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U.K. considers tax on sugary and salty snacks

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THE ARTICLE

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The UK is considering several measures to help people eat more healthily. The government asked a food expert to come up with some ideas. The expert is Henry Dimbleby, the founder of a chain of restaurants. Mr Dimbleby created the National Food Strategy and presented it to the UK government earlier this week. The strategy included two main ideas. One is a tax on food containing salt and sugar, which the media have called a "snack tax". The second idea is to give vegetables to poorer people for free. Mr Dimbleby warned that what we eat, and how it is produced, is doing "terrible damage" to the environment and to our health. Poor diet leads to 64,000 deaths a year in England and puts great pressure on hospitals.

Despite the government asking for the strategy, Prime Minister Boris Johnson is not happy with it. He said he could not support it because he was "not attracted to the idea of extra taxes on hard-working people". Mr Johnson said the strategy could increase the price of snack food by up to 13 per cent. He added that the best way to tackle obesity and to encourage healthier lifestyles was for people to exercise and eat less junk food. Mr Dimbleby said: "With the right leadership from government, it is well within our power to change the system so it makes both us and the planet healthier." He added: "We must now seize the moment to build a better food system for our children and grandchildren."

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WARM-UPS

1. FOOD: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about food. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

measures / government / food / expert / chain / salt / sugar / vegetables / damage / strategy / happy / taxes / snack food / obesity / lifestyles / leadership / power / build

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

3. SNACK TAX: Students A **strongly** believe there should be a tax on snacks; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SNACKS: What are the good and bad things about these snacks? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
French fries		
Energy bars		
Sandwich		
Potato chips		
Chocolate		
Cookies		

5. TAX: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "tax". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. HEALTHY LIFESTYLE: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things for a healthy lifestyle at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Vegetarian diet
- Sleep
- Good friends
- Exercise
- No stress
- Medicine
- Laughter
- No pollution

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| 1. several | a. A group of businesses, such as hotels, stores, or restaurants, owned by the same company. |
| 2. measure | b. Newspapers, TV news stations and Internet news agencies. |
| 3. expert | c. A small number greater than two. |
| 4. chain | d. The kinds of food that a person, or animal, usually eats. |
| 5. media | e. A plan or action to do something or achieve a purpose. |
| 6. terrible | f. A person who has a lot of knowledge of or skill in a particular area. |
| 7. diet | g. Very, very, very bad or serious. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 8. support | h. Take and use an opportunity. |
| 9. attracted | i. Say you agree with something and want it to happen. |
| 10. snack | j. Caused to have a liking for or interest in something. |
| 11. tackle | k. The condition of being too fat or overweight. |
| 12. obesity | l. Make big efforts to deal with a problem or difficult task. |
| 13. junk food | m. A small amount of food eaten between meals. |
| 14. seize | n. Food that has low nutritional value, typically needing little or no preparation. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210719-snack-tax.html>

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

1. The UK government asked a food expert to help keep people healthier. **T / F**
2. The food expert once started a chain of restaurants. **T / F**
3. The expert recommended giving poor people free vegetables. **T / F**
4. The expert said poor diets kill 64,000 people a year in the UK. **T / F**
5. The UK Prime Minister is happy with the food expert's ideas. **T / F**
6. A tax could increase the price of snacks by 13 per cent. **T / F**
7. The prime minister said exercise was best to reduce obesity. **T / F**
8. The food expert said a better power system was needed. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. considering | a. plan |
| 2. come up with | b. back |
| 3. strategy | c. stress |
| 4. terrible | d. take |
| 5. pressure | e. thinking about |
| 6. support | f. deal with |
| 7. increase | g. really bad |
| 8. tackle | h. correct |
| 9. right | i. thought of |
| 10. seize | j. raise |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. several measures to help | a. support it |
| 2. food | b. with some ideas |
| 3. come up | c. for our children |
| 4. The strategy included two | d. to the environment |
| 5. doing "terrible damage" | e. to change the system |
| 6. He said he could not | f. people eat more healthily |
| 7. extra taxes on hard- | g. main ideas |
| 8. the best way to tackle | h. working people |
| 9. within our power | i. expert |
| 10. build a better food system | j. obesity |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210719-snack-tax.html>

