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Level 3

Halal snack helps bring Australians together 8th April, 2017

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THE ARTICLE

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A new kind of fast food is having a big impact in Australia. It has helped to bring Australian people together, and it has been named as the People's Choice Word of the Year 2016 by Australia's Macquarie Dictionary. It is the "halal snack pack", also known as an "HSP" in Australia. It is a combination of kebab meat, potato fries and a special spicy sauce. Although the snack was created in Australia, it has its roots in the Middle East. It has become a symbol of multiculturalism in Australia as more people become aware of halal food. There is even an HSP group on Facebook that has over 180,000 members. The site is for, "sharing great snack pack stories and discussing possibly the best snack pack in the world".

The halal snack pack has created a lot of discussion in Australia, especially after far-right politician Pauline Hanson refused to eat one. She said halal meat was unacceptable in Australia and that "98% of Australians" were against it. However, she could not provide any evidence to support her statement. Ms Hanson's words and actions have made the HSP more popular. Keysar Trad, president of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils, said HSP winning word of the year was fantastic. He said: "If you're able to find it in the dictionary, it takes away the mystery. It brings people comfort and satisfaction that there's nothing sinister about the word 'halal'. It's all about what's positive, what is good and wholesome."

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WARM-UPS

- **1. HALAL SNACK PACK:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Halal Snack Pack. 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?

fast food / a big impact / snack / kebab / halal / multiculturalism / roots / sharing / discussion / far-right politician / evidence / popular / fantastic / dictionary / positive

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

- **3. FOOD:** Students A **strongly** believe food is a good way to understand other cultures; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.
- **4. MULTICULTURALISM:** What would you share about your culture to people from other cultures? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What?	Why is it important?
Food		
Festivals		
Clothes		
Arts		
Religion		
Language		

- **5. SNACK:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "snack". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.
- **6. FAST FOOD:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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fries

pizza

sandwich

•	bu	ıra	er

· fried chicken

hot dog

from your country _____

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170408-halal-snack-pack.html

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

- a. A halal snack was Australia's Word of the Year for 2016. **T / F**
- b. The snack was created in the Middle East in 2015. **T/F**
- c. The halal snack is now a symbol of multiculturalism. T / F
- d. The halal snack Facebook page has more than 1800,000 members. **T/F**
- e. A politician from the far right refused to eat the halal snack. **T / F**
- g. Australia's Islamic Council wasn't happy about the Word of the Year. T / F
- h. The Islamic Council suggested everything is good and positive. **T/F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- 1. kind
- 2. combination
- 3. roots
- 4. symbol
- 5. aware of
- 6. especially
- 7. refused
- 8. evidence
- 9. sinister
- 10. wholesome

- a. particularly
- b. frightening
- c. sign
- d. mix
- e. proof
- f. said no to
- q. type
- h. healthy
- i. familiar with
- j. origins

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

- 1. A new kind of fast food is having a big
- 2. a special spicy
- 3. it has its roots
- 4. It has become a symbol
- 5. an HSP group on Facebook that has
- 6. far-
- 7. 98% of Australians"
- 8. she could not provide any evidence to
- 9. it takes
- 10. good and

- a. over 180,000 members
- b. in the Middle East
- c. away the mystery
- d. sauce
- e. were against it
- f. impact in Australia
- g. support her statement
- h. wholesome
- i. right politician
- i. of multiculturalism

