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China launches 'Clean Plate' food waste campaign

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THE ARTICLE

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China is taking action to cut down on food waste. The government has started a new campaign to encourage people to think about the amount of food they waste. It is called the "Clean Plate Campaign". President Xi Jinping wants people to reduce the amount of food wasted. He called the waste "shocking and distressing". There are many reports in China that a food crisis is coming. Food production has decreased because of the coronavirus and because of floods in southern China. Experts say this will not lead to a crisis, but the government wants people to pay more attention to how much food they leave on their plate. President Xi said China had to "maintain a sense of crisis about food security".

Many restaurants are taking the campaign very seriously. A restaurant in central China went a little too far as it started weighing customers. It had to apologise to diners who were offended at being weighed. It said: "We originally wanted customers to stop food waste and order food in a healthy way." A restaurant in the capital Beijing told the Global Times newspaper: "We remind our guests when they order too much food." Restaurants in Wuhan have started the N-1 system. This is where groups of diners must order one fewer dish than the number of people in the group. Earlier this year, the United Nations warned that the world could see its worst food crisis in 50 years.

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WARM-UPS

1. FOOD WASTE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about food waste. 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?

action / food / waste / campaign / shocking / crisis / production / floods / experts
restaurant / customer / apologise / healthy / newspaper / dish / United Nations

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

3. CRIME: Students A **strongly** believe wasting food should be made a crime; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. WASTE: How do people waste these things? How can we reduce this waste? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Do People Waste These?	How Can We Reduce the Waste?
Food		
Money		
Electricity		
Water		
Time		
Energy		

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

6. RESTAURANTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best restaurants at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Chinese
- Italian
- Mexican
- Indian
- Fast food
- French
- Thai
- Japanese

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. encourage | a. A time of intense difficulty, trouble, or danger. |
| 2. waste | b. Keep something at the same level or rate. |
| 3. reduce | c. Give support, confidence, or hope to someone. |
| 4. distressing | d. Use carelessly or to no purpose. |
| 5. crisis | e. Causing worry, sadness or pain; upsetting. |
| 6. expert | f. A person who has a lot of knowledge of or skill in a particular area. |
| 7. maintain | g. Make smaller or less in amount, degree, or size. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. apologise | h. Cause someone to remember someone or something. |
| 9. diner | i. From or in the beginning; at first. |
| 10. offended | j. Found out how heavy someone or something is, usually by using scales. |
| 11. weighed | k. Say sorry for something that one has done wrong. |
| 12. originally | l. A kind of food served as part of a meal. |
| 13. remind | m. A person who is eating, usually a customer in a restaurant. |
| 14. dish | n. Angry because of something you thought was bad. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. The article said China is trying to cut in on food waste. **T / F**
- b. China's government wants people to think about food waste. **T / F**
- c. China's president said food waste was shocking. **T / F**
- d. China wants people to pay if they leave food on their plate. **T / F**
- e. No restaurant in China is taking food waste seriously. **T / F**
- f. A restaurant in central China started weighing its customers. **T / F**
- g. Some restaurants are asking groups of diners to order fewer dishes. **T / F**
- h. The UN said this year sees the worst global food crisis in 50 years. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. cut down on | a. patrons |
| 2. campaign | b. worrying |
| 3. wasted | c. say sorry |
| 4. distressing | d. emergency |
| 5. maintain | e. drive |
| 6. apologise | f. food |
| 7. originally | g. squandered |
| 8. guests | h. initially |
| 9. dish | i. keep |
| 10. crisis | j. reduce |

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

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. taking action to cut | a. one fewer dish |
| 2. think about the amount | b. in southern China |
| 3. food production has | c. very seriously |
| 4. because of floods | d. decreased |
| 5. pay more | e. customers |
| 6. restaurants are taking the campaign | f. down on food waste |
| 7. it started weighing | g. being weighed |
| 8. diners who were offended at | h. crisis in 50 years |
| 9. groups of diners must order | i. of food they waste |
| 10. the world could see its worst food | j. attention to how much |

