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## **No frying eggs in Death Valley, says park**

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# THE ARTICLE

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Officials at the Death Valley National Park have appealed to visitors to refrain from trying to fry eggs on rocks or the ground. The park has been inundated with visitors trying to test the theory that it is hot enough to fry an egg ever since a park employee posted a video on YouTube of her attempts to do so. The online clip, together with soaring temperatures nearing 50°C and the centennial on Wednesday of the hottest temperature ever recorded on Earth, encouraged many people to try their own experiment, with messy results. Park cleaners are being kept busy cleaning up egg shells, discarded egg cartons, and the foul-smelling goo from hundreds of unsuccessful attempts at a sunny-side up under the sun.

Park rangers urged people on their Facebook page to not fry eggs. It read: "An employee's posting of frying an egg in a pan in Death Valley was intended to demonstrate how hot it can get here, with the recommendation that if you do this, use a pan or tin foil and properly dispose of the contents. However, the...maintenance crew has been busy cleaning up eggs cracked directly on the sidewalk, including egg cartons and shells strewn across the parking lot." It added: "Please put trash in the garbage or recycle bins provided and don't crack eggs on the sidewalks." A comment on the park's YouTube page stated how hot it got in Saudi Arabia, joking that, "you can throw a chicken in the air and you will catch it cooked".

Sources: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-death-valley-eggs-20130710,0,3404434.story>  
<http://www.nbcnews.com/travel/death-valley-cracks-down-sidewalk-egg-frying-6C10584226>

# WARM-UPS

**1. FRIED EGGS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about fried eggs. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*Death Valley / visitors / frying eggs / theory / temperatures / experiment / messy / demonstrate / recommendation / tin foil / maintenance / recycle bins / sidewalk*

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

**3. EGGS:** Complete this table with your partner(s). Make instructions on how to cook the following. Change partners share what you wrote. Are your instructions identical?

	Cooking	Presentation
Fried		
Boiled		
Scrambled		
Omelette		
Poached		
Other ____		

**4. LITTERING:** Students A **strongly** believe people should go to prison for littering in parks; Students B **strongly** disagree. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. IN THE KITCHEN:** Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put what you most like to make at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- fried eggs
- salad
- toast
- a sandwich
- pasta
- a rice dish
- a microwave meal
- pizza

**6. NATIONAL PARK:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'national park'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130713-fried\\_eggs.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130713-fried_eggs.html)

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

- a. Cooking with eggs has been totally banned in Death Valley. T / F
- b. Visitors have been trying to fry eggs on rocks in the Death Valley park. T / F
- c. The article said the temperature in Death Valley last week was 50°C. T / F
- d. Park cleaners have been cleaning up failed fried-egg attempts. T / F
- e. A video was made to show how hot Death Valley is, not how to cook. T / F
- f. A parking area at the park was littered with egg shells and egg cartons. T / F
- g. A problem is that the park has no garbage cans / rubbish bins. T / F
- h. If you throw a chicken in the air in Saudi Arabia, it will cook in the air. T / F

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. officials      | a. flooded         |
| 2. appealed to    | b. throw away      |
| 3. inundated      | c. failed          |
| 4. encouraged     | d. supplied        |
| 5. unsuccessful   | e. representatives |
| 6. intended       | f. scattered       |
| 7. recommendation | g. urged           |
| 8. dispose        | h. implored        |
| 9. strewn         | i. suggestion      |
| 10. provided      | j. meant           |

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

- |                                      |                              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. refrain from                      | a. of the contents           |
| 2. the theory that it is             | b. goo                       |
| 3. soaring                           | c. how hot it can get        |
| 4. foul-smelling                     | d. side up                   |
| 5. unsuccessful attempts at a sunny- | e. on the sidewalks          |
| 6. intended to demonstrate           | f. hot enough to fry an egg  |
| 7. properly dispose                  | g. cartons                   |
| 8. egg                               | h. temperatures nearing 50°C |
| 9. strewn across                     | i. trying to fry eggs        |
| 10. don't crack eggs                 | j. the parking lot           |

