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Level 2 – 28th March 2024

Climate change increases price of Easter eggs

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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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Easter eggs will be much more expensive this year. The reason is climate change. Extreme weather has made growing cocoa more challenging. Cocoa beans are used to make chocolate. Around 70 per cent of the world's cocoa beans are grown in West Africa. Recent heatwaves and heavy rains have greatly cut the amount of cocoa beans grown. The Reuters news agency said cocoa prices have more than doubled in the past year. A climate analyst said farmers in West Africa were, "struggling in the face of both extreme heat and rainfall".

People give chocolate eggs for the Christian holiday of Easter. This celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Wikipedia says chocolate eggs first appeared in France in 1725. In 1873, the English chocolate company J.S. Fry made the first hollow chocolate egg. It was similar to the ones we can buy today. Wikipedia says: "In Western cultures, the giving of chocolate eggs is now commonplace." However, climate change is making it more difficult to grow cocoa beans. Climate analysts say we need to cut fossil fuel emissions if we want to keep having cocoa and chocolate.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. eggs will be much more | a. of cocoa beans grown |
| 2. The reason | b. to make chocolate |
| 3. Cocoa beans are used | c. analyst |
| 4. heatwaves and | d. is climate change |
| 5. greatly cut the amount | e. heat |
| 6. cocoa prices have more | f. heavy rains |
| 7. climate | g. than doubled |
| 8. extreme | h. expensive this year |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the Christian | a. it more difficult |
| 2. This celebrates the resurrection | b. having cocoa |
| 3. the first hollow | c. fuel emissions |
| 4. similar to the ones | d. of Jesus |
| 5. In Western | e. we can buy today |
| 6. climate change is making | f. holiday of Easter |
| 7. we need to cut fossil | g. chocolate egg |
| 8. keep | h. cultures |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Easter eggs will (1) _____ expensive this year. The reason is climate change. Extreme weather (2) _____ cocoa more challenging. Cocoa beans are used to make chocolate. Around 70 per cent of the world's cocoa (3) _____ in West Africa. Recent heatwaves and heavy rains have greatly (4) _____ of cocoa beans grown. The Reuters news agency said cocoa prices have more (5) _____ the past year. A climate analyst said farmers in West Africa were, "struggling in the face of (6) _____ and rainfall".

People give chocolate eggs for (7) _____ of Easter. This celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Wikipedia says chocolate eggs (8) _____ France in 1725. In 1873, the English chocolate company J.S. Fry made (9) _____ chocolate egg. It was similar to the ones we can buy today. Wikipedia says: "In Western cultures, the giving of chocolate eggs (10) _____." However, climate change is making it more (11) _____ cocoa beans. Climate analysts say we need to (12) _____ emissions if we want to keep having cocoa and chocolate.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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EASTER EGGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Easter eggs 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 **Easter eggs** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