GAP FILL

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

China is taking (1) _____ to cut down on food waste. The government has started a new campaign to encourage people to think about the (2) _____ of food they waste. It is called the "Clean Plate Campaign". President Xi Jinping wants people to (3) _____ the amount of food wasted. He called the waste "shocking and distressing". There are many (4) _____ in China that a food crisis is coming. Food production has decreased because of the coronavirus and because of (5) _____ in southern China. Experts say this will not lead to a (6) _____, but the government wants people to pay more attention to how much food they leave on their (7) _____. President Xi said China had to "maintain a (8) _____ of crisis about food security".

reports

crisis

action

sense

reduce

plate

amount

floods

Many restaurants are taking the campaign very (9) _____. A restaurant in central China went a little too (10) _____ as it started weighing customers. It had to apologise to (11) _____ who were offended at being weighed. It said: "We originally wanted customers to stop food waste and order food in a (12) _____ way." A restaurant in the capital Beijing told the Global Times newspaper: "We remind our guests when they (13) _____ too much food." Restaurants in Wuhan have started the N-1 (14) _____. This is where groups of diners must order one (15) _____ dish than the number of people in the group. Earlier this year, the United Nations warned that the world could see its (16) _____ food crisis in 50 years.

diners

system

healthy

worst

seriously

fewer

far

order

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The government has started a new campaign to _____
 - a. encourage people
 - b. encourages people
 - c. discourage people
 - d. discourages people
- 2) There are many reports in China that a food _____
 - a. crises is coming
 - b. cries is coming
 - c. cry sis is coming
 - d. crisis is coming
- 3) Experts say this will not _____ crisis
 - a. lead tour
 - b. lead too a
 - c. lead to a
 - d. lead two a
- 4) wants people to pay more attention to how much food they leave _____
 - a. on their palate
 - b. on their palette
 - c. on their pallet
 - d. on their plate
- 5) China had to "maintain a sense of crisis _____"
 - a. about foodie security
 - b. about food security
 - c. about foods security
 - d. about food court security
- 6) Many restaurants are taking the campaign _____
 - a. very serious
 - b. very seriously
 - c. very series
 - d. very seriousness
- 7) A restaurant in central China went a _____
 - a. little too for
 - b. little too afar
 - c. little too farm
 - d. little too far
- 8) It had to apologise to diners who were offended _____
 - a. at being weight
 - b. at being weighs
 - c. at being weigh
 - d. at being weighed
- 9) This is where groups of diners must order _____
 - a. once fewer dish
 - b. only fewer dish
 - c. ones fewer dish
 - d. one fewer dish
- 10) the United Nations warned that the world could see its _____
 - a. worse food crisis
 - b. worst food crisis
 - c. warts food crisis
 - d. waste food crisis

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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China is taking action to (1) _____ food waste. The government has started a new campaign to encourage people to think about the (2) _____ they waste. It is called the "Clean Plate Campaign". President Xi Jinping wants people to (3) _____ of food wasted. He called the waste "(4) _____". There are many reports in China that a food crisis is coming. Food production has decreased because of the coronavirus and because (5) _____ southern China. Experts say this will not lead to a crisis, but the government wants people to pay more attention to how much food they leave on their plate. President Xi said China had to "maintain a (6) _____ about food security".