# GAP FILL

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130713-fried\\_eggs.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130713-fried_eggs.html)

Officials at the Death Valley National Park have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to visitors to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ from trying to fry eggs on rocks or the ground. The park has been (3) \_\_\_\_\_ with visitors trying to test the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that it is hot enough to fry an egg ever since a park employee posted a video on YouTube of her attempts to do so. The online clip, together with (5) \_\_\_\_\_ temperatures nearing 50°C and the centennial on Wednesday of the hottest temperature ever recorded on Earth, encouraged many people to try their own experiment, with (6) \_\_\_\_\_ results. Park cleaners are being kept busy cleaning up egg shells, discarded egg cartons, and the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ -smelling (8) \_\_\_\_\_ from hundreds of unsuccessful attempts at a sunny-side up under the sun.

*soaring*  
*foul*  
*theory*  
*refrain*  
*goo*  
*appealed*  
*messy*  
*inundated*

Park rangers (9) \_\_\_\_\_ people on their Facebook page to not fry eggs. It read: "An employee's posting of frying an egg in a pan in Death Valley was (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to demonstrate how hot it can get here, with the recommendation that if you do this, use a pan or tin (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and properly (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of the contents. However, the...maintenance crew has been busy cleaning up eggs cracked (13) \_\_\_\_\_ on the sidewalk, including egg cartons and shells strewn across the parking lot." It added: "Please put trash in the garbage or recycle bins (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and don't crack eggs on the sidewalks." A comment on the park's YouTube page stated how hot it got in Saudi Arabia, (15) \_\_\_\_\_ that, "you can throw a chicken in the air and you will (16) \_\_\_\_\_ it cooked".

*directly*  
*joking*  
*dispose*  
*intended*  
*catch*  
*urged*  
*provided*  
*foil*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) The park has been inundated with visitors trying to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. test the theories
  - b. test the theorise
  - c. test the theory
  - d. test the theoretical
- 2) the centennial on Wednesday of the hottest \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. temperature never recorded
  - b. temperature ever recorded
  - c. temperature even recorded
  - d. temperature event recorded
- 3) encouraged many people to try their own experiment, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. with messy results
  - b. with mess sea results
  - c. with messed results
  - d. with messed up results
- 4) discarded egg cartons, and the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. foul-smelling glue
  - b. foul-smelling geek
  - c. foul-smelling goof
  - d. foul-smelling goo
- 5) hundreds of unsuccessful attempts at \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a sunny-egg up
  - b. a sunny-fried up
  - c. a sunny-side up
  - d. a sunny-yolk up
- 6) An employee's posting of frying \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. an egg inner pan
  - b. an egg in the pan
  - c. an egg in any pan
  - d. an egg in a pan
- 7) if you do this, use a pan or tin foil and properly dispose \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of the contents
  - b. of the con tents
  - c. of the contains
  - d. of the content
- 8) egg cartons and shells strewn across \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the parking lots
  - b. the parking a lot
  - c. the parking allot
  - d. the parking lot
- 9) Please put trash in the garbage or \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. recycle bins provider
  - b. recycle bins provided
  - c. recycle bins provides
  - d. recycle bins providing
- 10) you can throw a chicken in the air and you will \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. catch it roasted
  - b. catch it cooked
  - c. catch it basted
  - d. catch it boneless

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Park rangers (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook page to not fry eggs. It read: "An employee's posting of frying an egg in a pan in Death Valley was intended to demonstrate (8) \_\_\_\_\_ here, with the recommendation that if you do this, use a pan or tin foil and properly (9) \_\_\_\_\_. However, the...maintenance crew has been busy cleaning up eggs cracked (10) \_\_\_\_\_, including egg cartons and shells strewn across the parking lot." It added: "Please put trash in the garbage or (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and don't crack eggs on the sidewalks." A comment on the park's YouTube page stated how hot it got in Saudi Arabia, joking that, "you can throw a chicken in the air and (12) \_\_\_\_\_".

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130713-fried\\_eggs.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130713-fried_eggs.html)

1. Who asked people not to fry eggs?

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2. What were people testing?

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3. How hot was it in the park?