The UK is considering (1) _____ measures to help people eat more healthily. The government asked a food expert to come up with some ideas. The (2) _____ is Henry Dimbleby, the founder of a (3) _____ of restaurants. Mr Dimbleby created the National Food Strategy and presented it to the UK government (4) _____ this week. The strategy included two main ideas. One is a tax on food containing salt and sugar, which the (5) _____ have called a "snack tax". The second idea is to give vegetables to poorer people for free. Mr Dimbleby (6) _____ that what we eat, and how it is produced, is doing "terrible (7) _____" to the environment and to our health. Poor diet leads to 64,000 deaths a year in England and puts great (8) _____ on hospitals.

Despite the government asking for the (9) _____, Prime Minister Boris Johnson is not happy with it. He said he could not support it because he was "not (10) _____ to the idea of extra taxes on hard-(11) _____ people". Mr Johnson said the strategy could increase the price of snack food by up to 13 per cent. He added that the best way to (12) _____ obesity and to encourage healthier lifestyles was for people to exercise and eat less (13) _____ food. Mr Dimbleby said: "With the right (14) _____ from government, it is well within our (15) _____ to change the system so it makes both us and the planet healthier." He added: "We must now (16) _____ the moment to build a better food system for our children and grandchildren."

chain
media
several
earlier
pressure
damage
expert
warned

tackle
attracted
seize
leadership
working
junk
strategy
power

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210719-snack-tax.html>

- 1) The UK is considering several measures to help people _____
 - a. eat more healthy
 - b. eat mere healthy
 - c. eat more healthily
 - d. eat more health
- 2) The government asked a food expert to come up _____
 - a. with some ideates
 - b. with some ideals
 - c. with some ides as
 - d. with some ideas
- 3) One is a tax on food containing salt and sugar, which the media have called _____
 - a. as knack stacks "
 - b. ace knack tax"
 - c. a "snack tax"
 - d. a "snack stacks"
- 4) Mr Dimbleby warned that what we eat, and how it is produced, is _____
 - a. do in "terrible damage"
 - b. doing "terrible damage"
 - c. doing "terribly damage"
 - d. doing "terrible damaged"
- 5) Poor diet leads to 64,000 deaths a year in England and puts great _____
 - a. pressure on hospitals
 - b. pressured on hospitals
 - c. pressure don hospitals
 - d. pressure done hospitals
- 6) He said he could not support it because he was "not attracted to the idea _____"
 - a. off extra tax is
 - b. offer extra taxes
 - c. of extra tax is
 - d. of extra taxes
- 7) the price of snack food by up to 13 per cent. He added that the best _____ obesity
 - a. weight to tackle
 - b. weight or tackle
 - c. way to tackle
 - d. way too tackle
- 8) for people to exercise and eat less junk food. Mr Dimbleby said: "With _____"
 - a. the lite leadership
 - b. the write leadership
 - c. the light leadership
 - d. the right leadership
- 9) well within our power to change the system so it makes both us and _____
 - a. the planetary healthier
 - b. the planet healthier
 - c. the planets healthier
 - d. the plan it healthier
- 10) We must now seize the moment to build a _____
 - a. better food system
 - b. bitter food system
 - c. batter food system
 - d. butter food system

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Despite the government asking (7) _____, Prime Minister Boris Johnson is not happy with it. He said he could not support it because he was "not attracted to the (8) _____ taxes on hard-working people". Mr Johnson said the (9) _____ the price of snack food by up to 13 per cent. He added that the best way to tackle obesity and to encourage healthier lifestyles was for people to exercise and eat (10) _____. Mr Dimbleby said: "With the right leadership from government, it is well within our power to (11) _____ so it makes both us and the planet healthier." He added: "We must now (12) _____ to build a better food system for our children and grandchildren."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210719-snack-tax.html>