GAP FILL

A new kind of fast food is having a big (1) in	roots
Australia. It has helped to bring Australian people	together
(2), and it has been named as the People's Choice	discussing
Word of the Year 2016 by Australia's Macquarie Dictionary. It is	uiscussiiig
the "halal snack pack", also (3) as an "HSP" in	impact
Australia. It is a combination of kebab meat, potato fries and a	aware
special spicy (4) Although the snack was created	sauce
in Australia, it has its (5) in the Middle East. It has	even
become a symbol of multiculturalism in Australia as more people	
become (6) of halal food. There is	known
(7) an HSP group on Facebook that has over	
180,000 members. The site is for, "sharing great snack pack	
stories and (8) possibly the best snack pack in the	
world".	
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The halal snack pack has (9) a lot of discussion in	support
Australia, especially after far-right (10) Pauline	winning
Hanson refused to eat one. She said halal meat was unacceptable in Australia and that "98% of Australians" were	created
(11) it. However, she could not provide any	positive
evidence to (12) her statement. Ms Hanson's	against
words and actions have made the HSP more (13)	mystery
Keysar Trad, president of the Australian Federation of Islamic	politician
Councils, said HSP (14) word of the year was	politician
fantastic. He said: "If you're able to find it in the dictionary, it	popular
takes away the (15) It brings people comfort and	
satisfaction that there's nothing sinister about the word 'halal'. It's	
all about what's (16), what is good and	
wholesome."	

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

1)	new kind of fast food is having a big
	. impacting Australia . impacting in Australia
	impacting in Australia
	. in packed in Australia
2)	t has helped to bring Australian
-,	. people to gather
	. people too gather
	. people two gather
	. people together
3)	t is a combination of kebab meat, potato fries and a special
	. spicy saucy
	. spicy sauce
	spicy source
4١	. spicy source
4)	Ithough the snack was created in Australia, it has its Middle East . lutes in the
	. loots in the
	roots in the
	. routes in the
5)	symbol of multiculturalism in Australia as more people become food
	. beware of halal
	. and where of halal
	. away of halal
C \	. aware of halal
6)	he halal snack pack has created a lot of Australia . discussing in
	. discussing in
	. discuss in
	. discuss shun in
7)	he said halal meat was unacceptable in Australia and that "98% of Australians"
•	. were again it
	. were a gain stint
	. were a gains tit
	. were against it
8)	lanson's words and actions have made the HSP
	. more popularity . more popular
	. more popularize
	. more polar
9)	f you're able to find it in the dictionary, it takes
- ,	. away the mystery
	. away the mysterious
	. away the mist eerie
	. away the mister real
10	It's all about what's positive, what is good
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	. and hole some . and wholesome
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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

 $\textbf{From} \quad \underline{\text{http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170408-halal-snack-pack.html}}$

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has helped to bring Australian peop	le together, and it has
(2) the People's Cho	ice Word of the Year 2016 by
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the year was fantastic. He said: "If (10)	find it in
the dictionary, it (11)	mystery. It brings people
comfort and satisfaction that there's nothing	
It's all about what's positive, (12)	wholesome."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1.	What is a new kind of food having in Australia?
2.	What initials is the food also known as?
3.	Where does the food have its roots?
4.	What is the food a symbol of in Australia?
5.	How many members belong to the food's Facebook page?
6.	What has the snack created a lot of in Australia?
7.	What did a politician not have to show Australians were against halal?
8.	What happened to the food's popularity after the politician didn't eat it?
9.	What did Keysar Trad say finding a word in a dictionary took away?
10.	What did Keysar Trad say the word 'halal' was not?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

- 1) What is a new kind of food having in Australia?
- a) a kangaroo mascot
- b) an official ceremony
- c) a big impact
- d) a hard time
- 2) What initials is the food also known as?
- a) HSP
- b) PSH
- c) PHS
- d) SHP
- 3) Where does the food have its roots?
- a) the Middle East
- b) the ground
- c) in farms
- d) under trees
- 4) What is the food a symbol of in Australia?
- a) kangaroos
- b) multiculturalism
- c) sun, sea and surf
- d) good times
- 5) How many members belong to the food's Facebook page?
- a) exactly 18,000
- b) around 1,800,000
- c) more than 1.8 million
- d) over 180,000