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4. How many years ago was the hottest-ever temperature recorded?

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5. What didn't smell so good?

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6. What did the video attempt to do?

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7. What did the park suggest using instead of a pan?

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8. Who has been cleaning up the mess?

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9. Where did the park say not to crack eggs?

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10. Will a chicken cook in mid-air in Saudi Arabia?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130713-fried\\_eggs.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130713-fried_eggs.html)

1. Who asked people not to fry eggs?
  - a) a hotel
  - b) workers at a park in Death Valley
  - c) park visitors
  - d) health officials
2. What were people testing?
  - a) the patience of park workers
  - b) frying pans
  - c) a theory
  - d) new cooking oil
3. How hot was it in the park?
  - a) just over 50° Fahrenheit
  - b) almost 50° Fahrenheit
  - c) just over 50° Celsius
  - d) almost 50° Celsius
4. How many years ago was the hottest-ever temperature recorded?
  - a) 10
  - b) 100
  - c) 1,000
  - d) 10,000
5. What didn't smell so good?
  - a) egg goo
  - b) omelettes
  - c) cooking oil
  - d) cooking
6. What did the video attempt to do?
  - a) explain how hot the park gets
  - b) explain what the best frying pan is
  - c) warn people against bringing eggs
  - d) tell people to bring enough eggs
7. What did the park suggest using instead of a pan?
  - a) a saucepan
  - b) a barbeque set
  - c) a metal plate
  - d) tin foil
8. Who has been cleaning up the mess?
  - a) angry park visitors
  - b) animals
  - c) a maintenance team
  - d) ants
9. Where did the park say not to crack eggs?
  - a) near animals
  - b) on cars
  - c) on picnic tables
  - d) on sidewalks
10. Will a chicken cook in mid-air in Saudi Arabia?
  - a) if it is covered in oil
  - b) no
  - c) a small chicken will
  - d) it will be half-cooked

# ROLE PLAY

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130713-fried\\_eggs.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130713-fried_eggs.html)

## **Role A – Fried eggs**

You think fried eggs are the best way to cook eggs. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their methods. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): scrambled eggs, boiled eggs or omelettes.

## **Role B – Scrambled eggs**

You think scrambled eggs are the best way to cook eggs. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their methods. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): fried eggs, boiled eggs or omelettes.

## **Role C – Boiled eggs**

You think boiled eggs are the best way to cook eggs. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their methods. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): scrambled eggs, fried eggs or omelettes.

## **Role D – Omelettes**

You think omelettes are the best way to cook eggs. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their methods. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): scrambled eggs, boiled eggs or fried eggs.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

<b>death</b>	<b>valley</b>
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- 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"><li>• trying</li><li>• since</li><li>• clip</li><li>• ever</li><li>• messy</li><li>• sun</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• posting</li><li>• tin</li><li>• contents</li><li>• lot</li><li>• crack</li><li>• chicken</li></ul>
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# FRIED EGGS SURVEY

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130713-fried\\_eggs.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130713-fried_eggs.html)

Write five GOOD questions about fried eggs 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.

## EGGS DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'egg'?
- c) Do you think it can be hot enough to fry an egg?
- d) Which came first, the chicken or the egg?
- e) How important are eggs to you?
- f) What's the difference between white eggs and brown eggs?
- g) What do you know about the nutritional value of eggs?
- h) What's your favorite way of cooking eggs?
- i) Would you like to eat an egg fried in Death Valley?
- j) Are there any interesting customs in your country using eggs?

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## EGGS DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What do you think the boss said to the worker who posted the video?
- c) Should the worker be disciplined?
- d) What different uses are there for eggs?
- e) Do you like eggs from birds other than chickens?
- f) Do you prefer the egg white or the yolk?
- g) Do you usually buy free range eggs or those from battery chickens?
- h) What would your life be like without eggs?
- i) Do you like eating raw eggs?
- j) What questions would you like to ask a Death Valley park official?