Many restaurants are taking the (7) _____. A restaurant in central China went a little too far as (8) _____ customers. It had to apologise to diners who were offended at being weighed. It said: "(9) _____ customers to stop food waste and order food in a healthy way." A restaurant (10) _____ Beijing told the Global Times newspaper: "We remind our guests when they order too much food." Restaurants in Wuhan have started the N-1 system. This is where groups of diners must (11) _____ dish than the number of people in the group. Earlier this year, the United Nations warned that the world could see its (12) _____ in 50 years.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What is China taking to cut down on food waste?
2. What adjectives did President Xi use to describe food waste?
3. What is coming to China, according to reports?
4. Where have there been floods?
5. What did President Xi say China had to keep a sense of crisis about?
6. Who did the article say was taking the campaign seriously?
7. What did a restaurant do to its customers that made them angry?
8. Where is the restaurant that reminds its diners not to order too much?
9. What is the name of the system that gets groups to order fewer dishes?
10. Who said there could be the worst food crisis in 50 years?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What is China taking to cut down on food waste?
 - a) advice
 - b) action
 - c) plates
 - d) restaurant chairs
- 2) What adjectives did President Xi use to describe food waste?
 - a) shocking and disturbing
 - b) surprising and distressing
 - c) surprising and disgusting
 - d) shocking and distressing
- 3) What is coming to China, according to reports?
 - a) a food crisis
 - b) fast food restaurants
 - c) cheaper food
 - d) smaller plates
- 4) Where have there been floods?
 - a) western China
 - b) eastern China
 - c) southern China
 - d) northern China
- 5) What did President Xi say China had to keep a sense of crisis about?
 - a) the weather
 - b) food security
 - c) rice paddies
 - d) calories
- 6) Who did the article say was taking the campaign seriously?
 - a) restaurants
 - b) diners
 - c) chefs
 - d) food manufacturers
- 7) What did a restaurant do to its customers that made them angry?
 - a) it told them to eat everything
 - b) it gave them small plates
 - c) it weighed them
 - d) it gave them less food
- 8) Where is the restaurant that reminds its diners not to order too much?
 - a) Beijing
 - b) Shanghai
 - c) Wuhan
 - d) Shenzhen
- 9) What is the name of the system that gets groups to order fewer dishes?
 - a) N-1
 - b) M-one
 - c) Enron
 - d) Any 1
- 10) Who said there could be the worst food crisis in 50 years?
 - a) President Xi
 - b) KFC
 - c) the WWF
 - d) the UN

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Chinese

You think Chinese restaurants are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their restaurants. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Italian, Indian or Lebanese.

Role B – Italian

You think Italian restaurants are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their restaurants. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Chinese, Indian or Lebanese.

Role C – Indian

You think Indian restaurants are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their restaurants. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Italian, Chinese or Lebanese.

Role D – Lebanese

You think Lebanese restaurants are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their restaurants. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Italian, Indian or Chinese.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

food	waste

- 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">• action• encourage• shocking• coming• southern• sense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• seriously• far• diners• way• guests• 50
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FOOD WASTE SURVEY

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

FOOD WASTE 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 'food'?
3. What do you think of food waste?
4. How much food do you waste?
5. What can we do to reduce food waste?
6. Do you think China's campaign will work?
7. How "shocking and distressing" is food waste?
8. How serious is food security?
9. Should we all start growing our own food?
10. What would you do in a food shortage?

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FOOD WASTE 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 'waste'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why do people waste food?
15. How would you feel if a restaurant weighed you?
16. Should restaurants advise diners about food waste?
17. What do you think of the N-1 system of ordering less?
18. How difficult would it be to eat less?
19. What food could you not eat less of?
20. What questions would you like to ask Xi Jinping?

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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Many restaurants are taking the campaign very (7) _____. A restaurant in central China went a little too far as it started (8) _____ customers. It had to apologise to diners who were offended at being weighed. It said: "We originally wanted customers to stop food waste and order food in a healthy (9) _____." A restaurant in the capital Beijing told the Global Times newspaper: "We (10) _____ our guests when they order too much food." Restaurants in Wuhan have started the N-1 system. This is where groups of (11) _____ must order one fewer dish than the number of people in the group. Earlier this year, the United Nations warned that the world could see its worst food crisis (12) _____ 50 years.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) across | (b) in | (c) up | (d) down |
| 2. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) for | (d) of |
| 3. | (a) going | (b) coming | (c) eating | (d) cooking |
| 4. | (a) flood | (b) flooded | (c) floods | (d) floodlit |
| 5. | (a) say | (b) lay | (c) pay | (d) way |
| 6. | (a) sense | (b) time | (c) panic | (d) help |
| 7. | (a) series | (b) seriously | (c) seriousness | (d) serious |
| 8. | (a) weighing | (b) weighting | (c) weigh | (d) weights |
| 9. | (a) weigh | (b) way | (c) whey | (d) wry |
| 10. | (a) remand | (b) rewind | (c) remind | (d) remade |
| 11. | (a) cookers | (b) eateries | (c) diners | (d) donors |
| 12. | (a) as | (b) by | (c) at | (d) in |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. uneceoagr people to think
2. shocking and sirsnitegsd
3. because of dloosf in southern China
4. pay more nttetaion
5. maintain a sense of cisisr
6. food rtycieus

