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## **Level 1**

### **Beef production damages the environment**

**24th July, 2014**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140724-beef-production-1.html>

Scientists say beef production damages the environment. It is ten times more harmful than the production of other meat. Cows need 28 times more land and 11 times more water than sheep. They also produce a lot of greenhouse gas. Potatoes, wheat, and rice need 160 times less land and produce 11 times less greenhouse gases. The scientists said the farming of animals is a big cause of global warming. Fifteen per cent of all greenhouse gas is from farming.

We could make our carbon footprint smaller by eating less beef. A professor said eating less beef is better for the environment than using the car less. Eating less beef means we could give the wheat that cows eat to feed starving people. Many governments do not want to try this. The professor said everyone should think about this carefully. He said that eating less meat, especially less beef, is good for the environment.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-28409704>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140724-beef-production-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. It is ten times       | a. times more land |
| 2. the production        | b. less            |
| 3. Cows need 28          | c. warming         |
| 4. They also produce     | d. of other meat   |
| 5. Potatoes, wheat,      | e. gas             |
| 6. 11 times              | f. a lot           |
| 7. a big cause of global | g. and rice        |
| 8. greenhouse            | h. more harmful    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. carbon             | a. people               |
| 2. eating less        | b. environment          |
| 3. better for the     | c. especially less beef |
| 4. the wheat that     | d. beef                 |
| 5. feed starving      | e. carefully            |
| 6. governments do not | f. cows eat             |
| 7. think about this   | g. footprint            |
| 8. eating less meat,  | h. want to try this     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists say beef production (1) \_\_\_\_\_. It is ten times (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the production of other meat. Cows need 28 times more land (3) \_\_\_\_\_ water than sheep. They also produce a lot of greenhouse gas. Potatoes, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ need 160 times less land and produce 11 times less greenhouse gases. The scientists said the farming of animals (5) \_\_\_\_\_ global warming. Fifteen per cent of all greenhouse (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

We could make (7) \_\_\_\_\_ smaller by eating less beef. A professor said (8) \_\_\_\_\_ is better for the environment than (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Eating less beef means we could (10) \_\_\_\_\_ that cows eat to feed starving people. Many governments do (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The professor said everyone should think about this carefully. He said that eating less meat, especially less beef, is good (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ndandproduce11timeslessgreenhousegases.Thescientistssaidth  
efarmingofanimalsisabigcauseofglobalwarming.Fifteenpercento  
fallgreenhousegasisfromfarming.Wecouldmakeourcarbonfootpri  
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fortheenvironmentthanusingthecarless.Eatinglessbeefmeanswe  
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nkaboutthiscarefully.Hesaidthateatinglessmeat,especiallylessbe  
ef,isgoodfortheenvironment.

## 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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h)

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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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