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Iran war turns Japan's snack packaging black and white

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260518-food-packaging-ink.html>

The Iran war has brought unexpected consequences for food makers in Japan. A shortage of a product needed to manufacture ink has caused several companies to change the design of their food wrapping. Major snack manufacturer Calbee is temporarily changing the packaging for some of its most popular products to black and white. The company sells some of the best-selling potato chips in Japan. A spokesperson said some of its products will come with a printed message that explains: "Packaged to save oil-related materials." Meanwhile, food and beverage maker Kagome will make some of the wrapping for its popular ketchup transparent in a bid to deal with the ink shortage.

Tensions in the Middle East are responsible for a shortage of a hydrocarbon liquid called naphtha. This is an important component in the production of plastics, solvents and printing ink. It is derived from crude oil. At the end of April, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi assured industry leaders that Japan had secured enough naphtha to last beyond this year. She said countermeasures would be taken to ensure a supply of the liquid. These include a ramping up of domestic production, and a threefold increase in naphtha imports from countries outside the Middle East. However, Calbee said: "Depending on how the situation evolves, we anticipate the possibility of additional impacts arising."

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WARM-UPS

1. FOOD PACKAGING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about food packaging. 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?

Iran war / consequences / food makers / ink / black and white / snacks / potato chips tensions / the Middle East / hydrocarbon / plastics / industry leaders / production

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

3. BLACK AND WHITE: Students A **strongly** believe all packaging should be black and white; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PACKAGING: What do you think of the packaging for these things? How could it be better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Think	Improvements
Potato chips		
Computers		
Fast food		
Smartphones		
Online shopping parcels		
Medicines		

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

6. SHORTAGES: Rank these with your partner. Put the worst shortages at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Printer ink
- Chocolates
- Antibiotics
- Coffee
- Semiconductors
- Rice
- Coal
- Housing

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. unexpected | a. A drink. |
| 2. consequences | b. An attempt to do something. |
| 3. wrapping | c. Something surprising that you did not think would happen. |
| 4. packaged | d. Things that happen because of something else. |
| 5. beverage | e. Put into a box, bag, or other container. |
| 6. transparent | f. Clear so you can see through it. |
| 7. bid | g. Paper, plastic, or other material around a product. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| 8. shortage | h. Changes or develops over time. |
| 9. hydrocarbon | i. Increasing something. |
| 10. component | j. Actions taken to stop a problem or make it less bad. |
| 11. countermeasures | k. Not having enough of something. |
| 12. ramping up | l. Think that something will happen in the future. |
| 13. evolves | m. A substance made from oil or gas. |
| 14. anticipate | n. One part of something larger. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260518-food-packaging-ink.html>

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

1. All of the packaging ink in Japan has run out. **T / F**
2. A Japanese snack maker is changing all its packaging to black and white. **T / F**
3. A message on the potato chips explains the black and white packaging. **T / F**
4. A company that makes ketchup will change its ketchup colour from red. **T / F**
5. The ink shortage is because of the increased price of crude oil. **T / F**
6. Japan's prime minister said her country has enough ink until next year. **T / F**
7. Japan will buy three times more naphtha from Middle Eastern countries. **T / F**
8. A potato chip maker said it is thinking about future problems. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. consequences | a. drink |
| 2. shortage | b. provisionally |
| 3. temporarily | c. obtained |
| 4. products | d. scarcity |
| 5. beverage | e. strained relations |
| 6. tensions | f. expect |
| 7. liquid | g. results |
| 8. secured | h. increasing |
| 9. ramping up | i. goods |
| 10. anticipate | j. fluid |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. unexpected consequences | a. with a printed message |
| 2. A shortage of a product needed | b. maker |
| 3. its products will come | c. beyond this year |
| 4. food and beverage | d. called naphtha |
| 5. in a bid to deal | e. to manufacture ink |
| 6. a shortage of a hydrocarbon liquid | f. of domestic production |
| 7. an important component in the | g. consequences for food makers |
| 8. enough naphtha to last | h. in naphtha imports |
| 9. a ramping up | i. with the ink shortage |
| 10. a threefold increase | j. production of plastics |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260518-food-packaging-ink.html>

