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# Level 1 Food crime is an international problem

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# THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1409/140906-food-crime-1.html

There is a new food danger. Criminals are selling fake food to supermarkets. The food could be very dangerous. There are many famous food scandals. In Britain, horse meat was sold as beef. U.K. police also found cheap peanut powder in products. This could harm or kill people with peanut allergies. In China, six babies died after they drank fake milk powder. Gangs make a lot of money from fake food. It is safer than selling drugs. The penalties are lower.

Interpol said food crime is like drugs crime. Criminals sell fake food in a similar way to how drug dealers sell drugs. Police in 33 countries found many problems. A dye in children's candies was poisonous. They found 430,000 litres of fake drinks and 22 tons of cheap rice in bags that said "high-quality basmati rice". The U.K. said food crime was a difficult problem. It said technology might be the answer to beat the criminals.

Sources: http://www.**bbc**.co.uk/news/science-environment-29047911 http://www.**theguardian**.com/commentisfree/2014/may/03/food-crime-fraud-fatal-new-ageeditorial

# **VOCABULARY MATCHING**

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#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

1.	Criminals are selling fake	a.	powder
2	There are many famous food	b.	than selling drugs
3.	horse meat was	c.	allergies
4.	people with peanut	d.	are lower
5.	milk	e.	food to supermarkets
6.	Gangs make a lot of money	f.	sold as beef
7.	It is safer	g.	from fake food
8.	The penalties	h.	scandals

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

1.	food crime is like	a.	answer
2	a similar way to how drug	b.	of fake drinks
3.	A dye in children's candies	с.	rice in bags
4.	430,000 litres	d.	criminals
5.	22 tons of cheap	e.	basmati rice
6.	high-quality	f.	drugs crime
7.	technology might be the	g.	dealers sell drugs
8.	beat the	h.	was poisonous

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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children's candies (9) \_\_\_\_\_. They found

430,000 litres of (10) \_\_\_\_\_ 22 tons of cheap

rice in bags that (11) \_\_\_\_\_ basmati rice". The

U.K. said food crime was a difficult problem. It said technology might be the (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the criminals.

### 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).

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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# WRITING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1409/140906-food-crime-1.html

Write about **food crime** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.