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Scientists find alternative to palm oil

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Palm oil is used in a lot of food and everyday things. It is also in beauty products and biofuel. However, making palm oil damages the environment because of deforestation.

Researchers in Scotland believe they have found an alternative to palm oil. The scientists have created a plant-based oil that is better for nature and for our health. Their new PALM-ALT product is 70 per cent better for the environment. This is because it is more sustainable and leads to less biodiversity loss. It is also healthier. It has 80 per cent less saturated fat and 30 per cent fewer calories than palm oil.

PALM-ALT could change how things are made. Around half of all the food and cosmetics we buy contain palm oil. Trees in tropical countries have to be cut down to make palm oil. However, PALM-ALT is made from the linseed flower and rapeseed oil. A researcher spoke to the BBC about PALM-ALT. She called it the "holy grail". She said: "We've put it through some special...testing to see if [people] can tell the difference between our product and traditional palm [oil], and they can't." She is hoping businesses will start using PALM-ALT instead of regular palm oil.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Palm oil is used in a | a. sustainable |
| 2. everyday | b. products |
| 3. It is also in beauty | c. than palm oil |
| 4. scientists have created a plant- | d. things |
| 5. This is because it is more | e. saturated fat |
| 6. biodiversity | f. lot of food |
| 7. It has 80 per cent less | g. based oil |
| 8. 30 per cent fewer calories | h. loss |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. PALM-ALT could change how | a. countries |
| 2. Around half of | b. the difference |
| 3. trees in tropical | c. palm oil |
| 4. have to be | d. using PALM-ALT |
| 5. We've put it through some special | e. all the food |
| 6. people can tell | f. cut down |
| 7. She is hoping businesses will start | g. testing |
| 8. instead of regular | h. things are made |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Palm oil is used in a lot of food (1) _____. It is also in beauty products and biofuel. However, making palm oil damages the environment (2) _____. Researchers in Scotland believe they have found an alternative to palm oil. The scientists have created a (3) _____ that is (4) _____ and for our health. Their new PALM-ALT product is 70 per cent better for the environment. This is because it is more sustainable and (5) _____ biodiversity loss. It is also healthier. It has 80 per cent less saturated fat and 30 per cent (6) _____ palm oil.

PALM-ALT could change how (7) _____. Around half of all the (8) _____ we buy contain palm oil. Trees in tropical countries have to be (9) _____ make palm oil. However, PALM-ALT is made from the linseed flower and rapeseed oil. A researcher spoke to the BBC about PALM-ALT. She (10) _____ "holy grail". She said: "We've put it through some special...(11) _____ if [people] can tell the difference between our product and traditional palm [oil], and they can't." She is hoping businesses will start using PALM-ALT (12) _____ palm oil.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PALM OIL SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about palm oil 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) _____

