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Ukraine and Russia sign deal to resume grain exports

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal.html>

Ukraine and Russia have signed a deal to allow much-needed exports of grain to resume from Ukraine's Black Sea ports. The resumption should ease a world shortage of wheat that has left millions of people in Africa and India at risk of hunger. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has also resulted in a global rise in food prices. Millions of tons of grain are currently waiting for export at ports. The deal to allow exports should ease the pressure on food prices. Russia's Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and Ukraine's Infrastructure Minister Oleksandr Kubrakov signed the deal at a ceremony in Istanbul. Turkey's President Erdogan helped to broker the agreement.

The sides took two months to reach the deal, after intensive negotiations. It is set to last for 120 days. Ukraine has warned that any Russian provocation could put the deal in jeopardy. This has already been tested after Russian forces attacked the Black Sea port of Odesa within 24 hours of the deal being penned. Mr Shoigu told reporters that the deal might facilitate the export of more products. He said: "I'm not talking about beginning only the export of agricultural products from Ukrainian ports, but also the export of agricultural products and fertiliser from Russian ports." The US said more exports were needed, "to prevent the world's most vulnerable from sliding into deeper food insecurity and malnutrition."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-62268070>
<https://www.bangkokpost.com/world/2351992/ukraine-and-russia-sign-landmark-grain-deal>
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WARM-UPS

1. GRAIN: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about grain. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Ukraine / Russia / deal / grain / shortage / risk / food prices / exports / ceremony / negotiations / provocation / jeopardy / port / products / agricultural / malnutrition

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SELF-SUFFICIENCY: Students A **strongly** believe all countries need to be self-sufficient in food; Students B **strongly** believe that's impossible. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SHORTAGES: What would life be like if there were shortages of the following things? How could we cope with these shortages? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What Would Life Be Like?	How We Could Cope
Wheat		
Gasoline		
Chocolate		
Paper		
Plastic		
Water		

5. MALNUTRITION: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "malnutrition". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. WORLD PROBLEMS: Rank these with your partner. Put the worst at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- War
- Food shortages
- Climate change
- Nuclear proliferation
- Cyber crime
- Water shortages
- Viruses
- Erosion of democracy

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. deal | a. An instance of moving armies into a country or region to take it over. |
| 2. resumption | b. An agreement entered into by two or more people, businesses or countries. |
| 3. ease | c. Make something unpleasant or intense less serious or severe. |
| 4. invasion | d. A formal public occasion that celebrates a particular event. |
| 5. infrastructure | e. Arrange or negotiate an agreement or deal. |
| 6. ceremony | f. The action of beginning something again after a pause or interruption. |
| 7. broker | g. The basic physical and organizational structures and facilities (e.g. buildings, roads, power supplies) a city or country has. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8. negotiations | h. Signed. |
| 9. provocation | i. A lack of proper food that causes one to lose too much weight. |
| 10. jeopardy | j. Exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed. |
| 11. penned | k. Danger of loss, harm, or failure. |
| 12. facilitate | l. Make an action or process easy or easier. |
| 13. vulnerable | m. Discussions aimed at reaching an agreement. |
| 14. malnutrition | n. Action or speech that makes someone angry, especially on purpose. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The deal will end hunger in Africa and India. **T / F**
2. Wheat sitting in Ukrainian ports has increased food prices worldwide. **T / F**
3. Ukraine's Defense Minister signed the deal for Ukraine. **T / F**
4. Wheat should now be able to leave from Ukraine's Black Sea ports. **T / F**
5. The deal is set to continue for about four months. **T / F**
6. The port of Odesa was attacked within 24 hours of the deal. **T / F**
7. The deal could mean Russia also exporting wheat. **T / F**
8. The USA wants controls to limit the amount of exports. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. deal | a. arrange |
| 2. resume | b. relieve |
| 3. rise | c. talks |
| 4. ease | d. danger |
| 5. broker | e. hike |
| 6. negotiations | f. slipping |
| 7. last | g. recommence |
| 8. jeopardy | h. hunger |
| 9. sliding | i. continue |
| 10. malnutrition | j. pact |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. a deal to allow much-needed exports | a. the pressure on food prices |
| 2. ease a world | b. ceremony in Istanbul |
| 3. exports should ease | c. and malnutrition |
| 4. Kubrakov signed the deal at a | d. for 120 days |
| 5. President Erdogan helped to | e. of grain to resume |
| 6. after intensive | f. of the deal being penned |
| 7. It is set to last | g. shortage of wheat |
| 8. within 24 hours | h. and fertiliser |
| 9. agricultural products | i. broker the agreement |
| 10. sliding into deeper food insecurity | j. negotiations |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal.html>

