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**Level 3 – 22nd January 2026**

## Millions of French fries wash up on UK beach

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260122-bags-of-chips.html>

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# WARM-UPS

**1. CHIPS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about chips. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

beach / unusual sight / French fries / shipping / tides / sand / Caribbean / chips /  
clean-up / environmental hazard / plastic bags / seals / dogs / debris / bananas

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. FRENCH FRIES:** Students A **strongly** believe French fries are the best snack food; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. SNACK FOOD:** What do you think of these snack foods? What are the good and bad things about them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Think	Good Things	Bad Things
Chips (French fries)			
Crisps (potato chips)			
Pizza			
Popcorn			
Peanuts			
Cookies			

**5. SHIP:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "ship". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. CHIPS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to put on chips at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Ketchup
- Salt
- Curry sauce
- Gravy
- Mayonnaise
- Vinegar
- Cheese sauce
- Chili

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 1. unusual    | a. How far one thing is from another.                                       |
| 2. shoreline  | b. The place where the land meets the sea.                                  |
| 3. container  | c. Goods/Things that are carried by a ship, plane or truck.                 |
| 4. cargo      | d. Something that is not common or not normal.                              |
| 5. tides      | e. A careful look at something.   |
| 6. distance   | f. A very large, giant box that is used to carry things on a ship or truck. |
| 7. inspection | g. The rise and fall of the sea twice a day.                                |

## Paragraph 2

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 8. volunteers       | h. A group of animals that live together.                                    |
| 9. hazard           | i. Something that is more important and should be done first.                |
| 10. priority        | j. A long cord/strap used to take a dog for a walk and stop it running away. |
| 11. colony          | k. People who help or do work without getting paid.                          |
| 12. official (noun) | l. Something that can be dangerous.  |
| 13. lead (noun)     | m. Broken or unwanted pieces left after something happens.                   |
| 14. debris          | n. A person who works for the government or an organization.                 |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260122-bags-of-chips.html>

## 1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Visitors to a beach saw people cooking millions of French fries. **T / F**
2. Millions of bags of chips washed up on the beach. **T / F**
3. The fries came from a shipping container from a cargo ship. **T / F**
4. The chips made the beach look like the Caribbean's golden sand. **T / F**
5. The fries were good news for seals, who had lots of food to eat. **T / F**
6. A local official said dogs should be on leads so they do not attack seals. **T / F**
7. The official asked people to report any seals they find eating chips. **T / F**
8. Thousands of bananas washed ashore last month in the same county. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. <b>unusual</b> | a. drop      |
| 2. <b>beach</b>   | b. community |
| 3. <b>fall</b>    | c. places    |
| 4. <b>find</b>    | d. assisting |
| 5. <b>areas</b>   | e. waste     |
| 6. <b>helping</b> | f. strange   |
| 7. <b>hazard</b>  | g. dangerous |
| 8. <b>colony</b>  | h. danger    |
| 9. <b>harmful</b> | i. shore     |
| 10. <b>debris</b> | j. discover  |

## 3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Visitors to a UK beach saw      | a. clean up the beach |
| 2. shipping                        | b. weather            |
| 3. bad                             | c. were 75 cm deep    |
| 4. From a                          | d. leads              |
| 5. In some areas, the chips        | e. containers         |
| 6. Volunteers are helping to       | f. priority           |
| 7. the chips were an environmental | g. an unusual sight   |
| 8. Removing the plastic bags is a  | h. of bananas         |
| 9. keep dogs on                    | i. hazard             |
| 10. thousands                      | j. distance           |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260122-bags-of-chips.html>

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Volunteers are (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to clean up the beach. Many people came to the beach to help the clean-up. Mr Bonnici said the chips were an environmental (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "Removing the plastic bags is a priority." He is worried about a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of seals that live near the beach. Bonnici said: "If the seals see the bags, they will play with them or try to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ them." A local official warned people to be careful if they go to the beach. She said: "Please keep (13) \_\_\_\_\_ on leads as some of the food items washing on to the shoreline may be (14) \_\_\_\_\_ to them." She asked people to "report any new debris". The chip spill is the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ such event in Sussex recently. Last month, (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of bananas washed ashore.

