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**Level 2 – 17th August, 2020**

## **China launches 'Clean Plate' food waste campaign**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200817-clean-plate-2.html>

China is acting to cut down on food waste. It has started a campaign to get people to think about the amount of food they waste. It is called the "Clean Plate Campaign". President Xi Jinping wants people to reduce how much food they waste. He called the waste "shocking and distressing". There are reports in China that a food crisis is coming. Food production has decreased because of the coronavirus, and floods in southern China. The government wants people to reduce the amount of food they leave on their plate. President Xi said China had to think carefully about food security.

Many restaurants are taking the campaign seriously. One restaurant went a little too far as it started weighing customers. It had to apologise to angry diners. It said it wanted to stop food waste and for diners to order food "in a healthy way". A restaurant in Beijing said: "We remind our guests when they order too much food." Restaurants in Wuhan have started a system called N-1. A group of diners must order one fewer dish than the number of people in their group. The United Nations warned that the world could see its worst food crisis in 50 years this year.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200817-clean-plate-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. China is acting to cut       | a. campaign           |
| 2. It has started a             | b. decreased          |
| 3. reduce how much              | c. down on food waste |
| 4. reports in China that a food | d. security           |
| 5. Food production has          | e. crisis is coming   |
| 6. floods                       | f. on their plate     |
| 7. amount of food they leave    | g. food they waste    |
| 8. think carefully about food   | h. in southern China  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. restaurants are taking the | a. to angry diners    |
| 2. It had to apologise        | b. in their group     |
| 3. in a healthy               | c. much food          |
| 4. We remind                  | d. in 50 years        |
| 5. they order too             | e. way                |
| 6. diners must order one      | f. our guests         |
| 7. the number of people       | g. campaign seriously |
| 8. its worst food crisis      | h. fewer dish         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200817-clean-plate-2.html>

China is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ down on food waste. It has started a campaign to get people to think (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of food they waste. It is called the "Clean Plate Campaign". President Xi Jinping wants people (3) \_\_\_\_\_ much food they waste. He called the waste "shocking and distressing". There are reports in China that a food (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Food production has decreased because of the coronavirus, and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ China. The government wants people to reduce the amount of food they leave (6) \_\_\_\_\_. President Xi said China had to think carefully about food security.

Many restaurants are (7) \_\_\_\_\_ seriously. One restaurant went a little too far as (8) \_\_\_\_\_ customers. It had to apologise to angry diners. It said it wanted to stop food waste and for (9) \_\_\_\_\_ food "in a healthy way". A restaurant in Beijing said: "We remind our guests when they (10) \_\_\_\_\_ food." Restaurants in Wuhan have started a system called N-1. A (11) \_\_\_\_\_ must order one fewer dish than the number of people in their group. The United Nations warned that the world could see its (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in 50 years this year.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FOOD WASTE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200817-clean-plate-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about food waste 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200817-clean-plate-2.html>

Write about **food waste** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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