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## **Level 0**

### **Shoppers in Venezuela to be fingerprinted**

**25th August, 2014**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140825-food-shortages-0.html>

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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/1408/140825-food-shortages-0.html>

There is not enough food in Venezuela's shops. People panic and buy too much. There will be a new system so people can't buy too much. Stores will scan customers' fingerprints. Everyone will get an equal share of food. The new system might start in January. People do not know how much food they can buy.

There are many reasons for the food shortages. Smugglers buy cheap food and resell it for four times the original price. The government controls food prices so food companies cannot make money. Finally, Venezuela's currency is weak, so imported food is expensive. The economy must change.

Sources: <http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/news/2014/08/22/venezuela-wants-to-fingerprint-grocery-shoppers-to-control-how-much-food-by/>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140825-food-shortages-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. There is not enough food   | a. too much                |
| 2. People panic and           | b. system                  |
| 3. There will be a new        | c. how much                |
| 4. people can't buy           | d. share of food           |
| 5. Stores will scan           | e. in Venezuela's shops    |
| 6. Everyone will get an equal | f. might start in January  |
| 7. The new system             | g. buy too much            |
| 8. People do not know         | h. customers' fingerprints |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. There are many reasons       | a. food is expensive      |
| 2. Smugglers buy                | b. original price         |
| 3. resell it for four times the | c. make money             |
| 4. government                   | d. change                 |
| 5. food companies cannot        | e. for the food shortages |
| 6. Venezuela's currency         | f. controls               |
| 7. imported                     | g. cheap food             |
| 8. The economy must             | h. is weak                |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140825-food-shortages-0.html>

There is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in Venezuela's shops. People

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ much. There will

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ so people can't buy too much. Stores

will scan (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone will get an equal

share of food. The new (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in January.

People do not know how (6) \_\_\_\_\_ buy.

There are (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the food shortages.

Smugglers buy cheap food and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the

original price. The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ food prices so food

(10) \_\_\_\_\_ money. Finally,

(11) \_\_\_\_\_ is weak, so imported food is

expensive. The (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# 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/1408/140825-food-shortages-0.html>

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

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