# 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. \_\_\_\_\_

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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

- |     |               |                |               |               |
|-----|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) appeared  | (b) appalled   | (c) appraised | (d) appealed  |
| 2.  | (a) endured   | (b) entranced  | (c) undulated | (d) inundated |
| 3.  | (a) pin       | (b) clip       | (c) motif     | (d) badge     |
| 4.  | (a) flying    | (b) floating   | (c) soaring   | (d) gliding   |
| 5.  | (a) messed    | (b) mess       | (c) messy     | (d) messes    |
| 6.  | (a) goo       | (b) glue       | (c) globule   | (d) granules  |
| 7.  | (a) flittered | (b) urged      | (c) oiled     | (d) formatted |
| 8.  | (a) intended  | (b) contended  | (c) amended   | (d) pretended |
| 9.  | (a) proper    | (b) properly   | (c) prosper   | (d) propeller |
| 10. | (a) directive | (b) directions | (c) directly  | (d) directed  |
| 11. | (a) warranted | (b) garnished  | (c) provided  | (d) basted    |
| 12. | (a) tricking  | (b) fooling    | (c) fibbing   | (d) joking    |

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# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. eaeapdlp to visitors
2. aenirrf from trying to fry eggs
3. unndadeit with visitors
4. ogiansr temperatures
5. erdddisca egg cartons
6. hundreds of unsuccessful eptsmtta

## Paragraph 2

7. denarettsmo how hot it can get
8. with the eatmdnioornecm that...
9. properly dpsieos of the contents
10. tcnminnaaee crew
11. in the garbage or rececly bins provided
12. don't crack eggs on the adisklsew



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130713-fried\\_eggs.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1307/130713-fried_eggs.html)

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) recommendation that if you do this, use a pan or tin foil and properly dispose of the contents. However, the...maintenance
- ( ) from trying to fry eggs on rocks or the ground. The park has been inundated with visitors trying to test the
- ( ) crew has been busy cleaning up eggs cracked directly on the sidewalk, including egg cartons and shells strewn
- ( ) of the hottest temperature ever recorded on Earth, encouraged many people to try their own experiment, with messy
- ( **1** ) Officials at the Death Valley National Park have appealed to visitors to refrain
- ( ) across the parking lot." It added: "Please put trash in the garbage or recycle bins provided and don't crack
- ( ) posting of frying an egg in a pan in Death Valley was intended to demonstrate how hot it can get here, with the
- ( ) results. Park cleaners are being kept busy cleaning up egg shells, discarded egg
- ( ) cartons, and the foul-smelling goo from hundreds of unsuccessful attempts at a sunny-side up under the sun.
- ( ) theory that it is hot enough to fry an egg ever since a park employee posted a video on YouTube of her attempts to do
- ( ) joking that, "you can throw a chicken in the air and you will catch it cooked".
- ( ) Park rangers urged people on their Facebook page to not fry eggs. It read: "An employee's
- ( ) eggs on the sidewalks." A comment on the park's YouTube page stated how hot it got in Saudi Arabia,
- ( ) so. The online clip, together with soaring temperatures nearing 50°C and the centennial on Wednesday

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. to visitors to Appealed eggs fry to trying from refrain.

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2. inundated been has park The visitors with.

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3. the egg to is theory fry hot that Test an enough it.

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4. experiment to try Encouraged their many own people.

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5. of smelling hundreds attempts - from unsuccessful Foul goo.

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6. an egg in a pan An employee's posting of frying.

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7. get Intended how can demonstrate it here to hot.

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8. pan a use , this do you If foil tin or.

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9. put the recycle Please in or trash garbage bins.

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10. cooked will air chicken catch and in Throw it you the a.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Officials at the Death Valley National Park have *appeared* / *appealed* to visitors to *refrain* / *retrain* from trying to fry eggs on rocks or the ground. The park has been *undulated* / *inundated* with visitors trying to test the theory that it is hot enough to fry an egg *even* / *ever* since a park employee posted a video on YouTube of her attempts to do so. The online *chip* / *clip*, together with *soaring* / *soar* temperatures nearing 50°C and the centennial on Wednesday of the hottest temperature *even* / *ever* recorded on Earth, encouraged many people to try their own experiment, with *messed* / *messy* results. Park cleaners are being kept busy cleaning up egg shells, *disgraced* / *discarded* egg cartons, and the foul-smelling *glue* / *goo* from hundreds of unsuccessful attempts at a sunny-side up under the sun.

