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Level 2

Sweet potato scientists win World Food Prize

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THE READING

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Four scientists have won the 2016 World Food Prize. The scientists are from the International Potato Center. They won the prize for making sweet potatoes healthier. This has benefits for millions of people around the world. The scientists developed sweet potatoes that have extra amounts of Vitamin A. This means they contain more nutrition. One researcher said it was difficult to get farmers to help him with his work. The researcher said: "They told me it was a bad idea." The farmers said their job was to grow more potatoes, kill pests and reduce poverty, not increase nutrition.

The sweet potato could stop people dying from malnutrition. This is not having enough to eat. A lack of Vitamin A is very harmful. Scientists say malnutrition affects over 140 million small children in 118 countries. It also affects over seven million pregnant women. Scientists also say it is a big reason for children becoming blind. Jan Low, from the International Potato Center, said the prize-winning sweet potatoes could make a big difference. Hungry people could get enough Vitamin A. She hopes more scientists will grow vegetables that have extra nutrition.

Sources:

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. Four scientists have | a. nutrition |
| 2. This has benefits for | b. more potatoes |
| 3. extra amounts | c. poverty |
| 4. This means they contain more | d. of Vitamin A |
| 5. it was difficult to get farmers to help | e. won |
| 6. They told me it was a | f. millions of people |
| 7. their job was to grow | g. bad idea |
| 8. reduce | h. him with his work |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. stop people dying | a. over 140 million |
| 2. This is not having | b. vegetables |
| 3. A lack of | c. enough to eat |
| 4. malnutrition affects | d. winning sweet potatoes |
| 5. it is a big reason for children | e. from malnutrition |
| 6. the prize- | f. difference |
| 7. make a big | g. Vitamin A |
| 8. more scientists will grow | h. becoming blind |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Four scientists (1) _____ 2016 World Food Prize. The scientists are from the International Potato Center. They won the (2) _____ sweet potatoes healthier. This has benefits (3) _____ people around the world. The scientists developed sweet potatoes that (4) _____ of Vitamin A. This means they contain more nutrition. One researcher said it was difficult to get (5) _____ him with his work. The researcher said: "They told me it was a bad idea." The farmers said their (6) _____ more potatoes, kill pests and reduce poverty, not increase nutrition.

The sweet potato (7) _____ dying from malnutrition. This is not having enough to eat. (8) _____ Vitamin A is very harmful. Scientists say malnutrition affects over 140 million small children in 118 countries. It (9) _____ seven million pregnant women. Scientists also (10) _____ big reason for children becoming blind. Jan Low, from the International Potato Center, said the prize-winning sweet potatoes could (11) _____ difference. Hungry people could get enough Vitamin A. She hopes more scientists will grow vegetables (12) _____ nutrition.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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POTATOES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161014-sweet-potato-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about potatoes in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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) _____

