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Level 0 – 28th September, 2018

French fries will be 3cm shorter

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180928-potato-shortage-0.html>

Europe didn't grow many potatoes this summer. This means French fries will be 3cm shorter than usual. Europe had a very hot summer and there was very little rain, so farmers grew 25 per cent fewer potatoes. This increased potato prices. It also made potatoes smaller. Smaller potatoes means shorter French fries.

The potato shortage is big news in Belgium. Fries are Belgium's national dish. Many shops sell fries. Belgians call them "Belgian fries" because they say the fries were invented in Belgium. A farmer explained that long fries of 8 to 9 cm need big potatoes. This summer's smaller potatoes means fries will be shorter.

Sources: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/experience/2018/09/23/french-fries-likely-lose-inch-europe/1406665002/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Europe didn't grow | a. fewer potatoes |
| 2. 3cm shorter than | b. smaller |
| 3. a very hot | c. usual |
| 4. there was very little | d. shorter French fries |
| 5. farmers grew 25 per cent | e. many potatoes |
| 6. This increased potato | f. rain |
| 7. It also made potatoes | g. prices |
| 8. Smaller potatoes means | h. summer |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The potato shortage is big | a. potatoes |
| 2. Belgium's national | b. "Belgian fries" |
| 3. Many shops sell | c. be shorter |
| 4. Belgians call them | d. dish |
| 5. fries were invented | e. of 8 to 9 cm |
| 6. long fries | f. fries |
| 7. This summer's smaller | g. in Belgium |
| 8. fries will | h. news in Belgium |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Europe (1) _____ potatoes this summer. This means French (2) _____ 3cm shorter than usual.

Europe (3) _____ hot summer and there was very little rain, (4) _____ 25 per cent fewer potatoes.

(5) _____ prices. It also made potatoes smaller.

Smaller potatoes (6) _____ fries.

The potato shortage (7) _____ in Belgium. Fries

are (8) _____. Many shops sell fries. Belgians call

them "Belgian fries" (9) _____ the fries were

invented in Belgium. A (10) _____ long fries of 8

to 9 cm (11) _____. This summer's smaller

potatoes means fries (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180928-potato-shortage-0.html>

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eBelgium'snationaldish.Manyshopssellfries.Belgianscallthem"Belgi
anfries"becausetheysaythefrieswereinventedinBelgium.Afarmerex
plainedthatlongfriesof8to9cmneedbigpotatoes.Thissummer'ssmall
erpotatoesmeansfrieswillbeshorter.

POTATOES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180928-potato-shortage-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) _____