The Iran war has brought (1) _____ consequences for food makers in Japan. A shortage of a product needed to (2) _____ ink has caused several companies to change the design of their food wrapping. Major snack manufacturer Calbee is (3) _____ changing the packaging for some of its most (4) _____ products to black and white. The company sells some of the best-selling potato chips in Japan. A spokesperson said some of its products will come with a printed (5) _____ that explains: "Packaged to save oil-related materials." Meanwhile, food and (6) _____ maker Kagome will make some of the wrapping for its popular (7) _____ transparent in a bid to deal with the ink (8) _____.

popular
unexpected
ketchup
temporarily
shortage
message
manufacture
beverage

Tensions in the Middle East are responsible for a (9) _____ of a hydrocarbon liquid called naphtha. This is an important component in the production of plastics, (10) _____ and printing ink. It is (11) _____ from crude oil. At the end of April, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi assured (12) _____ leaders that Japan had secured enough naphtha to last beyond this year. She said countermeasures would be taken to (13) _____ a supply of the liquid. These include a ramping up of domestic production, and a (14) _____ increase in naphtha imports from countries outside the Middle East. However, Calbee said: "Depending on how the (15) _____ evolves, we anticipate the possibility of additional impacts (16) _____."

threefold
derived
ensure
shortage
arising
solvents
industry
situation

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The Iran war has brought unexpected consequences _____
 - a. four food makers
 - b. for foodie makers
 - c. for food makers
 - d. for food maker
- 2) ink has caused several companies to change the design of _____
 - a. their food warping
 - b. their food rapping
 - c. their food lapping
 - d. their food wrapping
- 3) Major snack manufacturer Calbee is temporarily _____
 - a. changing the package in
 - b. changing a packaging
 - c. changing the packaging
 - d. change in the packaging
- 4) A spokesperson said some of its products will come with _____
 - a. a print it message
 - b. a printable message
 - c. a printed message
 - d. a printed message
- 5) beverage maker Kagome will make some of the wrapping for its _____
 - a. popular ketchup transparency
 - b. popular ketchup transparent
 - c. poplar ketchup transparent
 - d. populate ketchup transparent
- 6) Tensions in the Middle East are responsible for a shortage _____
 - a. of a hypo-carbon
 - b. of a hydra carbon
 - c. of a hidden carbon
 - d. of a hydrocarbon
- 7) This is an important component in the _____
 - a. production of plasticity
 - b. production of plasters
 - c. production of plastics
 - d. production of plasterers
- 8) Takaichi assured industry leaders that Japan had secured enough naphtha to last _____
 - a. beyond this year
 - b. beyond this years
 - c. beneath this year
 - d. behind this year
- 9) She said countermeasures would be taken to _____
 - a. insure a supply
 - b. ensure a supply
 - c. ensure a supple
 - d. ensure a supplied
- 10) Depending on how the situation evolves, we anticipate the possibility of _____
 - a. additional impacts a rising
 - b. additional impacts arising
 - c. additional impacts a rise in
 - d. additional impacts arisen

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260518-food-packaging-ink.html>

The Iran war (1) _____ consequences for food makers in Japan. A shortage of a product (2) _____ ink has caused several companies to change the design of their food wrapping. Major snack manufacturer Calbee (3) _____ the packaging for some of its most popular products to black and white. The company sells some of (4) _____ potato chips in Japan. A spokesperson said some of its products will come with a printed message that explains: "Packaged to save (5) _____." Meanwhile, food and beverage maker Kagome will make some of the wrapping for its popular ketchup transparent in a bid to deal with (6) _____.