Paragraph 2

7. taking the campaign very lisryoseu
8. it started wiinhegg customers
9. diners who were ffdeeodn
10. We lilngaroiy wanted customers to stop
11. in the lapacit Beijing
12. diners must order one reewf

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () far as it started weighing customers. It had to apologise to diners who were offended at being
- () people to think about the amount of food they waste. It is called the "Clean Plate Campaign". President Xi Jinping
- () started the N-1 system. This is where groups of diners must order one fewer dish
- () wants people to reduce the amount of food wasted. He called the waste "shocking and
- () capital Beijing told the Global Times newspaper: "We remind our guests when they order too much food." Restaurants in Wuhan have
- () weighed. It said: "We originally wanted customers to stop food waste and order food in a healthy way." A restaurant in the
- () distressing". There are many reports in China that a food crisis is coming. Food production has decreased because
- () plate. President Xi said China had to "maintain a sense of crisis about food security".
- () Many restaurants are taking the campaign very seriously. A restaurant in central China went a little too
- () crisis, but the government wants people to pay more attention to how much food they leave on their
- () than the number of people in the group. Earlier this year, the United
- () of the coronavirus and because of floods in southern China. Experts say this will not lead to a
- () Nations warned that the world could see its worst food crisis in 50 years.
- (**1**) China is taking action to cut down on food waste. The government has started a new campaign to encourage

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. action down on cut food Taking to waste .
2. new campaign to people to think . encourage A
3. production Food has the decreased of because coronavirus .
4. won't a lead say Experts crisis . to this
5. Maintain sense about security . of crisis food a
6. campaign are restaurants very Many the seriously . taking
7. weighed . to diners offended at Apologised being
8. order our when they too guests much . Remind
9. diners one fewer must order of dish . Groups
10. food world The worst its crisis . see could

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

China is *taken / taking* action to cut down on food waste. The government has started a new campaign to *discourage / encourage* people to think about the amount of food they *wastage / waste*. It is called the "Clean Plate Campaign". President Xi Jinping wants people to *reduce / deduce* the amount of food wasted. He called the waste "*shocked / shocking* and distressing". There are many *report / reports* in China that a food crisis is coming. Food *production / productive* has decreased because of the coronavirus and because of floods in *southerly / southern* China. Experts say this will not lead to a crisis, but the government wants people to *pay / play* more attention to how much food they leave on their plate. President Xi said China had to "maintain a sense *to / of* crisis about food security".

Many restaurants are taking the campaign very *serious / seriously*. A restaurant in central China went a *little / small* too far as it started *weighing / weight* customers. It had to apologise to *dinners / diners* who were offended at being weighed. It said: "We originally wanted customers to stop food waste and order food *in / on* a healthy way." A restaurant in the capital Beijing *tell / told* the Global Times newspaper: "We *remind / remember* our guests when they order too *many / much* food." Restaurants in Wuhan have started the N-1 system. This is where groups of diners must order one fewer dish *than / that* the number of people in the group. Earlier this year, the United Nations warned that the world could *see / look* its worst food crisis in 50 years.