Ukraine and Russia have signed a deal to allow (1) _____ -needed exports of grain to resume from Ukraine's Black Sea ports. The resumption should (2) _____ a world shortage of wheat that has left millions of people in Africa and India at (3) _____ of hunger. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has also resulted in a global (4) _____ in food prices. Millions of tons of grain are (5) _____ waiting for export at ports. The deal to allow exports should ease the (6) _____ on food prices. Russia's Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and Ukraine's Infrastructure Minister Oleksandr Kubrakov signed the deal at a (7) _____ in Istanbul. Turkey's President Erdogan helped to (8) _____ the agreement.

risk
currently
much
broker
rise
ceremony
ease
pressure

The sides took two months to reach the deal, after (9) _____ negotiations. It is set to last for 120 days. Ukraine has warned that any Russian (10) _____ could put the deal in (11) _____. This has already been tested after Russian forces attacked the Black Sea port of Odesa within 24 hours of the deal being (12) _____. Mr Shoigu told reporters that the deal might facilitate the export of more (13) _____. He said: "I'm not talking about beginning only the export of agricultural products from Ukrainian ports, but also the export of (14) _____ products and fertiliser from Russian ports." The US said more exports were needed, "to (15) _____ the world's most vulnerable from sliding into deeper food insecurity and (16) _____."

penned
malnutrition
intensive
jeopardy
agricultural
provocation
products
prevent

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal.html>

- 1) Ukraine and Russia have signed a deal to allow much-needed exports of _____
 - a. grain to legume
 - b. grain to resume
 - c. grain to re-zoom
 - d. grain tour zoom
- 2) The resumption should ease a world _____
 - a. short tick of wheat
 - b. short age of wheat
 - c. shortage of wheat
 - d. shore stage of wheat
- 3) a global rise in food prices. Millions of tons of grain _____
 - a. are currently wait in
 - b. are currently weigh tin
 - c. are currently way tin
 - d. are currently waiting
- 4) The deal to allow exports should _____
 - a. ease the pressure
 - b. tease the pressure
 - c. easel the pressure
 - d. diesel the pressure
- 5) a ceremony in Istanbul. Turkey's President Erdogan helped to _____
 - a. broker a agreement
 - b. broker the agreement
 - c. broken the agreement
 - d. bloke the agreement
- 6) The sides took two months to reach the deal, _____
 - a. after inter sieve negotiations
 - b. after intense sieve negotiations
 - c. after intensive negotiations
 - d. after intense save negotiations
- 7) warned that any Russian provocation could put the _____
 - a. deal on jeopardy
 - b. dealing jeopardy
 - c. deal inject purge
 - d. deal in jeopardy
- 8) attacked the Black Sea port of Odesa within 24 hours of the _____
 - a. deal being panned
 - b. deal being penned
 - c. deal being pinned
 - d. deal being punned
- 9) Mr Shoigu told reporters that the deal might _____
 - a. facilitate the eggs port
 - b. facilitate the egg sport
 - c. facilitate the export
 - d. facilitate the ex port
- 10) prevent the world's most vulnerable from sliding into _____
 - a. deeper food in secure city
 - b. deeper food since security
 - c. deeper food insecure ratty
 - d. deeper food insecurity

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal.html>

Ukraine and Russia have (1) _____ to allow much-needed exports of grain to resume from Ukraine's Black Sea ports. The resumption should (2) _____ shortage of wheat that has left millions of people in Africa and India at (3) _____. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has also resulted in a (4) _____ food prices. Millions of tons of grain are currently waiting for export at ports. The deal to allow exports should (5) _____ on food prices. Russia's Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and Ukraine's Infrastructure Minister Oleksandr Kubrakov signed the deal at a ceremony in Istanbul. Turkey's President Erdogan helped to (6) _____.

