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Level 1 – 21st September 2023

Scientists find alternative to palm oil

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Palm oil is in half of all the food we buy. It is also in cosmetics and biofuel. However, making palm oil damages the environment. Researchers believe they have found an alternative to palm oil. They have created a plant-based oil that is better for the environment. This is because it is more sustainable. It also means less biodiversity loss. It is also healthier. It has 80 per cent less saturated fat and 30 per cent fewer calories than palm oil.

PALM-ALT could change how things are made. Trees in tropical countries have to be cut down to make palm oil. However, PALM-ALT is made from a flower and seeds. A researcher spoke about PALM-ALT. She said it was an answer scientists wanted to find. She tested it to see if people could tell the difference between PALM-ALT and traditional palm oil. They couldn't. She is hoping businesses will start using PALM-ALT instead of regular palm oil.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Palm oil is in half of | a. loss |
| 2. It is also in cosmetics | b. to palm oil |
| 3. making palm oil damages | c. and biofuel |
| 4. they have found an alternative | d. plant-based oil |
| 5. They have created a | e. fat |
| 6. This is because it is more | f. all the food we buy |
| 7. It also means less biodiversity | g. sustainable |
| 8. 80 per cent less saturated | h. the environment |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. PALM-ALT could change how | a. and seeds |
| 2. tropical | b. palm oil |
| 3. cut | c. countries |
| 4. PALM-ALT is made from a flower | d. the difference |
| 5. an answer scientists wanted | e. things are made |
| 6. see if people could tell | f. using PALM-ALT |
| 7. traditional | g. down |
| 8. businesses will start | h. to find |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Palm oil is (1) _____ all the food we buy. It is also in (2) _____. However, making palm oil damages the environment. Researchers believe (3) _____ an alternative to palm oil. They have created a (4) _____ that is better for the environment. This is because it is more sustainable. It also means less biodiversity loss. It (5) _____. It has 80 per cent less saturated fat and 30 per cent (6) _____ palm oil.

PALM-ALT could change how (7) _____. Trees in tropical countries have to (8) _____ to make palm oil. However, PALM-ALT is made from a (9) _____. A researcher spoke about PALM-ALT. She said it was an answer scientists (10) _____. She tested it to see if people could (11) _____ between PALM-ALT and traditional palm oil. They couldn't. She is hoping businesses will start using PALM-ALT (12) _____ palm oil.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PALM OIL SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about palm oil 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

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Write about **palm oil** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
