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Level 2 – 22nd January 2026

Millions of French fries wash up on UK beach

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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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Visitors to a beach saw a strange sight this week. The beach was covered in French fries ("chips" in British English). Thousands of bags of chips washed up on a beach in England. The bags were in containers that fell off ships. Bad weather caused three of the containers to fall into the sea. Tides carried one of the containers to the shore. A local man found the chips. He said: "From a distance, it looked like the golden sand of a Caribbean beach, but on closer inspection, we saw not just the chips, but chip bags." He said the chips were 75 cm deep in some places.

Many volunteers went to the beach to help clean it up. The local man said the chips were a danger to the environment. He said: "Removing the plastic bags is a priority." He is worried about seals that live near the beach. He said: "If the seals see the bags, they will...try to eat them." A local official warned people to be careful if they go to the beach. She said: "Some of the food items washing on to the shoreline may be harmful." She asked people to report any new food. The chip spill is the second such event recently. Last month, thousands of bananas washed ashore.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Visitors to a beach saw | a. tides |
| 2. The beach was covered | b. British English |
| 3. "chips" in | c. were 75 cm deep |
| 4. The bags were in shipping | d. in French fries |
| 5. cargo | e. distance |
| 6. currents and | f. containers |
| 7. from a | g. a strange sight |
| 8. In some areas, the chips | h. ships |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. volunteers went to the beach | a. the environment |
| 2. the chips were a danger to | b. near the beach |
| 3. Removing the plastic | c. official |
| 4. seals that live | d. bananas washed ashore |
| 5. If the seals | e. such event |
| 6. a local | f. bags is a priority |
| 7. The chip spill is the second | g. to help clean it |
| 8. thousands of | h. see the bags |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Visitors to a beach saw a (1) _____ week. The beach was covered in French fries ("chips" in British English). Thousands of bags of chips (2) _____ a beach in England. The bags were in containers that fell off ships. Bad weather (3) _____ the containers to fall into the sea. Tides carried one of the containers to the shore. (4) _____ found the chips. He said: "(5) _____, it looked like the golden sand of a Caribbean beach, but on closer inspection, we saw not just the chips, but chip bags." He said the chips were 75 cm (6) _____ places.

Many volunteers went to the beach to help (7) _____. The local man said the chips were a danger to the environment. He said: "Removing the plastic bags is a priority." He is worried (8) _____ live near the beach. He said: "If the seals see the bags, they will...try to eat them." (9) _____ warned people to be careful if they go to the beach. She said: "Some of the food items washing on to the shoreline (10) _____." She asked people to (11) _____ food. The chip spill is the second such event recently. Last month, thousands of (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CHIPS SURVEY

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

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