*find*  
*ships*  
*areas*  
*shoreline*  
*sea*  
*unusual*  
*golden*  
*washed*

*eat*  
*second*  
*hazard*  
*dogs*  
*thousands*  
*helping*  
*harmful*  
*colony*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260122-bags-of-chips.html>

- 1) Visitors to a UK beach saw an unusual sight \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. earlier that week
  - b. earlier these weeks
  - c. earlier this week
  - d. earlier this weeks
- 2) The bags were in shipping containers that fell \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of cargo ships
  - b. off cargo ship
  - c. off cargo ships
  - d. off car go ships
- 3) Bad weather caused three of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. containers to fell
  - b. containers to fall
  - c. containers to fail
  - d. containers to feel
- 4) but on closer inspection, we saw not just the chips, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. but chip bags
  - b. put chip bags
  - c. but chip bag
  - d. but chipped bags
- 5) He added: "In some areas, the chips \_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. were 75 cm deep
  - b. were 75 cm depth
  - c. were 75 cm deepen
  - d. were 75 cm deeps
- 6) Mr Bonnici said the chips were \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. an environmental hazards
  - b. an environmental hazard
  - c. an environmental hazardous
  - d. an environmentalist hazard
- 7) Removing the plastic bags is a priority." He is worried about a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. colon knee of seals
  - b. colony off seals
  - c. colony of seals
  - d. collar knee of seals
- 8) some of the food items washing on to the shoreline may be \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. harmful at them
  - b. harmful for them
  - c. harmful to them
  - d. harmful on them
- 9) She asked people to "report \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. any new daybreak
  - b. any new day bris
  - c. any news debris
  - d. any new debris
- 10) Last month, thousands of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. bananas washed a shore
  - b. bananas washed assure
  - c. bananas washed ash or
  - d. bananas washed ashore

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260122-bags-of-chips.html>

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Volunteers (7) \_\_\_\_\_ clean up the beach. Many people came to the beach to help the clean-up. Mr Bonnici said the chips were (8) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "Removing the plastic bags is a priority." He is worried about a colony of seals that live near the beach. Bonnici said: "If the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ bags, they will play with them or try to eat them." A local official warned people to be careful if they go to the beach. She said: "Please keep (10) \_\_\_\_\_ as some of the food items washing on to the shoreline may (11) \_\_\_\_\_ them." She asked people to "report any new debris". The chip spill is the second such event in Sussex recently. Last month, thousands (12) \_\_\_\_\_ ashore.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260122-bags-of-chips.html>

1. What is 'French fries' in British English?
2. Where in the UK is the beach on which the fries washed up?
3. What fell off of cargo ships in the English Channel?
4. Who is Joel Bonnici?
5. How deep were the fires and bags in some places?
6. What did volunteers go to the beach to do?
7. What did Joel Bonnici say was a priority?
8. What might eat the fries?
9. What did an official request people to do to dogs?
10. What washed ashore at another beach last month?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260122-bags-of-chips.html>

- 1) What is 'French fries' in British English?
  - a) crisps
  - b) potato fries
  - c) chips
  - d) potato chips
- 2) Where in the UK is the beach on which the fries washed up?
  - a) Sussex
  - b) Essex
  - c) Middlesex
  - d) Wessex
- 3) What fell off of cargo ships in the English Channel?
  - a) potatoes
  - b) shipping containers
  - c) crisps
  - d) bags of potato starch
- 4) Who is Joel Bonnici?
  - a) a chef
  - b) a potato farmer
  - c) a dog owner
  - d) a local man
- 5) How deep were the fires and bags in some places?
  - a) 85 cm
  - b) 75 cm
  - c) 65 cm
  - d) 55 cm
- 6) What did volunteers go to the beach to do?
  - a) get free fries
  - b) clean it up
  - c) take photos
  - d) cook the fries
- 7) What did Joel Bonnici say was a priority?
  - a) public health
  - b) eating the chips
  - c) keeping the seas safe
  - d) removing plastic bags
- 8) What might eat the fries?
  - a) dogs
  - b) seals
  - c) crabs
  - d) dolphins
- 9) What did an official request people to do to dogs?
  - a) Get them to swim in the sea.
  - b) Keep them on a lead.
  - c) Take them for a walk.
  - d) Be kind to them.
- 10) What washed ashore at another beach last month?
  - a) thousands of bananas
  - b) tens of thousands of pineapples
  - c) hundreds of thousands of papayas
  - d) thousands of chicken nuggets

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260122-bags-of-chips.html>

## **Role A – Ketchup**

You think ketchup is the best thing to put on chips. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): salt, mayonnaise or chili.

