (4) \_\_\_\_\_. This has (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of cheese made in Switzerland. The Swiss Dairy Association said the country can now only make enough cheese for (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Swiss cheese is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ its high quality. It is often on the menu of restaurants worldwide. However, restaurants and supermarkets are replacing Swiss cheeses with (8) \_\_\_\_\_ countries. Even though Switzerland is exporting less cheese, the Swiss are still (9) \_\_\_\_\_. They are eating more cheese than ever. Swiss people ate an average of 22.9 kg (10) \_\_\_\_\_ year. A dairy farmer was (11) \_\_\_\_\_ dairy farms disappearing. She said: "Cheese is a big part of life in Switzerland. We (12) \_\_\_\_\_, and cheese."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CHEESE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about cheese 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) \_\_\_\_\_