Tensions in the Middle East are responsible for a shortage (7) _____ liquid called naphtha. This is an important component in the production of (8) _____ printing ink. It is derived from crude oil. At the end of April, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi (9) _____ that Japan had secured enough naphtha to last beyond this year. She said countermeasures would be taken to (10) _____ of the liquid. These include a ramping up of domestic production, and (11) _____ in naphtha imports from countries outside the Middle East. However, Calbee said: "Depending on how the situation evolves, we anticipate the possibility of (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260518-food-packaging-ink.html>

1. What kind of consequences does the article say the Iran war has had?
2. What is there a shortage of?
3. For how long will the potato chip packaging be black and white?
4. What does a message on a potato chip bag say the packaging will save?
5. What will happen to some of the packaging of a popular ketchup?
6. What kind of liquid is naphtha?
7. What is naphtha used to make besides plastics and printing ink?
8. Who assured Japanese industry that there would be enough naphtha?
9. What will Japan do to domestic naphtha production?
10. What will the company Calbee anticipate the possibility of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260518-food-packaging-ink.html>

- 1) What kind of consequences does the article say the Iran war has had?
 - a) economic consequences
 - b) tragic consequences
 - c) unexpected consequences
 - d) political consequences
- 2) What is there a shortage of?
 - a) a product needed to make ink
 - b) potatoes
 - c) plastic bags
 - d) international cooperation
- 3) For how long will the potato chip packaging be black and white?
 - a) temporarily
 - b) for quite a while
 - c) a week or two
 - d) years
- 4) What does a message on a potato chip bag say the packaging will save?
 - a) money
 - b) oil-related materials
 - c) space
 - d) ink
- 5) What will happen to some of the packaging of a popular ketchup?
 - a) It'll be thinner.
 - b) It'll be smaller.
 - c) It'll be white.
 - d) It'll be transparent.
- 6) What kind of liquid is naphtha?
 - a) a silicone
 - b) a hydrocarbon liquid
 - c) an alcohol-based one
 - d) a highly flammable one
- 7) What is naphtha used to make besides plastics and printing ink?
 - a) solvents
 - b) fertilizers
 - c) pesticides
 - d) varnish
- 8) Who assured Japanese industry that there would be enough naphtha?
 - a) the head of the World Naphtha Group
 - b) oil companies
 - c) Japan's prime minister
 - d) Iran's leaders
- 9) What will Japan do to domestic naphtha production?
 - a) assess it
 - b) switch it
 - c) halt it
 - d) ramp it up
- 10) What will the company Calbee anticipate the possibility of?
 - a) additional impacts arising
 - b) changing consumer tastes
 - c) potato prices
 - d) introducing transparent packaging

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Chocolate

You think chocolate is the worst thing for there to be shortages in. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least serious of these (and why): antibiotics, semiconductors or coal.

Role B – Antibiotics

You think antibiotics are the worst things for there to be shortages in. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least serious of these (and why): chocolate, semiconductors or coal.

Role C – Semiconductors

You think semiconductors are the worst things for there to be shortages in. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least serious of these (and why): antibiotics, chocolate or coal.

Role D – Coal

You think coal is the worst thing for there to be shortages in. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least serious of these (and why): antibiotics, semiconductors or chocolate.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260518-food-packaging-ink.html>

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

packaging	snacks

- 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">• unexpected• several• major• sells• printed• bid	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tensions• important• end• ensure• domestic• situation
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FOOD PACKAGING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about food packaging 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.

FOOD PACKAGING 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 'packaging'?
3. What do you think of food packaging?
4. Would you mind if all food packaging was black and white?
5. How has the war in Iran affected you?
6. What do you think of potato chips?
7. Have you ever experienced shortages in anything?
8. What are the snacks in your country like?
9. What do you think of printer ink?
10. Is there too much information and 'stuff' on food packaging?

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FOOD PACKAGING 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 'snack'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What has happened in the Middle East recently?
15. How important is oil in our lives?
16. What should we do about plastics being used for food packaging?
17. How good or bad are potato chips for us?
18. What additional impacts might arise from the Iran war?
19. What is your favourite food packaging?
20. What questions would you like to ask the food makers?