1. How many measures is the UK considering?
2. What did the food expert Henry Dimbleby start?
3. Who called one of the ideas a "snack tax"?
4. What did the expert say poor people should get for free?
5. What do poor diets put great pressure on?
6. Who does the article say was not happy with the food strategy?
7. Who did Boris Johnson not want to pay taxes?
8. What did Boris Johnson was best to fight obesity besides exercise?
9. What did Mr Dimbleby say could change?
10. What did Mr Dimbleby say needed to be built?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210719-snack-tax.html>

- 1) How many measures is the UK considering?
 - a) several
 - b) countless
 - c) five
 - d) many
- 2) What did the food expert Henry Dimbleby start?
 - a) a discussion
 - b) a vegetable farm
 - c) a chain of restaurants
 - d) a sugary drinks company
- 3) Who called one of the ideas a "snack tax"?
 - a) a soda company
 - b) the media
 - c) a potato chip company
 - d) the UK government
- 4) What did the expert say poor people should get for free?
 - a) taxes
 - b) the UK government
 - c) snacks
 - d) vegetables
- 5) What do poor diets put great pressure on?
 - a) hospitals
 - b) the heart
 - c) the UK government
 - d) vegetables
- 6) Who does the article say was not happy with the food strategy?
 - a) farmers
 - b) the UK government
 - c) Henry Dimbleby
 - d) Boris Johnson
- 7) Who did Boris Johnson not want to pay taxes?
 - a) the UK government
 - b) hard-working people
 - c) snack company CEOs
 - d) Henry Dimbleby
- 8) What did Boris Johnson was best to fight obesity besides exercise?
 - a) car-free days
 - b) medicine
 - c) seizing the moment
 - d) less junk food
- 9) What did Mr Dimbleby say could change?
 - a) vegetables
 - b) seizing the moment
 - c) the system
 - d) the UK government
- 10) What did Mr Dimbleby say needed to be built?
 - a) a new snack company
 - b) a better food system
 - c) a fairer tax system
 - d) trust in the government

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210719-snack-tax.html>

Role A – Vegetarian Diet

You think a vegetarian diet is the best thing for a healthy lifestyle. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): sleep, medicine or exercise.

Role B – Sleep

You think sleep is the best thing for a healthy lifestyle. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): a vegetarian diet, medicine or exercise.

Role C – Medicine

You think medicine is the best thing for a healthy lifestyle. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): sleep, a vegetarian diet or exercise.

Role D – Exercise

You think exercise is the best thing for a healthy lifestyle. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): sleep, medicine or a vegetarian diet.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210719-snack-tax.html>

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

sugar	salt
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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">• several• some• chain• main• poorer• diet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• happy• support• 13• junk• power• seize
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FOOD SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about food 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.

FOOD DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'sugar'?
3. What do you think of snacks?
4. What do you think of putting a tax on salt and sugar?
5. How healthy are people in your country?
6. How much do you like salt and sugar in food?
7. Why are salt and sugar bad for you?
8. What are your favourite snacks?
9. Is it a bad idea to snack between meals?
10. What do you think of giving vegetables to poorer people?

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FOOD DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'salt'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How can we get people to eat healthier food?
15. What's the best way to tackle obesity?
16. What do you think of junk food?
17. What do you think of your country's leadership?
18. What will our grandchildren think of decisions we make today?
19. How healthy is your lifestyle?
20. What questions would you like to ask a food expert?

