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**Level 0 – 13th July 2023**

## Switzerland imports more cheese than it exports

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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/2307/230713-swiss-cheese-0.html>

Switzerland is famous for cheese, but it now imports more cheese than it exports. This is because other countries sell cheaper milk in Switzerland. It is difficult for Swiss farmers to match their price. Many farmers have given up. They cannot make money. Farmers are making less cheese - just enough for their own population.

High quality Swiss cheese is on the menu of many restaurants. Many restaurants are replacing Swiss cheese with cheese from other countries. However, the Swiss are eating more cheese than ever. They ate an average of 22.9 kg per person in 2022. A dairy farmer said cheese is a big part of life in Switzerland.

Sources: <https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/business/switzerland-set-to-import-more-cheese-than-it-exports-for-first-time/48650616>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. it now imports more cheese      | a. for Swiss farmers |
| 2. This is because other countries | b. less cheese       |
| 3. It is difficult                 | c. have given up     |
| 4. match their                     | d. own population    |
| 5. Many farmers                    | e. money             |
| 6. They cannot make                | f. price             |
| 7. Farmers are making              | g. than it exports   |
| 8. just enough for their           | h. sell cheaper milk |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. High                             | a. than ever            |
| 2. on the                           | b. farmer               |
| 3. restaurants are replacing        | c. menu                 |
| 4. cheese from                      | d. life in Switzerland  |
| 5. the Swiss are eating more cheese | e. other countries      |
| 6. an average of 22.9 kg            | f. Swiss cheese         |
| 7. a dairy                          | g. quality Swiss cheese |
| 8. a big part of                    | h. per person           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Switzerland (1) \_\_\_\_\_ cheese, but it now imports more cheese (2) \_\_\_\_\_. This is because other countries (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in Switzerland. It is difficult for Swiss farmers (4) \_\_\_\_\_ price. Many farmers have given up. They (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Farmers are making less cheese - (6) \_\_\_\_\_ their own population.

High quality Swiss cheese is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of many restaurants. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ replacing Swiss cheese with cheese (9) \_\_\_\_\_. However, the Swiss are eating more cheese than ever. They (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of 22.9 kg per person in 2022. (11) \_\_\_\_\_ said cheese is a big (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in Switzerland.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CHEESE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230713-swiss-cheese-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about cheese 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) \_\_\_\_\_

