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Level 0 – 16th June, 2022

New Zealand may tax farm animal burps

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2206/220616-cow-burps-0.html>

New Zealand wants a tax on burping and farting sheep and cows. Burping and farting creates a lot of methane. This is a damaging greenhouse gas. The new "burp tax" would start in 2025. New Zealand has over 26 million sheep. New Zealand says it needs to cut the amount of methane it puts into the atmosphere.

Farming and burping cows make up 14.5 per cent of greenhouse gasses. Farmers will change how they farm. Cows may have to eat seaweed instead of grass to lower emissions. They may also have to wear masks. Farmers will also plant more trees. New Zealand's farmers support this. They want to help the environment.

Sources: <https://news.yahoo.com/new-zealand-considers-taxing-cow-and-sheep-burps-to-combat-climate-change-184504518.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. New Zealand wants a tax | a. of methane |
| 2. farting sheep | b. start in 2025 |
| 3. farting creates a lot | c. cut the amount |
| 4. This is a damaging | d. and cows |
| 5. The new "burp tax" would | e. 26 million sheep |
| 6. New Zealand has over | f. on burping |
| 7. it needs to | g. the atmosphere |
| 8. methane it puts into | h. greenhouse gas |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. greenhouse | a. more trees |
| 2. Farmers will change how | b. emissions |
| 3. eat seaweed | c. the environment |
| 4. lower | d. gasses |
| 5. They may also have to wear | e. support this |
| 6. Farmers will also plant | f. instead of grass |
| 7. farmers | g. masks |
| 8. They want to help | h. they farm |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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New Zealand wants (1) _____ burping and farting sheep and cows. Burping and farting creates (2) _____ methane. This is a damaging greenhouse gas. The (3) _____ would start in 2025. New Zealand (4) _____ million sheep. New Zealand says it (5) _____ the amount of methane it (6) _____ atmosphere.

Farming and burping (7) _____ 14.5 per cent of greenhouse gasses. Farmers (8) _____ they farm. Cows may (9) _____ seaweed instead of grass to lower emissions. They may also (10) _____ masks. Farmers will (11) _____ trees. New Zealand's farmers support this. They want (12) _____ environment.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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COW BURPS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cow burps 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) _____

