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## **Level 0**

### **Sweet potato scientists win World Food Prize**

**14th October, 2016**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161014-sweet-potato-0.html>

A new sweet potato won the 2016 World Food Prize. The sweet potato has extra Vitamin A. This means it has more nutrition.

A researcher said farmers didn't want to help him grow the potato. He said: "They told me it was a bad idea." The farmers wanted more potatoes, not extra nutrition.

The sweet potato could stop people dying from not enough Vitamin A. This harms 140 million children in 118 countries. It affects millions of pregnant women. It also makes children blind. The prize-winning sweet potatoes could help people get enough Vitamin A. Maybe farmers will grow more vegetables with extra nutrition.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-37619154>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A new sweet potato won the | a. me                    |
| 2. The sweet potato has extra | b. has more nutrition    |
| 3. This means it              | c. help him              |
| 4. farmers didn't want to     | d. bad idea              |
| 5. grow the                   | e. 2016 World Food Prize |
| 6. They told                  | f. more potatoes         |
| 7. it was a                   | g. Vitamin A             |
| 8. The farmers wanted         | h. potato                |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                       |                         |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The sweet potato could stop people | a. get enough Vitamin A |
| 2. from not                           | b. in 118 countries     |
| 3. This harms 140 million children    | c. blind                |
| 4. pregnant                           | d. nutrition            |
| 5. It also makes children             | e. dying                |
| 6. The prize-winning                  | f. enough Vitamin A     |
| 7. help people                        | g. sweet potatoes       |
| 8. grow more vegetables with extra    | h. women                |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161014-sweet-potato-0.html>

A new sweet (1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2016 World Food Prize.

The sweet potato (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Vitamin A. This

means (3) \_\_\_\_\_ nutrition. A researcher said

farmers didn't want (4) \_\_\_\_\_ grow the potato.

He said: "They told me it was (5) \_\_\_\_\_." The

farmers wanted more potatoes, not (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The sweet (7) \_\_\_\_\_ stop people dying from not

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ A. This harms 140 million children in

118 countries. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ millions of pregnant

women. It also makes (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The prize-

winning sweet potatoes (11) \_\_\_\_\_ people get

enough Vitamin A. Maybe farmers (12) \_\_\_\_\_

vegetables with extra 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) \_\_\_\_\_