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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Tensions in the Middle East are responsible (7) _____ a shortage of a hydrocarbon liquid called naphtha. This is an important (8) _____ in the production of plastics, solvents and printing ink. It is derived from crude oil. At the end of April, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi (9) _____ industry leaders that Japan had secured enough naphtha to last beyond this year. She said countermeasures would be (10) _____ to ensure a supply of the liquid. These include a ramping up of domestic production, and a threefold increase (11) _____ naphtha imports from countries outside the Middle East. However, Calbee said: "Depending on how the situation evolves, we anticipate the possibility of additional impacts (12) _____."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) bought | (b) blight | (c) brought | (d) blighted |
| 2. | (a) to | (b) by | (c) for | (d) at |
| 3. | (a) temporary | (b) temporarily | (c) temping | (d) temporal |
| 4. | (a) to | (b) as | (c) or | (d) and |
| 5. | (a) take | (b) give | (c) come | (d) go |
| 6. | (a) hid | (b) bid | (c) lid | (d) rid |
| 7. | (a) for | (b) at | (c) to | (d) on |
| 8. | (a) compliant | (b) complement | (c) compliment | (d) component |
| 9. | (a) insured | (b) surely | (c) assured | (d) surety |
| 10. | (a) presided | (b) paid | (c) up | (d) taken |
| 11. | (a) at | (b) in | (c) on | (d) up |
| 12. | (a) arising | (b) arisen | (c) arise | (d) arises |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. unexpected qesncesucneo for food makers
2. a product needed to ftcaamunure ink
3. Calbee is tmralieoryp changing the packaging
4. food and bregveae maker
5. wrapping for its popular pkchetu
6. ratenasnptr

Paragraph 2

7. shortage of a roybhacrodn
8. This is an important ptmoecnon
9. plastics, etsvnslo and printing ink
10. It is derived from eudrc oil
11. a lrhtofede increase
12. we eaicnitpta the possibility

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260518-food-packaging-ink.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Calbee said: "Depending on how the situation evolves, we anticipate the possibility of additional impacts arising."
- () explains: "Packaged to save oil-related materials." Meanwhile, food and beverage
- () in Japan. A spokesperson said some of its products will come with a printed message that
- () ink. It is derived from crude oil. At the end of April, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi assured industry
- () leaders that Japan had secured enough naphtha to last beyond this year. She said countermeasures would be
- () maker Kagome will make some of the wrapping for its popular ketchup transparent in a bid to deal with the ink shortage.
- () naphtha. This is an important component in the production of plastics, solvents and printing
- () needed to manufacture ink has caused several companies to change the design
- () of their food wrapping. Major snack manufacturer Calbee is temporarily changing the packaging for some of its most
- () popular products to black and white. The company sells some of the best-selling potato chips
- () production, and a threefold increase in naphtha imports from countries outside the Middle East. However,
- () taken to ensure a supply of the liquid. These include a ramping up of domestic
- () Tensions in the Middle East are responsible for a shortage of a hydrocarbon liquid called
- (**1**) The Iran war has brought unexpected consequences for food makers in Japan. A shortage of a product

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260518-food-packaging-ink.html>

1. brought consequences has Iran The unexpected war .
2. a ink manufacture needed of product Shortages to .
3. changed Companies design food of their the wrapping .
4. for its ketchup Make popular some transparent wrapping .
5. A bid deal ink shortage the to with .
6. are East Middle responsible Tensions the in .
7. a called hydrocarbon liquid naphtha of shortage A .
8. An component important in of plastics production the .
9. a domestic include of production ramping These up .
10. additional anticipate arising impacts of possibility the We .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260518-food-packaging-ink.html>

The Iran war has *brought / bought* unexpected consequences for food makers in Japan. A *shortage / shortening* of a product needed to manufacture ink has caused several companies to change the *designing / design* of their food wrapping. *Major / Majority* snack manufacturer Calbee is *temporary / temporarily* changing the packaging for some of its most popular products *to / at* black and white. The company sells some of the best-selling potato chips in Japan. A spokesperson said some of its products will come *with / on* a printed message *that / what* explains: "Packaged to save oil-related materials." *Mean / Meanwhile*, food and beverage maker Kagome will make some of the wrapping for its popular ketchup transparent in a bid to deal *of / with* the ink shortage.

