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Level 1 – 17th August, 2020

China launches 'Clean Plate' food waste campaign

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200817-clean-plate-1.html>

China wants to reduce food waste. Its new "Clean Plate Campaign" will get people to think about food waste. President Xi Jinping called the waste "shocking and distressing". There are reports of a food crisis in China. Food production has fallen because of the coronavirus, and floods in southern China. The government wants people to reduce how much food they leave on their plate. President Xi said China had to think carefully about food security.

Restaurants are taking the campaign seriously. One restaurant started weighing customers. It had to apologise to angry diners. It said it wanted diners to order food "in a healthy way". A Beijing restaurant said: "We remind our guests when they order too much food." Restaurants in Wuhan have started a system whereby a group of diners must order one fewer dish than the number of people in their group. The UN has warned of a global food crisis.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-53761295>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200817-clean-plate-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. China wants to reduce | a. much |
| 2. get people to think | b. food waste |
| 3. There are reports of a food | c. security |
| 4. Food production has | d. crisis |
| 5. floods | e. on their plate |
| 6. reduce how | f. fallen |
| 7. food they leave | g. in southern China |
| 8. think carefully about food | h. about food waste |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Restaurants are taking the | a. fewer dish |
| 2. weighing | b. order food |
| 3. It had to apologise | c. of a global food crisis |
| 4. it wanted diners to | d. much food |
| 5. in a healthy | e. campaign seriously |
| 6. when they order too | f. way |
| 7. diners must order one | g. customers |
| 8. The UN has warned | h. to angry diners |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200817-clean-plate-1.html>

China (1) _____ food waste. Its new "Clean Plate Campaign" will (2) _____ think about food waste. President Xi Jinping called (3) _____ and distressing". There are reports of a (4) _____ China. Food production has fallen because of the coronavirus, and (5) _____ China. The government wants people to reduce how much food (6) _____ their plate. President Xi said China had to think carefully about food security.

Restaurants are (7) _____ seriously. One restaurant (8) _____. It had to apologise to angry diners. It said it (9) _____ order food "in a healthy way". A Beijing restaurant said: "We remind our guests when they (10) _____ food." Restaurants in Wuhan have started a system (11) _____ of diners must order one fewer dish than the number of people in their group. The UN has warned of a (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/20200817-clean-plate-1.html>

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FOOD WASTE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200817-clean-plate-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about food waste 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) _____