The sides took two months to reach the deal, (7) _____. It is set to last for 120 days. Ukraine has warned that any Russian provocation could put the (8) _____. This has already been tested after Russian forces attacked the Black Sea port of Odesa within 24 hours of the (9) _____. Mr Shoigu told reporters that the deal might facilitate the export of more products. He said: "I'm not talking about beginning only the export (10) _____ from Ukrainian ports, but also the export of agricultural products and fertiliser from Russian ports." The US said more exports were needed, "to prevent the (11) _____ from sliding into (12) _____ and malnutrition."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal.html>

1. Where are the ports that Ukraine's grain can now leave from?
2. What should the deal ease?
3. How much grain is waiting for export?
4. Who is Sergei Shoigu?
5. Who helped to broker the deal?
6. How long did the deal take to negotiate?
7. What did Ukraine say could jeopardise the deal?
8. What port was attacked in the day following the signing of the deal?
9. What does Russia want to export besides agricultural products?
10. Who did the US say could slide into deeper food insecurity?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal.html>

- 1) Where are the ports that Ukraine's grain can now leave from?
 - a) the Mediterranean
 - b) on the Baltic Coast
 - c) on the Black Sea
 - d) the Ural Sea
- 2) What should the deal ease?
 - a) a world shortage of wheat
 - b) international relations
 - c) gasoline prices
 - d) fighting
- 3) How much grain is waiting for export?
 - a) 6,800,000 tons
 - b) hundreds of thousands of tons
 - c) billions of tons
 - d) millions of tons
- 4) Who is Sergei Shoigu?
 - a) Russia's Agriculture Minister
 - b) Russia's Defence Minister
 - c) Russia's Security Minister
 - d) Russia's Finance Minister
- 5) Who helped to broker the deal?
 - a) US President Joe Biden
 - b) Oleksandr Kubrakov
 - c) Turkey's President Erdogan
 - d) France's President Macron
- 6) How long did the deal take to negotiate?
 - a) twelve weeks
 - b) eight weeks
 - c) ten weeks
 - d) six weeks
- 7) What did Ukraine say could jeopardise the deal?
 - a) global warming
 - b) the weather
 - c) food prices
 - d) Russian provocation
- 8) What port was attacked in the day following the signing of the deal?
 - a) Izmail
 - b) Odesa
 - c) Kiliya
 - d) Kerch
- 9) What does Russia want to export besides agricultural products?
 - a) fertilisers
 - b) gas
 - c) weapons
 - d) potatoes
- 10) Who did the US say could slide into deeper food insecurity?
 - a) people in Europe
 - b) the Global South
 - c) the world
 - d) the world's most vulnerable

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – War

You think war is the biggest problem. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as worrying. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): food shortages, viruses or nuclear proliferation.

Role B – Food Shortages

You think food shortages is the biggest problem. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as worrying. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): war, viruses or nuclear proliferation.

Role C – Viruses

You think viruses is the biggest problem. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as worrying. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): food shortages, war or nuclear proliferation.

Role D – Nuclear Proliferation

You think nuclear proliferation is the biggest problem. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as worrying. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): food shortages, viruses or war.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'grain' and 'deal'.

grain	deal

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• signed• shortage• global• risk• tons• ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• months• warned• tested• facilitate• talking• deeper
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GRAIN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about grain 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.

GRAIN DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'grain'?
3. What do you know about the Ukraine War?
4. How has the Ukraine War affected you?
5. What do you think of this deal?
6. How can the Ukraine War be ended?
7. Should more countries become more self-sufficient in food?
8. How can the world alleviate food shortages?
9. What more can be done to get grain out of Ukraine?
10. What could people eat instead of wheat?

