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## **Level 2**

# **Food crime is an international problem**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1409/140906-food-crime-2.html>

There is a new danger with our food. Criminals are selling billions of dollars of fake food to supermarkets. The food could be very dangerous. There have been a few scandals in the past few years. In Britain, horse meat was labeled as beef. British police recently found cheap peanut powder in products. This could harm or kill people with peanut allergies. In 2008, six babies died in China after they drank fake milk powder. Gangs make a lot of money from fake food. It is also safer than selling drugs for the gangs because the penalties are lower.

Interpol told the BBC that food crime is very similar to drugs crime. A spokesman said the patterns used by criminals to sell fake food are very similar to those used by drug dealers. Police in 33 countries found that food crime is a serious global problem. They found the dye in children's candies was a poisonous chemical. They also found 430,000 litres of fake drinks and 22 tons of cheap rice that was labeled as high-quality basmati rice. The U.K. said it was a difficult problem. It said that using technology might be the only way to beat the criminals.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-29047911>  
<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/may/03/food-crime-fraud-fatal-new-age-editorial>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1409/140906-food-crime-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Criminals are selling billions | a. from fake food          |
| 2. horse meat was labeled         | b. of dollars of fake food |
| 3. This could harm                | c. than selling drugs      |
| 4. peanut                         | d. as beef                 |
| 5. milk                           | e. lower                   |
| 6. Gangs make a lot of money      | f. allergies               |
| 7. It is also safer               | g. powder                  |
| 8. the penalties are              | h. or kill people          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. food crime is very similar  | a. children's candies |
| 2. patterns used               | b. as high-quality    |
| 3. drug                        | c. by criminals       |
| 4. food crime is a serious     | d. the criminals      |
| 5. the dye in                  | e. global problem     |
| 6. a poisonous                 | f. to drugs crime     |
| 7. cheap rice that was labeled | g. chemical           |
| 8. the only way to beat        | h. dealers            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There is a new (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Criminals are selling billions of dollars (2) \_\_\_\_\_ supermarkets. The food could be very dangerous. There have been (3) \_\_\_\_\_ past few years. In Britain, horse meat was labeled as beef. British police (4) \_\_\_\_\_ peanut powder in products. This could harm or kill people (5) \_\_\_\_\_. In 2008, six babies died in China after they drank fake milk powder. Gangs make a lot of money from fake food. It is also safer than selling drugs for the gangs because the (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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