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## **Level 0**

# **People eat first "Google burger"**

**8th August, 2013**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Two people ate meat grown in a lab. It is the first time anyone has done this. Google's boss Sergey Brin gave \$380,000 for the project. It took two months to grow tiny pieces of meat from stem cells. We might all eat this meat in ten years. Mr Brin doesn't want animals killed for food. He thinks this meat is good for the environment.

Two people tested the burger's taste. A food scientist said it was "close to meat," but wasn't juicy. A writer said it was dry because it had no fat. He said it was like a real burger. Reporters wanted a taste, but there was only one burger. Children would get any leftovers. Cells from one cow can make 175 million burgers.

Sources: <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/worlds-first-lab-grown-beef-burger-2127451#ixzz2bBEeqQB8>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. It is the first time anyone | a. to grow         |
| 2. It took two months          | b. years           |
| 3. tiny pieces                 | c. food            |
| 4. stem                        | d. has done this   |
| 5. We might all                | e. the environment |
| 6. in ten                      | f. cells           |
| 7. animals killed for          | g. eat this meat   |
| 8. good for                    | h. of meat         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Two people tested           | a. a taste            |
| 2. it was "close to meat," but | b. any leftovers      |
| 3. He said it was like a       | c. wasn't juicy       |
| 4. Reporters wanted            | d. million burgers    |
| 5. there was only              | e. real burger        |
| 6. Children would get          | f. one cow            |
| 7. Cells from                  | g. the burger's taste |
| 8. make 175                    | h. one burger         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Two people (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in a lab. It is the first time anyone (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Google's boss Sergey Brin gave \$380,000 (3) \_\_\_\_\_. It took two months to grow (4) \_\_\_\_\_ meat from stem cells. We might all (5) \_\_\_\_\_ ten years. Mr Brin doesn't want animals killed for food. He thinks (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for the environment.

Two people (7) \_\_\_\_\_ taste. A food scientist said it was "close to meat," (8) \_\_\_\_\_. A writer said it was dry because (9) \_\_\_\_\_. He said it was like a real burger. Reporters wanted a taste, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ only one burger. Children (11) \_\_\_\_\_ leftovers. Cells from (12) \_\_\_\_\_ 175 million burgers.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## 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 **burgers** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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