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## **Level 0**

# **Beef production damages the environment**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140724-beef-production-0.html>

Beef farming hurts the environment. It is ten times more harmful than farming other meat. Cows need 28 times more land and 11 times more water than sheep. They also need 160 times more land than potatoes and rice. Scientists said animal farming causes global warming. Fifteen per cent of greenhouse gas is from farming.

Eating less beef will make our carbon footprint smaller. It is better for the environment than driving less. Cows eat a lot of wheat. We can give the wheat that cows eat to help hungry people. Everyone should think about this carefully. A professor said that eating less beef is very good for the environment.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-28409704>  
<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/jul/21/giving-up-beef-reduce-carbon-footprint-more-than-cars>  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/07/21/beef-environmental-impact\\_n\\_5599370.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/07/21/beef-environmental-impact_n_5599370.html)

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140724-beef-production-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Beef farming hurts | a. more harmful    |
| 2. It is ten times    | b. warming         |
| 3. farming other      | c. cent            |
| 4. Cows need 28       | d. and rice        |
| 5. potatoes           | e. times more land |
| 6. global             | f. the environment |
| 7. Fifteen per        | g. gas             |
| 8. greenhouse         | h. meat            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. carbon                     | a. people               |
| 2. better for the environment | b. cows eat             |
| 3. Cows eat a                 | c. beef                 |
| 4. the wheat that             | d. than driving less    |
| 5. help hungry                | e. the environment      |
| 6. Everyone should think      | f. lot of wheat         |
| 7. eating less                | g. footprint            |
| 8. very good for              | h. about this carefully |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Beef (1) \_\_\_\_\_ environment. It is ten times more harmful (2) \_\_\_\_\_ meat. Cows need 28 times more land and 11 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ than sheep. They also (4) \_\_\_\_\_ more land than potatoes and rice. Scientists said animal farming causes (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Fifteen per cent of (6) \_\_\_\_\_ is from farming.

Eating less beef will make our (7) \_\_\_\_\_ smaller. It is better for the environment (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Cows eat a lot of wheat. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the wheat (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to help hungry people. Everyone should think (11) \_\_\_\_\_. A professor said that eating less beef is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ environment.

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140724-beef-production-0.html>

Write about **beef** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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