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Level 2 – 25th April 2024

Milan wants to ban takeaway food after midnight

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

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THE READING

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Milan in Italy wants to ban the sale of takeaway food after midnight. This is to help local residents sleep. Many people have complained about the noise on the streets at night. There are often noisy groups of partygoers in downtown Milan at night. Officials want to ban takeaway food and drink in 12 areas of the city. Some of these areas are known for their "wild" nightlife. The takeaway ban means people would not be able to buy pizza after 12:30 a.m. on weekdays and after 1:30 a.m. at weekends. It would start in mid-May and last until November.

Milan's deputy mayor spoke about the ban. He said: "The goal is...a balance between...entertainment, and the peace and tranquillity of residents." However, many people oppose the ban. An Italian retail association said the ban on food and drink would not stop the noise. He said: "A rule banning people from...eating an ice cream or pizza while taking a stroll...won't solve a thing, as people will still stay outside." He said a 25-year-old will not go home "at the stroke of midnight" because they cannot get a takeaway. He asked: "What about tourists who want to eat ice cream?"

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/milan-poised-to-ban-ice-cream-pizza-and-more-after-midnight-after-new-proposed-law-13121064>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. This is to help local | a. Milan at night |
| 2. Many people have complained | b. November |
| 3. noisy groups of | c. residents sleep |
| 4. in downtown | d. on weekdays |
| 5. known for their "wild" | e. in mid-May |
| 6. after 12:30 a.m. | f. partygoers |
| 7. It would start | g. about the noise |
| 8. last until | h. nightlife |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Milan's deputy mayor | a. a thing |
| 2. the peace and tranquillity | b. oppose the ban |
| 3. many people | c. the noise |
| 4. An Italian retail | d. to eat ice cream |
| 5. stop | e. spoke about the ban |
| 6. won't solve | f. of midnight |
| 7. go home at the stroke | g. of residents |
| 8. tourists who want | h. association |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Milan in Italy (1) _____ the sale of takeaway food after midnight. This is to (2) _____ sleep. Many people have complained about the noise on the streets at night. There are (3) _____ of partygoers in downtown Milan at night. Officials want to ban takeaway food and drink in (4) _____ the city. Some of these areas are known for their "wild" nightlife. The takeaway ban means people would not be (5) _____ pizza after 12:30 a.m. on weekdays and after 1:30 a.m. at weekends. It would start in mid-May (6) _____ November.

Milan's deputy (7) _____ the ban. He said: "The goal is...a balance between...entertainment, and the peace and tranquillity of residents." However, many (8) _____ ban. An Italian retail association said the ban on food and drink would not (9) _____. He said: "A rule banning people from...eating an ice cream or pizza while taking a stroll...won't (10) _____, as people will still stay outside." He said a 25-year-old will not go home "at (11) _____ midnight" because they cannot get a takeaway. He asked: "What (12) _____ want to eat ice cream?"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TAKEAWAY FOOD SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about takeaway food 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) _____

