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Level 1

U.S. city will fine people who waste food

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THE READING

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Seattle is starting fines for people who waste food. The city will start warning people in January and then start fining people in July. People will get a \$1 fine if over 10 per cent of their garbage is food. Businesses will get a \$50 fine. The city wants to reduce the amount of food waste. Americans waste around 40 per cent of the food they buy. Seattle aims to recycle 60 per cent of its waste. It is also the second U.S. city to make composting compulsory.

Seattle's waste department wants to raise awareness that recycling is important. A city official told the 'Seattle Times' newspaper that the programme would not make money. He said: "We care more about reminding people to separate their materials." He said he thought the fines system would be successful. Garbage collectors will look inside garbage bins to see how much food waste there is. They can then add a fine to the next garbage bill.

Sources: http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2024604656_citycompost1xml.html
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-29336968>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. The city will start warning | a. amount of food waste |
| 2. People will get | b. people in January |
| 3. over 10 per cent of their garbage | c. 60 per cent of its waste |
| 4. Businesses will | d. a \$1 fine |
| 5. The city wants to reduce the | e. composting compulsory |
| 6. Americans waste around 40 per cent | f. is food |
| 7. Seattle aims to recycle | g. get a \$50 fine |
| 8. the second U.S. city to make | h. of the food they buy |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Seattle's waste | a. would be successful |
| 2. recycling is | b. to the next garbage bill |
| 3. the programme would not make | c. separate their materials |
| 4. reminding people to | d. department |
| 5. he thought the fines system | e. money |
| 6. Garbage | f. there is |
| 7. see how much food waste | g. important |
| 8. add a fine | h. collectors |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Seattle is (1) _____ people who waste food. The city will start (2) _____ January and then start fining people in July. People will (3) _____ over 10 per cent of their garbage is food. Businesses will get a \$50 fine. The city wants to (4) _____ of food waste. Americans waste around 40 per cent of the food they buy. Seattle (5) _____ 60 per cent of its waste. It is also the second U.S. city to make (6) _____.

Seattle's (7) _____ wants to raise awareness that recycling is important. A city official told the 'Seattle Times' newspaper that the programme would (8) _____. He said: "We care more (9) _____ people to separate their materials." He said he thought (10) _____ would be successful. Garbage collectors will look (11) _____ to see how much food waste there is. They can then add a fine to 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

WRITING

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Write about **food waste** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