## **Role B – Salt**

You think salt is the best thing to put on chips. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): ketchup, mayonnaise or chili.

## **Role C – Mayonnaise**

You think mayonnaise is the best thing to put on chips. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): salt, ketchup or chili.

## **Role D – Chili**

You think chili is the best thing to put on chips. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): salt, mayonnaise or ketchup.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260122-bags-of-chips.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'bag' and 'chips'.

<b>bag</b>	<b>chips</b>

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• unusual</li><li>• thousands</li><li>• bad</li><li>• local</li><li>• golden</li><li>• areas</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• volunteers</li><li>• plastic</li><li>• play</li><li>• careful</li><li>• report</li><li>• event</li></ul>
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# CHIPS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260122-bags-of-chips.html>

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.

# CHIPS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'fries'?
3. Do you prefer the UK English 'chips' or American English 'fries'?
4. What do you think of beaches?
5. What would you do if you saw a beach covered in chips?
6. When was the last time you went to a beach?
7. What do you think of Caribbean beaches?
8. Have you ever seen anything strange on a beach?
9. What is the best thing to eat with chips?
10. What's the best thing to put on top of chips?

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# CHIPS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'chips'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of chips or fries?
15. What are the differences between chips and French fries?
16. What things have you volunteered for?
17. What kind of hazard might the chips be?
18. What do you know about seals?
19. Who should pay for the clean-up of the spilt chips?
20. What questions would you like to ask a chip maker?

## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |               |              |              |              |
|-----|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) unusually | (b) usually  | (c) usual    | (d) unusual  |
| 2.  | (a) over      | (b) down     | (c) in       | (d) up       |
| 3.  | (a) tankers   | (b) ships    | (c) canoes   | (d) kayaks   |
| 4.  | (a) hides     | (b) rides    | (c) tides    | (d) bides    |
| 5.  | (a) far       | (b) isolated | (c) distance | (d) measure  |
| 6.  | (a) areas     | (b) arenas   | (c) auras    | (d) aerials  |
| 7.  | (a) helper    | (b) help     | (c) helping  | (d) helps    |
| 8.  | (a) priority  | (b) priory   | (c) property | (d) properly |
| 9.  | (a) those     | (b) them     | (c) these    | (d) that     |
| 10. | (a) strings   | (b) chains   | (c) leads    | (d) ropes    |
| 11. | (a) by        | (b) of       | (c) to       | (d) at       |
| 12. | (a) dusted    | (b) wiped    | (c) cleaned  | (d) washed   |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2016/260122-bags-of-chips.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. The renisheol was covered in French fries
2. The bags were in shipping aitrsecnno
3. cogar ships
4. currents and tside
5. on closer cneptionis
6. in some reasa

## Paragraph 2

7. the chips were an environmental azdahr
8. Removing the plastic bags is a iyroiptr
9. a nolcoy of seals
10. a local lfficoia
11. report any new eibrsd
12. the second such event in Sussex yleenctr

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260122-bags-of-chips.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- (   ) but chip bags." He added: "In some areas, the chips were 75 cm deep."
- (   ) careful if they go to the beach. She said: "Please keep dogs on leads as some of the food items washing on to the
- (   ) clean-up. Mr Bonnici said the chips were an environmental hazard. He said: "Removing the plastic bags is a
- (   ) distance, it looked like the golden sand of a Caribbean beach, but on closer inspection, we saw not just the chips,
- (   ) English Channel. Bad weather caused three of the containers to fall into the sea. Currents and tides carried one
- (   ) event in Sussex recently. Last month, thousands of bananas washed ashore.
- (   ) in French fries ("chips" in British English). Thousands of bags of chips washed
- (   ) of the containers and the chips to the shore. Joel Bonnici, a local man, was the first to find the chips. He said: "From a
- (   ) priority." He is worried about a colony of seals that live near the beach. Bonnici said: "If the seals
- (   ) see the bags, they will play with them or try to eat them." A local official warned people to be
- (   ) shoreline may be harmful to them." She asked people to "report any new debris". The chip spill is the second such
- (   ) up on a beach in the county of Sussex. The bags were in shipping containers that fell off cargo ships in the
- ( **1** ) Visitors to a UK beach saw an unusual sight earlier this week. The shoreline was covered
- (   ) Volunteers are helping to clean up the beach. Many people came to the beach to help the