Park rangers *urged* / *urging* people on their Facebook page to not fry eggs. It read: "An employee's *posting* / *pasting* of frying an egg in a pan in Death Valley was *intended* / *intention* to demonstrate how *hot* / *toasty* it can get here, with the *recommending* / *recommendation* that if you do this, use a pan or tin foil and *properly* / *probably* dispose of the contents. However, the...maintenance crew has been busy cleaning up eggs cracked *direction* / *directly* on the sidewalk, including egg cartons and shells *stewed* / *strewn* across the parking lot." It added: "Please put trash in the garbage or recycle bins *provided* / *provision* and don't crack eggs on the sidewalks." A comment on the park's YouTube page stated how hot it got in Saudi Arabia, joking that, "you can throw a chicken in the air and you will catch it *basted* / *cooked*".

**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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ff\_c\_\_ls \_t th\_ D\_\_th V\_ll\_y N\_t\_\_n\_l P\_rk h\_v\_  
\_pp\_\_l\_d t\_ v\_s\_t\_rs t\_ r\_fr\_\_n fr\_m try\_ng t\_ fry  
\_ggs \_n r\_cks \_r th\_ gr\_\_nd. Th\_ p\_rk h\_s b\_\_n  
\_n\_nd\_t\_d w\_th v\_s\_t\_rs try\_ng t\_ t\_st th\_ th\_\_ry th\_t  
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\_n \_\_rth, \_nc\_\_r\_g\_d m\_ny p\_\_pl\_ t\_ try th\_\_r \_wn  
\_xp\_r\_m\_nt, w\_th m\_ssy r\_s\_lts. P\_rk cl\_\_n\_rs \_r\_  
b\_\_ng k\_pt b\_sy cl\_\_n\_ng \_p \_gg sh\_lls, d\_sc\_rd\_d \_gg  
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\_ggs cr\_ck\_d d\_r\_ctly \_n th\_ s\_d\_w\_lk, \_ncl\_d\_ng \_gg  
c\_rt\_ns \_nd sh\_lls str\_wn \_cr\_ss th\_ p\_rk\_ng l\_t." \_t  
\_dd\_d: "Pl\_\_s\_ p\_t tr\_sh \_n th\_ g\_rb\_g\_ \_r r\_cycl\_  
b\_ns pr\_v\_d\_d \_nd d\_n't cr\_ck \_ggs \_n th\_ s\_d\_w\_lks."  
\_c\_mm\_nt \_n th\_ p\_rk's Y\_\_T\_b\_ p\_g\_ st\_t\_d h\_w h\_t  
\_t g\_t \_n S\_\_d\_ \_r\_b\_\_, j\_k\_ng th\_t, "y\_\_ c\_n thr\_w \_  
ch\_ck\_n \_n th\_ \_\_r \_nd y\_\_ w\_ll c\_tch \_t c\_\_k\_d".

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# 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 Death Valley. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. FRIED EGGS:** Make a poster about fried eggs (and other ways of cooking eggs). Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. DEATH VALLEY:** Write a magazine article about frying eggs in Death Valley. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 egg expert (an egg-spert). Ask him/her three questions about eggs. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c F    d T    e T    f T    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. officials      | a. representatives |
| 2. appealed to    | b. implored        |
| 3. inundated      | c. flooded         |
| 4. encouraged     | d. urged           |
| 5. unsuccessful   | e. failed          |
| 6. intended       | f. meant           |
| 7. recommendation | g. suggestion      |
| 8. dispose        | h. throw away      |
| 9. strewn         | i. scattered       |
| 10. provided      | j. supplied        |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Officials at the Death Valley National Park
2. A theory that it was hot enough to fry eggs
3. Nearly 50°C
4. 100
5. Egg goo
6. Explain how hot the park gets
7. Tin foil
8. Maintenance teams
9. No - that was a joke
10. Officials at the Death Valley National Park

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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