Tensions *in / on* the Middle East are responsible for a shortage of a hydrocarbon liquid *name / called* naphtha. This is an important component *in / on* the production of plastics, solvents and printing ink. It is *deprived / derived* from crude oil. At the end of April, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi assured industry leaders that Japan had *security / secured* enough naphtha to last beyond this year. She said countermeasures would be taken to *insure / ensure* a supply of the liquid. These include a ramping *down / up* of domestic production, and a threefold increase *on / in* naphtha imports from countries outside the Middle East. However, Calbee said: "Depending *in / on* how the situation evolves, we anticipate the possibility *at / of* additional impacts arising."

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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Th_ _r_n w_r h_s br__ght _n_xp_ct_d c_ns_q__nc_s f_r
f__d m_k_rs _n J_p_n. _ sh_rt_g_ _f _ pr_d_ct n__d_d
t_ m_n_f_ct_r_ _nk h_s c__s_d s_v_r_l c_m_p_n__s t_
ch_ng_ th_ d_s_gn _f th__r f__d wr_pp_ng. M_j_r
sn_ck m_n_f_ct_r_r C_lb__ _s t_m_p_r_r_ly ch_ng_ng th_
p_ck_g_ng f_r s_m_ _f _ts m_st p_p_l_r pr_d_cts t_
bl_ck _nd wh_t_. Th_ c_m_p_ny s_lls s_m_ _f th_ b_st-
s_ll_ng p_t_t_ ch_p_s _n J_p_n. _ sp_k_sp_rs_n s__d
s_m_ _f _ts pr_d_cts w_ll c_m_ w_th _ pr_nt_d
m_ss_g_ th_t _xpl__ns: "P_ck_g_d t_ s_v_ __l-r_l_t_d
m_t_r__ls." M__nwh_l_, f__d _nd b_v_r_g_ m_k_r
K_g_m_ w_ll m_k_ s_m_ _f th_ wr_pp_ng f_r _ts
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T_ns__ns _n th_ M_ddl_ __st _r_ r_sp_ns_bl_ f_r _
sh_rt_g_ _f _ hydr_c_rb_n l_q__d c_ll_d n_phth_. Th_s
_s _n _mp_r_t_nt c_m_p_n_nt _n th_ pr_d_ct__n _f
pl_st_cs, s_lv_nts _nd pr_nt_ng _nk. _t _s d_r_v_d
fr_m cr_d_ __l. _t th_ _nd _f _pr_l, J_p_n_s_ Pr_m_
M_n_st_r S_n__ T_k__ch_ __ss_r_d _nd_stry l__d_rs th_t
J_p_n h_d s_c_r_d _n__gh n_phth_ t_ l_st b_y_nd th_s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260518-food-packaging-ink.html>

the iran war has brought unexpected consequences for food makers in japan a shortage of a product needed to manufacture ink has caused several companies to change the design of their food wrapping major snack manufacturer calbee is temporarily changing the packaging for some of its most popular products to black and white the company sells some of the bestselling potato chips in japan a spokesperson said some of its products will come with a printed message that explains packaged to save oilrelated materials meanwhile food and beverage maker kagome will make some of the wrapping for its popular ketchup transparent in a bid to deal with the ink shortage

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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. FOOD PACKAGING: Make a poster about food packaging. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BLACK AND WHITE: Write a magazine article about all food packaging being black and white to help protect the environment. 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 food packaging. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Unexpected consequences
2. A product needed to make ink
3. It's temporary.
4. Oil-related materials
5. It'll be transparent.
6. A hydrocarbon liquid
7. Solvents
8. Japan's prime minister
9. Ramp it up (increase it)
10. Additional impacts arising

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. The Iran war has brought unexpected consequences.
2. Shortages of a product needed to manufacture ink.
3. Companies changed the design of their food wrapping.
4. Make some wrapping for its popular ketchup transparent.
5. A bid to deal with the ink shortage.
6. Tensions in the Middle East are responsible.
7. A shortage of a hydrocarbon liquid called naphtha.
8. An important component in the production of plastics.
9. These include a ramping up of domestic production.
10. We anticipate the possibility of additional impacts arising.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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