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. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Despite the government (7) _____ for the strategy, Prime Minister Boris Johnson is not happy with it. He said he could not support it because he was "not (8) _____ to the idea of extra taxes on hard-working people". Mr Johnson said the strategy could increase the price of snack food by up to 13 per cent. He added that the best way to (9) _____ obesity and to encourage healthier lifestyles was for people to exercise and eat less (10) _____ food. Mr Dimbleby said: "With the right leadership from government, it is well (11) _____ our power to change the system so it makes both us and the planet healthier." He added: "We must now (12) _____ the moment to build a better food system for our children and grandchildren."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) consider | (b) considering | (c) considers | (d) considered |
| 2. | (a) founder | (b) finder | (c) flounder | (d) fender |
| 3. | (a) it | (b) they | (c) them | (d) thus |
| 4. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) in | (d) by |
| 5. | (a) from | (b) of | (c) at | (d) for |
| 6. | (a) fantastic | (b) superb | (c) well | (d) great |
| 7. | (a) asking | (b) asks | (c) ask | (d) asker |
| 8. | (a) attraction | (b) attracts | (c) attractive | (d) attracted |
| 9. | (a) tackle | (b) foul | (c) send off | (d) red card |
| 10. | (a) trash | (b) junk | (c) litter | (d) garbage |
| 11. | (a) behest | (b) within | (c) interest | (d) go |
| 12. | (a) seize | (b) adhesive | (c) rehearse | (d) weather |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. raevsl measures to help people
2. The government asked a food rtpxee
3. The sgyttrae included two main ideas
4. a tax on food noicntnaig salt
5. doing beirelrt damage
6. puts great serepsru on hospitals

Paragraph 2

7. tdiepes the government asking
8. he could not upropst it
9. aseicren the price of snack food
10. the best way to tackle ibotsey
11. to rneuogac healthier lifestyles
12. We must now iezes the moment

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () increase the price of snack food by up to 13 per cent. He added that the best way to tackle
- () obesity and to encourage healthier lifestyles was for people to exercise and eat less junk food. Mr Dimbleby said: "With the right
- () leadership from government, it is well within our power to change the system so
- () support it because he was "not attracted to the idea of extra taxes on hard-working people". Mr Johnson said the strategy could
- () of restaurants. Mr Dimbleby created the National Food Strategy and presented it to the UK government earlier this
- () week. The strategy included two main ideas. One is a tax on food containing salt
- (**1**) The UK is considering several measures to help people eat more healthily. The government asked a food
- () to our health. Poor diet leads to 64,000 deaths a year in England and puts great pressure on hospitals.
- () people for free. Mr Dimbleby warned that what we eat, and how it is produced, is doing "terrible damage" to the environment and
- () and sugar, which the media have called a "snack tax". The second idea is to give vegetables to poorer
- () moment to build a better food system for our children and grandchildren."
- () Despite the government asking for the strategy, Prime Minister Boris Johnson is not happy with it. He said he could not
- () it makes both us and the planet healthier." He added: "We must now seize the
- () expert to come up with some ideas. The expert is Henry Dimbleby, the founder of a chain

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. Several eat people to help measures healthily . more
2. A ideas . came up food expert with some
3. food a is One tax containing on salt .
4. to poorer free . Give vegetables for people
5. a diet deaths 64,000 leads to Poor year .
6. not He he said it . support could
7. to the was attracted He idea . not
8. way That the was to best obesity . tackle
9. the change Well power within system . to our
10. a moment system . to the better Seize build

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210719-snack-tax.html>

The UK is *considering* / *considered* several measures to help people eat more healthily. The government asked a food *expat* / *expert* to come up with some ideas. The expert is Henry Dimbleby, the founder of a *chair* / *chain* of restaurants. Mr Dimbleby created the National Food Strategy and presented *it* / *them* to the UK government earlier *next* / *this* week. The strategy included two *main* / *mainly* ideas. One is a tax *on* / *at* food containing salt and sugar, which the media have called a "snack tax". The second idea is to give vegetables to *poverty* / *poorer* people for free. Mr Dimbleby warned that what we eat, and how it is produced, is doing "terrible damage" to the environment and *at* / *to* our health. Poor diet leads to 64,000 deaths a year in England and puts *great* / *greatly* pressure on hospitals.