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GRAIN DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'deal'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why did it take so long to reach an agreement?
15. How long do you think the deal will actually last?
16. Should Russian exports of grain also be allowed?
17. Why are there so many people suffering from malnutrition?
18. What would you do if your food sources were insecure?
19. What three adjectives best describe this story?
20. What questions would you like to ask the negotiators?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The sides took two months to (7) _____ the deal, after intensive negotiations. It is set to last for 120 days. Ukraine has warned that any Russian provocation could put the deal (8) _____ jeopardy. This has already been tested after Russian forces attacked the Black Sea port of Odesa within 24 hours of the deal being (9) _____. Mr Shoigu told reporters that the deal might (10) _____ the export of more products. He said: "I'm not talking about beginning only the export of agricultural products from Ukrainian ports, but also the export of agricultural products and fertiliser from Russian ports." The US said more exports were needed, "to (11) _____ the world's most vulnerable from (12) _____ into deeper food insecurity and malnutrition."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) signed | (b) singed | (c) singled | (d) signal |
| 2. | (a) resumption | (b) reduction | (c) redaction | (d) consumption |
| 3. | (a) risk | (b) risqué | (c) riskiness | (d) risky |
| 4. | (a) currently | (b) currency | (c) currants | (d) currents |
| 5. | (a) tease | (b) ease | (c) appease | (d) please |
| 6. | (a) poker | (b) joker | (c) broken | (d) broker |
| 7. | (a) breach | (b) retch | (c) reach | (d) broach |
| 8. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) on | (d) in |
| 9. | (a) penned | (b) pined | (c) opined | (d) pinned |
| 10. | (a) felicitate | (b) facilitate | (c) vacillate | (d) facility |
| 11. | (a) prevaricate | (b) prevent | (c) prove | (d) approve |
| 12. | (a) sledding | (b) siding | (c) sliding | (d) sidling |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. exports of grain to eremsu
2. Russia's ionisavn of Ukraine
3. exports should sae the pressure
4. Ukraine's rtusIrrefautnc Minister
5. signed the deal at a cnryoeem
6. helped to broker the etaeegrnm

Paragraph 2

7. after inventsei negotiations
8. Russian prtaooncoiv
9. put the deal in rjpaeody
10. ietitflaac the export of more products
11. the world's most ulebravnle
12. food insecurity and outmtalnrii

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () and Ukraine's Infrastructure Minister Oleksandr Kubrakov signed the deal at a ceremony in
- () for 120 days. Ukraine has warned that any Russian provocation could put the deal in jeopardy. This has already been
- () tested after Russian forces attacked the Black Sea port of Odesa within 24 hours of the deal being
- () ports. The deal to allow exports should ease the pressure on food prices. Russia's Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu
- () in a global rise in food prices. Millions of tons of grain are currently waiting for export at
- () needed, "to prevent the world's most vulnerable from sliding into deeper food insecurity and malnutrition."
- () Istanbul. Turkey's President Erdogan helped to broker the agreement.
- () from Ukraine's Black Sea ports. The resumption should ease a world shortage of wheat that has left
- () The sides took two months to reach the deal, after intensive negotiations. It is set to last
- () the export of agricultural products and fertiliser from Russian ports." The US said more exports were
- () millions of people in Africa and India at risk of hunger. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has also resulted
- (**1**) Ukraine and Russia have signed a deal to allow much-needed exports of grain to resume
- () talking about beginning only the export of agricultural products from Ukrainian ports, but also
- () penned. Mr Shoigu told reporters that the deal might facilitate the export of more products. He said: "I'm not

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal.html>

1. allow much-needed A of to grain . deal exports
2. Tons grain export . waiting are currently for of
3. should Exports food on ease the pressure prices .
4. in Istanbul . deal at Signed ceremony a the
5. President to broker Erdogan agreement . Turkey's helped the
6. sides The to deal . the reach took months
7. provocation Any could put jeopardy . the deal in
8. deal The products . export of facilitate the might
9. The agricultural ports . export products Russian from of
10. needed . The were US grain exports more said

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal.html>

Ukraine and Russia have signed a *dealing* / *deal* to allow much-needed exports of grain to resume from Ukraine's Black Sea ports. The *resume* / *resumption* should *tease* / *ease* a world shortage of wheat that has left millions of people in Africa and India at *risk* / *risky* of hunger. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has also resulted *on* / *in* a global rise in food prices. Millions of tons of grain are currently waiting for export *of* / *at* ports. The deal to *allow* / *allowance* exports should ease the pressure on food prices. Russia's Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and Ukraine's Infrastructure Minister Oleksandr Kubrakov *singed* / *signed* the deal at a *ceremonial* / *ceremony* in Istanbul. Turkey's President Erdogan helped to *broken* / *broker* the agreement.

