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Free rice ATMs installed on Vietnam's streets

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm-5.html>

A businessman had an ingenious idea to help hungry people in Vietnam. Hoang Tuan Anh designed an ATM that dispenses rice. He got the ATMs installed on streets in cities across Vietnam. Mr Anh was troubled by the number of people going hungry after losing their jobs. Around five million people lost their livelihoods because of coronavirus. The popularity of the "free-rice ATMs" means Mr Anh is manufacturing and installing more of them. He told reporters that other businesses, sponsors and donors offered to help fund his project. This will allow him to extend the reach of the ATMs.

Mr Anh explained what was behind his idea. He wanted to invent, "a 24/7 automatic dispensing machine" to provide free rice for people out of work during his country's lockdown. Mr Anh estimated that his machines have dispensed around 3,000 tons of free rice. People are allowed to "withdraw" 1.5kg of rice twice a day. Many people appreciate Mr Anh's efforts. A mother who recently lost her job is one of them. She said: "I read about this rice ATM on the Internet. I came to check it out, and couldn't believe it came out of the ATM. I really hope the sponsors keep doing this."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. A businessman had an ingenious | a. more of them |
| 2. Mr Anh was | b. livelihoods |
| 3. an ATM that | c. of the ATMs |
| 4. people lost their | d. idea to help |
| 5. The popularity of | e. fund his project |
| 6. manufacturing and installing | f. dispenses rice |
| 7. donors offered to help | g. the "free-rice ATMs" |
| 8. extend the reach | h. troubled |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Mr Anh explained what was | a. machine |
| 2. a 24/7 automatic dispensing | b. out of work |
| 3. provide free rice for people | c. withdraw 1.5kg |
| 4. during his country's | d. keep doing this |
| 5. People are allowed to | e. behind his idea |
| 6. I came to | f. out of the ATM |
| 7. it came | g. lockdown |
| 8. I really hope the sponsors | h. check it out |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A businessman had (1) _____ to help hungry people in Vietnam. Hoang Tuan Anh designed an ATM (2) _____. He got the ATMs installed on streets (3) _____ Vietnam. Mr Anh was troubled by the number of people going hungry after losing their jobs. Around five million people (4) _____ because of coronavirus. The popularity of the "free-rice ATMs" means Mr Anh is manufacturing and (5) _____ them. He told reporters that other businesses, sponsors and donors offered to help fund his project. This will allow him to (6) _____ of the ATMs.

Mr Anh explained what was (7) _____. He wanted to invent, "a 24/7 automatic dispensing machine" to provide free rice for people out of work during (8) _____. Mr Anh estimated that his machines (9) _____ 3,000 tons of free rice. People are allowed to "withdraw" 1.5kg of rice twice a day. (10) _____ Mr Anh's efforts. A mother who (11) _____ job is one of them. She said: "I read about this rice ATM on the Internet. I came to check it out, and couldn't believe it came out of the ATM. I really (12) _____ keep doing this."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RICE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200618-atm-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about rice 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) _____

