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Level 1 – 13th May, 2019

Cuba starts rationing food and other products

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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/1905/190513-rationing-in-cuba-1.html>

Cuba says it will ration food and other products. It will ration beans, chicken, eggs, rice, soap and other goods. There is a serious economic crisis in Cuba and there are many shortages of food. This is because the USA changed how it trades with Cuba. A U.S. trade embargo makes it difficult for Cuba to buy food. Many people say the cut in fuel aid to Cuba from Venezuela is the reason. A crisis in Venezuela means there is a two-thirds cut in fuel to Cuba.

Cuba imports about two-thirds of its food. It spends about \$2 billion a year on food imports. Cuba can now import less food. Many supermarket shelves are empty. People must stand in line in shops. The government is rationing to stop people buying and keeping food. If people do this, there is less food for others. A store in Havana said people could not buy more than four packets of powdered milk. One shopper said life was "tough".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-48237319>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190513-rationing-in-cuba-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Cuba says it will ration | a. and other goods |
| 2. It will | b. aid to Cuba |
| 3. rice, soap | c. of food |
| 4. There is a serious economic | d. trades with Cuba |
| 5. there are many shortages | e. ration beans |
| 6. the USA changed how it | f. crisis |
| 7. the cut in fuel | g. in fuel to Cuba |
| 8. there is a two-thirds cut | h. food |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Cuba imports about two- | a. buy more |
| 2. Many supermarket shelves | b. keeping food |
| 3. People must stand in | c. was "tough" |
| 4. stop people buying and | d. are empty |
| 5. there is less food | e. milk |
| 6. people could not | f. line in shops |
| 7. four packets of powdered | g. for others |
| 8. One shopper said life | h. thirds of its food |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190513-rationing-in-cuba-1.html>

Cuba says it (1) _____ and other products. It will ration beans, chicken, eggs, rice, soap (2) _____. There is a (3) _____ in Cuba and there are many shortages of food. This is because the USA changed (4) _____ with Cuba. A U.S. trade embargo makes it difficult for Cuba to buy food. Many people (5) _____ in fuel aid to Cuba from Venezuela is the reason. A crisis in Venezuela means there is a two-thirds cut (6) _____ Cuba.

Cuba imports about two-thirds (7) _____. It spends about \$2 billion a year (8) _____. Cuba can now import less food. Many supermarket shelves are empty. People must (9) _____ in shops. The government is rationing to stop people buying and keeping food. If people do this, there (10) _____ for others. A store in Havana said people could (11) _____ than four packets of powdered milk. One shopper said (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CUBA SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190513-rationing-in-cuba-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Cuba 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) _____