The sides took two months to *breach* / *reach* the deal, after intensive negotiations. It is set to *last* / *lastly* for 120 days. Ukraine has *waned* / *warned* that any Russian provocation could *get* / *put* the deal in jeopardy. This has already been tested after Russian forces attacked the Black Sea port of Odesa within 24 hours of the deal being *penned* / *panned*. Mr Shoigu told reporters that the deal might *illustrate* / *facilitate* the export of more products. He said: "I'm not talking about beginning only the export of *agricultural* / *agriculturally* products from Ukrainian ports, but also the export of agricultural products and fertiliser from Russian ports." The US said more exports were needed, "to *present* / *prevent* the world's most *onerous* / *vulnerable* from sliding into deeper food insecurity and *malnourished* / *malnutrition*."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_kr__n_ _nd R_ss__ h_v_ s_gn_d _ d__l t_ _ll_w
m_ch-n__d_d _xp_rts _f gr__n t_ r_s_m_ fr_m
_kr__n_'s Bl_ck S__ p_rts. Th_ r_s_mpt__n sh__ld __s_
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d_ys. _kr__n_ h_s w_rn_d th_t _ny R_ss__n
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b__ng p_nn_d. Mr Sh__g_ t_ld r_p_rts th_t th_ d__l
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal.html>

ukraine and russia have signed a deal to allow muchneeded exports of grain to resume from ukraines black sea ports the resumption should ease a world shortage of wheat that has left millions of people in africa and india at risk of hunger russia's invasion of ukraine has also resulted in a global rise in food prices millions of tons of grain are currently waiting for export at ports the deal to allow exports should ease the pressure on food prices russia's defence minister sergei shoigu and ukraine's infrastructure minister oleksandr kubrakov signed the deal at a ceremony in istanbul turkey's president erdogan helped to broker the agreement

the sides took two months to reach the deal after intensive negotiations it is set to last for 120 days ukraine has warned that any russian provocation could put the deal in jeopardy this has already been tested after russian forces attacked the black sea port of Odesa within 24 hours of the deal being penned mr shoigu told reporters that the deal might facilitate the export of more products he said im not talking about beginning only the export of agricultural products from ukrainian ports but also the export of agricultural products and fertiliser from russian ports the us said more exports were needed to prevent the worlds most vulnerable from sliding into deeper food insecurity and malnutrition

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. GRAIN: Make a poster about grain. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SELF SUFFICIENCY: Write a magazine article about asking more countries to be self-sufficient regarding food. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on food shortages. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can reduce shortages. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. f 3. c 4. a 5. g 6. d 7. e
8. m 9. n 10. k 11. h 12. l 13. j 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. j	2. g	3. e	4. b	5. a
6. c	7. i	8. d	9. f	10. h

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. On the Black Sea
2. A world shortage of wheat
3. Millions of tons
4. Russia's Defence Minister
5. Turkey's President Erdogan
6. Two months
7. Russian provocation
8. Odesa
9. Fertilisers
10. The world's most vulnerable

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. A deal to allow much-needed exports of grain.
2. Tons of grain are currently waiting for export.
3. Exports should ease the pressure on food prices.
4. Signed the deal at a ceremony in Istanbul.
5. Turkey's President Erdogan helped to broker the agreement.
6. The sides took months to reach the deal.
7. Any provocation could put the deal in jeopardy.
8. The deal might facilitate the export of products.
9. The export of agricultural products from Russian ports.
10. The US said more grain exports were needed.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)