

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170502-food-waste.html>

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

- a. Britain's government made a statement on global food waste. **T / F**
- b. The U.K. wastes over 70 million tons of food a year. **T / F**
- c. A British politician outlined three solutions to the problem of food waste. **T / F**
- d. The politician said there was no need to change 'sell-by' dates on food. **T / F**
- e. The politician said it was environmentally friendly to throw food away. **T / F**
- f. The politician said people needed to go to banks to buy food. **T / F**
- g. Rotting food produces a gas called methane. **T / F**
- h. The politician said funny-shaped vegetables do not taste different. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

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| 1. produces | a. understanding |
| 2. wasted | b. reality |
| 3. globally | c. just |
| 4. awareness | d. worldwide |
| 5. labels | e. terrible |
| 6. fact | f. makes |
| 7. unacceptable | g. laughable |
| 8. ends up | h. stickers |
| 9. ridiculous | i. thrown away |
| 10. simply | j. goes |

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

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| 1. the high level of food waste in the UK is | a. of food waste |
| 2. One-third of food produced for human | b. taste any different |
| 3. schools could raise children's awareness | c. good food |
| 4. "use-by" dates and | d. people are going hungry |
| 5. Perfectly | e. "unacceptable" |
| 6. the fact that so | f. consumption |
| 7. it is a scandal that | g. changing gas |
| 8. energy and | h. "best before" labels |
| 9. a potent climate- | i. resources are wasted |
| 10. these vegetables don't cook or | j. much food is thrown away |

GAP FILL

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The British government has said that a (1) _____ of the food the world produces is wasted. It said the high (2) _____ of food waste in the UK is "unacceptable". Over 7 million tons of food is wasted in the UK every year. A British (3) _____, Neil Parish, said: "One-third of food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted (4) _____." The government said there were many (5) _____ to the problem of food waste. First, schools could raise children's awareness of food waste from a (6) _____ age. Secondly, supermarkets could sell vegetables that are thrown away because they are the "wrong" shape. Finally, "sell-by" (7) _____, "use-by" dates and "best before" labels (8) _____ to change. Perfectly good food is thrown away because of these labels.

level
globally
young
third
need
politician
dates
solutions

Neil Parish said the (9) _____ that so much food is thrown away is both socially and environmentally (10) _____. He said: "Socially, it is a scandal that people are going hungry and using food (11) _____ when so much produce is being wasted." He added that: "Environmentally, it is a (12) _____, because energy and resources are wasted in production, only for the food to end up (13) _____ in landfills where it produces (14) _____ - a potent climate-changing gas." He called on supermarkets to help by selling vegetables that have a funny (15) _____. He said: "It's ridiculous that perfectly good vegetables are wasted simply because they're a funny shape." He said these vegetables, "don't cook or (16) _____ any different".

unacceptable
methane
disaster
taste
fact
banks
shape
rotting

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The British government has said that a third of the food the world _____
 - a. produces is waste it
 - b. produces is wastage
 - c. produces is wasted
 - d. produces is waste did
- 2) It said the high level of food waste in the UK _____
 - a. it's unacceptably
 - b. is unaccepted
 - c. is unacceptable
 - d. it's unacceptable
- 3) One-third of food produced for human consumption is lost or _____
 - a. wasted globalise
 - b. wasted globalised
 - c. wasted globe ally
 - d. wasted globally
- 4) there were many solutions to the problem _____
 - a. of food waste
 - b. off food waste
 - c. from food waste
 - d. for food waste
- 5) Perfectly good food is thrown away because _____
 - a. off these labels
 - b. of these lapel
 - c. of these labels
 - d. of these lapel
- 6) it is a scandal that people are going hungry and _____
 - a. use in food banks
 - b. used in food banks
 - c. using in food banks
 - d. using food banks
- 7) resources are wasted in production, only for the food to end up _____
 - a. rotting landfill
 - b. rotting in land files
 - c. rot in land flues
 - d. rotting in landfills
- 8) He called on supermarkets to help by _____
 - a. selling in vegetables
 - b. sell in vegetables
 - c. selling vegetable
 - d. selling vegetables
- 9) It's ridiculous that perfectly good vegetables are wasted simply because they're _____
 - a. a fun knee shape
 - b. a funny shape
 - c. a funny shaped
 - d. a fun knee shape
- 10) He said these vegetables, "don't cook or _____"
 - a. tasted any different
 - b. taste any different
 - c. tastes any different
 - d. taster any different

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170502-food-waste.html>

- 1) Which government said the world wastes a lot of food?
 - a) the UAE government
 - b) the U.S. government
 - c) the U.K. government
 - d) the PNG government
- 2) How much food does the UK waste each year?
 - a) 7,000,000 tons
 - b) 700,000 tons
 - c) 70,000,000 tons
 - d) 700,000,000 tons
- 3) What could schools raise among children?
 - a) nutrition levels
 - b) awareness
 - c) exam scores
 - d) good behaviour
- 4) What could sell strange-shaped vegetables?
 - a) charities
 - b) communities
 - c) Amazon.com
 - d) supermarkets
- 5) What kind of labels did the article say need to change?
 - a) price labels
 - b) red labels
 - c) "best before" labels
 - d) sticky labels
- 6) What did the article say was socially and environmentally unacceptable?
 - a) scandals
 - b) throwing away so much food
 - c) eating a lot
 - d) food banks
- 7) Where does food end up rotting?
 - a) everywhere
 - b) in the street
 - c) in gardens
 - d) in landfills
- 8) What gas from rotting food did the article say causes climate change?
 - a) helium
 - b) methane
 - c) butane
 - d) propane
- 9) Why are "perfectly good vegetables" being wasted and thrown away?
 - a) people don't like them
 - b) they have a funny shape
 - c) they are the wrong colour
 - d) they are too small
- 10) What do funny-shaped vegetables not do any differently?
 - a) taste
 - b) grow
 - c) hang
 - d) sell