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**Level 4 – 18th June, 2020**

## Free rice ATMs installed on Vietnam's streets

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm-4.html>

A businessman had an ingenious idea to help hungry people. Hoang Tuan Anh designed a "free-rice ATM". He installed them in cities across Vietnam. Mr Anh worried about the growing number of hungry people. Around five million Vietnamese people lost their jobs because of coronavirus. The popularity of the ATMs means Mr Anh is making more of them. Businesses and donors are helping his project. This will allow him to extend the reach of the ATMs.

Mr Anh explained that he wanted to invent, "a 24/7 automatic dispensing machine" to provide free rice for people out of work during lockdown. He estimated that his machines have given out 3,000 tons of free rice. People can take out 1.5kg of rice twice a day. A mother who recently lost her job appreciated Mr Anh's efforts. She said: "I read about this rice ATM on the Internet....I really hope the sponsors keep doing this."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A businessman had an        | a. hungry people       |
| 2. He installed them in cities | b. allow him to        |
| 3. the growing number of       | c. more of them        |
| 4. The popularity of           | d. of the ATMs         |
| 5. Mr Anh is making            | e. ingenious idea      |
| 6. Businesses and donors are   | f. the ATMs            |
| 7. This will                   | g. across Vietnam      |
| 8. extend the reach            | h. helping his project |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Mr Anh explained that he        | a. of work          |
| 2. a 24/7 automatic dispensing     | b. doing this       |
| 3. out                             | c. of free rice     |
| 4. given out 3,000 tons            | d. lost her job     |
| 5. People can take out 1.5kg of    | e. the Internet     |
| 6. A mother who recently           | f. wanted to        |
| 7. I read about this rice ATM on   | g. rice twice a day |
| 8. I really hope the sponsors keep | h. machine          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A businessman had (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to help hungry people. Hoang Tuan Anh designed a "free-rice ATM". He (2) \_\_\_\_\_ cities across Vietnam. Mr Anh worried about (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of hungry people. Around five million Vietnamese people (4) \_\_\_\_\_ because of coronavirus. The (5) \_\_\_\_\_ ATMs means Mr Anh is making more of them. Businesses and donors are helping his project. This will allow him to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of the ATMs.

Mr Anh explained that he (7) \_\_\_\_\_, "a 24/7 automatic dispensing machine" to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for people (9) \_\_\_\_\_ during lockdown. He estimated that his machines have given out 3,000 (10) \_\_\_\_\_ rice. People can take out 1.5kg of rice twice a day. A mother who recently lost (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Ahn's efforts. She said: "I read about this rice ATM on the Internet....I really (12) \_\_\_\_\_ keep doing this."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# RICE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about rice 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

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

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