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Level 1 – 24th May, 2021

Older UK farmers to get \$140,000 for retiring

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming-1.html>

The UK wants to change its farming industry. It will pay older farmers to retire. It wants more young farmers. Some older farmers could get \$140,000 if they retire. The government wants to protect the environment. Older farmers use traditional methods to farm their land. These are not so environmentally friendly. The UK thinks younger farmers will use greener methods. It said older farmers were "standing in the way of change".

The average age of a UK farmer is 59. Around 40 per cent are over 65. The UK wants to help new farmers to reach their dream of farming land and help older farmers to retire. The plan is popular with older farmers. One farmers' group said 75 per cent of its farmers liked the plan. Another group said it wants to see a fair way for older farmers to retire. It wants older farmers to have enough time and information to make big life-changing decisions.

Sources: <https://www.thepigsite.com/news/2021/05/uk-government-publishes-consultation-on-paying-older-farmers-to-retire>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. change its farming | a. if they retire |
| 2. It wants more young | b. greener methods |
| 3. farmers could get \$140,000 | c. methods |
| 4. protect the | d. way of change |
| 5. Older farmers use traditional | e. industry |
| 6. These are not so environmentally | f. environment |
| 7. younger farmers will use | g. farmers |
| 8. standing in the | h. friendly |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The average age of | a. their dream |
| 2. Around 40 per cent | b. and information |
| 3. The UK wants | c. with older farmers |
| 4. reach | d. changing decisions |
| 5. The plan is popular | e. the plan |
| 6. farmers liked | f. a UK farmer is 59 |
| 7. have enough time | g. are over 65 |
| 8. make big life- | h. to help new farmers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming-1.html>

The UK wants (1) _____ farming industry. It will pay older (2) _____. It wants more young farmers. Some older farmers could get \$140,000 if they retire. The government (3) _____ the environment. Older farmers use traditional (4) _____ their land. These are not so environmentally friendly. The UK thinks younger farmers will (5) _____. It said older farmers were "standing in the (6) _____".

The (7) _____ a UK farmer is 59. Around 40 per cent are over 65. The UK wants to help new (8) _____ their dream of farming land and help older farmers to retire. The (9) _____ with older farmers. One farmers' group said 75 per cent of its farmers (10) _____. Another group said it wants to see a fair way for older (11) _____. It wants older farmers to have enough time and information to make big (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FARMING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210524-farming-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about farming 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) _____