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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C h _ _ s t _ k _ n g _ c t _ _ n t _ c _ t d _ w n _ n f _ _ d w _ s t _ . T h _ g _ v _ r n m _ n t h _ s s t _ r t _ d _ _ n _ w c _ m p _ _ g n t _ _ n c _ _ r _ g _ p _ _ p l _ t _ t h _ n k _ b _ _ t t h _ _ m _ _ n t _ f f _ _ d t h _ y w _ s t _ . I t _ s c _ l l _ d t h _ " C l _ _ n P l _ t _ C _ m p _ _ g n " . P r _ s _ d _ n t X _ J _ n p _ n g w _ n t s p _ _ p l _ t _ r _ d _ c _ t h _ _ m _ _ n t _ f f _ _ d w _ s t _ d . H _ c _ l l _ d t h _ w _ s t _ " s h _ c k _ n g _ n d d _ s t _ r _ s _ s _ n g " . T h _ r _ _ r _ m _ n y r _ p _ r t s _ n C h _ n _ t h _ t _ _ f _ _ d c r _ s _ s _ s c _ m _ n g . F _ _ d p r _ d _ c t _ _ n h _ s d _ c r _ _ s _ d b _ c _ _ s _ _ f t h _ c _ r _ n _ v _ r _ s _ n d b _ c _ _ s _ _ f f l _ _ d s _ n s _ _ t h _ r n C h _ n _ . E x p _ r t s s _ y t h _ s w _ l l n _ t l _ _ d t _ _ c r _ s _ s , b _ t t h _ g _ v _ r n m _ n t w _ n t s p _ _ p l _ t _ p _ y m _ r _ _ t t _ n t _ _ n t _ h _ w m _ c h f _ _ d t h _ y l _ _ v _ _ n t h _ _ r p l _ t _ . P r _ s _ d _ n t X _ s _ _ d C h _ n _ h _ d t _ " m _ _ n t _ _ n _ s _ n s _ _ f c r _ s _ s _ b _ _ t f _ _ d s _ c _ r _ t _ y " .

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china is taking action to cut down on food waste the government has started a new campaign to encourage people to think about the amount of food they waste it is called the clean plate campaign president xi jinping wants people to reduce the amount of food wasted he called the waste shocking and distressing there are many reports in china that a food crisis is coming food production has decreased because of the coronavirus and because of floods in southern china experts say this will not lead to a crisis but the government wants people to pay more attention to how much food they leave on their plate president xi said china had to maintain a sense of crisis about food security

many restaurants are taking the campaign very seriously a restaurant in central china went a little too far as it started weighing customers it had to apologise to diners who were offended at being weighed it said we originally wanted customers to stop food waste and order food in a healthy way a restaurant in the capital beijing told the global times newspaper we remind our guests when they order too much food restaurants in wuhan have started the n1 system this is where groups of diners must order one fewer dish than the number of people in the group earlier this year the united nations warned that the world could see its worst food crisis in 50 years

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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China is taking action to cut down on food waste. The government has started a new campaign to encourage people to think about the amount of food they waste. It is called the "Clean Plate Campaign". President Xi Jinping wants people to reduce the amount of food wasted. He called the waste "shocking and distressing". There are many reports in China that a food crisis is coming. Food production has decreased because of the coronavirus and because of floods in southern China. Experts say this will not lead to a crisis, but the government wants people to pay more attention to how much food they leave on their plate. President Xi said China had to "maintain a sense of crisis about food security". Many restaurants are taking the campaign very seriously. A restaurant in central China went a little too far as it started weighing customers. It had to apologise to diners who were offended at being weighed. It said: "We originally wanted customers to stop food waste and order food in a healthy way." A restaurant in the capital Beijing told the Global Times newspaper: "We remind our guests when they order to not order too much food." Restaurants in Wuhan have started the N-1 system. This is where groups of diners must order one fewer dishes than the number of people in the group. Earlier this year, the United Nations warned that the world could see its worst food crisis in 50 years.

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. FOOD WASTE: Make a poster about food waste. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CRIME: Write a magazine article about food waste being made a crime. 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 food waste. Ask him/her three questions about food waste. Give him/her three of your ideas. 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. d 3. g 4. e 5. a 6. f 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c T d F e F f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Action
2. Shocking and distressing
3. A food crisis
4. Southern China
5. Food security
6. Many restaurants
7. It weighed them
8. Beijing
9. N-1
10. The United Nations

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Taking action to cut down on food waste.
2. A new campaign to encourage people to think.
3. Food production has decreased because of the coronavirus.
4. Experts say this won't lead to a crisis.
5. Maintain a sense of crisis about food security.
6. Many restaurants are taking the campaign very seriously.
7. Apologised to diners offended at being weighed.
8. Remind our guests when they order too much.
9. Groups of diners must order one fewer dish.
10. The world could see its worst food crisis.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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