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260122-bags-of-chips.html>

1. to Visitors beach a an saw sight unusual .
2. The was shoreline in covered fries French .
3. Bags chips of up washed a on beach .
4. weather Bad three caused to containers fall .
5. looked It the like of sand beach a .
6. Volunteers helping are clean to the up beach .
7. said He chips the an were hazard environmental .
8. He worried is a about of colony seals .
9. local A warned official to people careful be .
10. Last thousands, month bananas of ashore washed .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260122-bags-of-chips.html>

Visitors to a UK beach saw an *usual* / *unusual* sight earlier this week. The shoreline was covered *in* / *on* French fries ("chips" in British English). Thousands of bags of chips washed *up* / *down* on a beach in the county of Sussex. The bags were in shipping *contains* / *containers* that fell off cargo ships in the English Channel. *Bad* / *Badly* weather caused three of the containers to fall into the sea. Currents and *tides* / *tidal* carried one of the containers and the chips to the *sure* / *shore*. Joel Bonnici, a *locally* / *local* man, was the first to find the chips. He said: "From a distance, it looked like the golden sand of a Caribbean beach, *but* / *so* on closer inspection, we saw not just the chips, but chip bags." He added: "In some *arenas* / *areas*, the chips were 75 cm deep."

Volunteers are helping to clean *down* / *up* the beach. Many people came to the beach to *helping* / *help* the clean-up. Mr Bonnici said the chips were an environmental *hazard* / *hazardous*. He said: "Removing the plastic bags is a priority." He is worried about a colony of seals *what* / *that* live near the beach. Bonnici said: "If the seals see the bags, they will play with them or try to eat *these* / *them*." A local official *warned* / *warning* people to be careful if they go to the beach. She said: "Please keep dogs on *reads* / *leads* as some of the food items washing on to the shoreline may be harmful *at* / *to* them." She asked people to "report any *news* / *new* debris". The chip spill is the second such event in Sussex recently. Last month, thousands of bananas washed *shore* / *ashore*.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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V\_s\_t\_rs t\_ \_ \_K b\_\_ch s\_w \_n \_n\_s\_\_l s\_gh\_t \_\_rl\_\_r  
th\_s w\_\_k. Th\_ sh\_r\_l\_n\_ w\_s c\_v\_r\_d \_n Fr\_nch fr\_\_s  
("ch\_ps" \_n Br\_t\_sh \_ngl\_sh). Th\_\_s\_nds \_f b\_gs \_f  
ch\_ps w\_sh\_d \_p \_n \_ b\_\_ch \_n th\_ c\_\_nty \_f S\_ss\_x.  
Th\_ b\_gs w\_r\_ \_n sh\_pp\_ng c\_nt\_\_n\_rs th\_t f\_ll \_ff  
c\_rg\_ sh\_ps \_n th\_ \_ngl\_sh Ch\_nn\_l. B\_d w\_\_th\_r  
c\_\_s\_d thr\_\_ \_f th\_ c\_nt\_\_n\_rs t\_ f\_ll \_nt\_ th\_ s\_\_.  
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th\_ ch\_ps t\_ th\_ sh\_r\_. J\_\_l B\_nn\_c\_, \_ l\_c\_l m\_n,  
w\_s th\_ f\_rst t\_ f\_nd th\_ ch\_ps. H\_ s\_\_d: "Fr\_m \_  
d\_st\_nc\_, \_t l\_\_k\_d l\_k\_ th\_ g\_ld\_n s\_nd \_f \_  
C\_r\_bb\_\_n b\_\_ch, b\_t \_n cl\_s\_r \_nsp\_ct\_\_n, w\_ s\_w  
n\_t j\_st th\_ ch\_ps, b\_t ch\_p b\_gs." H\_ \_dd\_d: "\_n  
s\_m\_ \_r\_\_s, th\_ ch\_ps w\_r\_ 75 cm d\_\_p."