Despite the government asking *for* / *from* the strategy, Prime Minister Boris Johnson is not happy *without* / *with* it. He said he could not support it because he was "not *magnetism* / *attracted* to the idea of extra taxes on hard-working people". Mr Johnson said the strategy could *arise* / *increase* the price of snack food by *down* / *up* to 13 per cent. He added that the best way to *tackle* / *foul* obesity and to encourage healthier lifestyles was for people to exercise and eat *more* / *less* junk food. Mr Dimbleby said: "With the right leadership from government, it is *good* / *well* within our power to change the system so it makes *both* / *either* us and the planet healthier." He added: "We must now *seize* / *size* the moment to build a better food system for our children and grandchildren."

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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Th_ _K _s c_ns_d_r_ng s_v_r_l m__s_r_s t_ h_lp
p__pl_ __t m_r_ h__lth_ly. Th_ g_v_rnm_nt _sk_d _
f__d _xp_rt t_ c_m_ _p w_th s_m_ _d__s. Th_ _xp_rt
_s H_nry D_mbl_by, th_ f__nd_r _f _ ch__n _f
r_st__r_nts. Mr D_mbl_by cr__t_d th_ N_t__n_l F__d
Str_t_gy _nd pr_s_nt_d _t t_ th_ _K g_v_rnm_nt
__rl__r th_s w__k. Th_ str_t_gy _ncl_d_d tw_ m__n
_d__s. _n_ _s _ t_x _n f__d c_nt__n_ng s_lt _nd
s_g_r, wh_ch th_ m_d__ h_v_ c_ll_d _ "sn_ck t_x".
Th_ s_c_nd _d__ _s t_ g_v_ v_g_t_bls t_ p__r_r
p__pl_ f_r fr__. Mr D_mbl_by w_rn_d th_t wh_t w_
__t, _nd h_w _t _s pr_d_c_d, _s d__ng "t_rr_b_l
d_m_g_" t_ th_ _nv_r_nm_nt _nd t_ __r h__lth. P__r
d__t l__ds t_ 64,000 d__ths _ y__r _n _ngl_nd _nd
p_ts gr__t pr_ss_r_ _n h_sp_t_ls.

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M_n_st_r B_r_s J_hns_n _s n_t h_ppy w_th _t. H_
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m_k_s b_th _s _nd th_ pl_n_t h__lth__r." H_ _dd_d:
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210719-snack-tax.html>

the uk is considering several measures to help people eat more healthily the government asked a food expert to come up with some ideas the expert is henry dimbleby the founder of a chain of restaurants mr dimbleby created the national food strategy and presented it to the uk government earlier this week the strategy included two main ideas one is a tax on food containing salt and sugar which the media have called a snack tax the second idea is to give vegetables to poorer people for free mr dimbleby warned that what we eat and how it is produced is doing terrible damage to the environment and to our health poor diet leads to 64000 deaths a year in england and puts great pressure on hospitals

despite the government asking for the strategy prime minister boris johnson is not happy with it he said he could not support it because he was not attracted to the idea of extra taxes on hardworking people mr johnson said the strategy could increase the price of snack food by up to 13 per cent he added that the best way to tackle obesity and to encourage healthier lifestyles was for people to exercise and eat less junk food mr dimbleby said with the right leadership from government it is well within our power to change the system so it makes both us and the planet healthier he added we must now seize the moment to build a better food system for our children and grandchildren

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **food** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SNACKS: Make a poster about snacks. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SNACK TAX: Write a magazine article about putting a huge tax on all snacks. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 expert on snack food. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on snacks. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. f 4. a 5. b 6. g 7. d
8. i 9. j 10. m 11. l 12. k 13. n 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 T 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. e	2. i	3. a	4. g	5. c
6. b	7. j	8. f	9. h	10. d

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Several
- A chain of restaurants
- The media
- Vegetables
- Hospitals
- Boris Johnson
- Hard-working people
- Less junk food
- The system
- A better food system

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Several measures to help people eat more healthily.
- A food expert came up with some ideas.
- One is a tax on food containing salt.
- Give vegetables to poorer people for free.
- Poor diet leads to 64,000 deaths a year.
- He said he could not support it.
- He was not attracted to the idea.
- That was the best way to tackle obesity.
- Well within our power to change the system.
- Seize the moment to build a better system.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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