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## **Level 1**

# **People eat first "Google burger"**

**8th August, 2013**

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# THE READING

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Two people ate meat that was grown in a lab. It is the first time anyone has done this. It was part of a \$380,000 project run by Google boss Sergey Brin. Scientists took two months to grow 20,000 tiny pieces of meat from a cow's stem cells. They added salt, egg, breadcrumbs and other things in the burger. Mr Brin hopes we will eat lab meat in ten years. He doesn't want animals killed for food. He thinks this meat is good for the environment.

Two food experts tested the beef burger. A chef fried it in sunflower oil. Food scientist Hanni Rutzler said it was "close to meat" but it "lacked juiciness" and was a little tough. Writer Josh Schonwald said it was a little dry because it had no fat, but was like a real burger. Many journalists wanted a taste, but there was only one burger. Researcher Mark Post said his children would get any leftovers. Cells from one cow can produce 175 million burgers.

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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. people ate meat that was    | a. of meat           |
| 2. It is the first time anyone | b. for food          |
| 3. tiny pieces                 | c. salt              |
| 4. a cow's stem                | d. environment       |
| 5. They added                  | e. has done this     |
| 6. we will eat lab             | f. cells             |
| 7. animals killed              | g. meat in ten years |
| 8. good for the                | h. grown in a lab    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. food                   | a. fat              |
| 2. fried it               | b. one cow          |
| 3. a little               | c. a taste          |
| 4. it had no              | d. experts          |
| 5. journalists wanted     | e. million burgers  |
| 6. children would get any | f. in sunflower oil |
| 7. Cells from             | g. leftovers        |
| 8. produce 175            | h. tough            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Two food (7) \_\_\_\_\_ beef burger. A chef fried it in sunflower oil. Food scientist Hanni Rutzler said it was "close to meat" but it "(8) \_\_\_\_\_" and was a little tough. Writer Josh Schonwald said it was (9) \_\_\_\_\_ because it had no fat, but was (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Many journalists wanted a taste, but (11) \_\_\_\_\_ burger. Researcher Mark Post said his children would get any leftovers. Cells (12) \_\_\_\_\_ produce 175 million burgers.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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# WRITING

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Write about **burgers** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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