V\_l\_nt\_\_rs \_r\_ h\_l\_p\_ng t\_ cl\_\_n \_p th\_ b\_\_ch. M\_ny  
p\_\_pl\_ c\_m\_ t\_ th\_ b\_\_ch t\_ h\_l\_p th\_ cl\_\_n-p. Mr  
B\_nn\_c\_ s\_\_d th\_ ch\_ps w\_r\_ \_n \_nv\_r\_nm\_nt\_l h\_z\_rd.  
H\_ s\_\_d: "R\_m\_v\_ng th\_ pl\_st\_c b\_gs \_s \_ pr\_\_r\_ty."  
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th\_ b\_\_ch. B\_nn\_c\_ s\_\_d: "\_f th\_ s\_\_ls s\_\_ th\_ b\_gs,  
th\_y w\_ll pl\_y w\_th th\_m \_r try t\_ \_\_t th\_m." \_ l\_c\_l  
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th\_ b\_\_ch. Sh\_ s\_\_d: "Pl\_\_s k\_\_p d\_gs \_n l\_\_ds \_s  
s\_m\_ \_f th\_ f\_\_d \_t\_ms w\_sh\_ng \_n t\_ th\_ sh\_r\_l\_n\_  
m\_y b\_ h\_rmf\_l t\_ th\_m." Sh\_ \_sk\_d p\_\_pl\_ t\_ "r\_p\_r\_t  
\_ny n\_w d\_br\_s". Th\_ ch\_p sp\_ll \_s th\_ s\_c\_nd s\_ch  
\_v\_nt \_n S\_ss\_x r\_c\_ntly. L\_st m\_nth, th\_\_s\_nds \_f  
b\_n\_n\_s w\_sh\_d \_sh\_r\_.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/20122-bags-of-chips.html>

visitors to a uk beach saw an unusual sight earlier this week the shoreline was covered in french fries chips in british english thousands of bags of chips washed up on a beach in the county of sussex the bags were in shipping containers that fell off cargo ships in the english channel bad weather caused three of the containers to fall into the sea currents and tides carried one of the containers and the chips to the shore joel bonnici a local man was the first to find 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 added in some areas the chips were 75 cm deep

volunteers are helping to clean up the beach many people came to the beach to help the cleanup mr bonnici said the chips were an environmental hazard he said removing the plastic bags is a priority he is worried about a colony of seals that live near the beach bonnici said if the seals see the bags they will play with them or try to eat them a local official warned people to be careful if they go to the beach she said please keep dogs on leads as some of the food items washing on to the shoreline may be harmful to them she asked people to report any new debris the chip spill is the second such event in sussex recently last month thousands of bananas washed ashore

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2016/2601/260122-bags-of-chips.html>

Write about **chips/French fries** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2016/2601/260122-bags-of-chips.html>

The UK word "chip" is better than the American English word "French fry". Discuss.

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CHIPS:** Make a poster about chips. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. CLEAN-UPS:** Write a magazine article about all of us getting involved in community clean-ups. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on chips. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on chips. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d    2. b    3. f    4. c    5. g    6. a    7. e  
8. k    9. l    10. i    11. h    12. n    13. j    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 T    4 T    5 F    6 F    7 F    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. i	3. a	4. j	5. c
6. d	7. h	8. b	9. g	10. e

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Chips
2. (The country of) Sussex
3. Shipping containers
4. A local man
5. 75 cm deep
6. Clean it up
7. Removing plastic bags
8. Seals
9. Keep them on a lead.
10. Thousands of bananas

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Visitors to a beach saw an unusual sight.
2. The shoreline was covered in French fries.
3. Bags of chips washed up on a beach.
4. Bad weather caused three containers to fall.
5. It looked like the sand of a beach.
6. Volunteers are helping to clean up the beach.
7. He said the chips were an environmental hazard.
8. He is worried about a colony of seals.
9. A local official warned people to be careful.
10. Last month, thousands of bananas washed ashore.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c    2. a    3. b    4. d    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. b    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)