- 6) What has the snack created a lot of in Australia?
- a) fat tummies
- b) discussion
- c) chilli sauces
- d) healthy people
- 7) What did a politician not have to show Australians were against halal?
- a) evidence
- b) her passport
- c) a kebab
- d) her tongue
- 8) What happened to the food's popularity after the politician didn't eat it?
- a) it stayed the same
- b) the article doesn't say
- c) it went up
- d) it went down
- 9) What did Keysar Trad say finding a word in a dictionary took away?
- a) letters
- b) the meaning
- c) comfort
- d) its mystery
- 10) What did Keysar Trad say the word 'halal' was not?
- a) sinister
- b) difficult to spell
- c) a verb
- d) long

ROLE PLAY

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Role A - Kebab

You think a kebab is the best fast food. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their fast food. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a pizza, a sandwich or a burger.

Role B - Pizza

You think a pizza is the best fast food. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their fast food. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a kebab, a sandwich or a burger.

Role C - Sandwich

You think a sandwich is the best fast food. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their fast food. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a pizza, a kebab or a burger.

Role D - Burger

You think a burger is the best fast food. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their fast food. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a pizza, a sandwich or a kebab.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170408-halal-snack-pack.html

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

halal	snack

- 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:

• kind	• lot
 named 	 unacceptable
• special	• against
• roots	• popular
• even	• find
 possibly 	brings

HALAL SNACK PACK SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Halal Snack Pack 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.

HALAL SNACK PACK 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 'snack'?
- 3. What do you know about halal food?
- 4. What do you think of fast food?
- 5. What kind of fast food is your country good at?
- 6. What do you think of the sound of the halal snack pack?
- 7. What do you think about Middle Eastern food?
- 8. What do you think of Australian food?
- 9. How good is food at making multiculturalism work?
- 10. What is the best snack in the world, and why?

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HALAL SNACK PACK 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 'pack'?
- 13. What do you think about what you read?
- 14. What food have you discussed a lot?
- 15. Is your country's food the best in the world? Why?
- 16. What does a far-right politician believe?
- 17. Do you think it is good there is mystery about other cultures?
- 18. What advice do you have for the far-right politician?
- 19. What can we learn from other cultures?
- 20. What questions would you like to ask an HSP Facebook member?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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		It brings peo							
	it the lesom	e word 'halal'. e "	It's (12) ab	out wh	nat's positive	e, what	is good and	
Put	the c	orrect words	from	the table be	low in	the above	article	•	
1.	(a)	kindly	(b)	kind	(c)	kinds	(d)	kinder	
2.	(a)	give	(b)	bring	(c)	take	(d)	do	
3.	(a)	knowledge	(b)	know	(c)	knowing	(d)	known	
4.	(a)	leaves	(b)	roots	(c)	blossoms	(d)	stems	
5.	(a)	beware	(b)	aware	(c)	swear	(d)	software	
6.	(a)	possible	(b)	possibility	(c)	possibly	(d)	possibilities	
7.	(a)	following	(b)	post	(c)	after	(d)	behind	
8.	(a)	rubbished	(b)	trashed	(c)	refused	(d)	binned	
9.	(a)	dislike	(b)	disagree	(c)	oppose	(d)	against	
10.	(a)	wins	(b)	won	(c)	winner	(d)	winning	
11.	(a)	takes	(b)	removes	(c)	erases	(d)	is	
12.	(a)	whole	(b)	entire	(c)	all	(d)	every	

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

- 1. having a big miptac in Australia
- 2. It is a iionanmocbt of...
- 3. a special spicy <u>ueacs</u>
- 4. a <u>lmsbyo</u> of multiculturalism
- 5. more people become waaer of halal food
- 6. <u>iharnsq</u> great snack pack stories

Paragraph 2

- 7. far-right tpiicioanl
- 8. she could not provide any <u>ieevcned</u>
- 9. winning word of the year was <u>ntsacftia</u>
- 10. it takes away the smyyret
- 11. It brings people comfort and $\underline{osicisattnaf}$
- 12. It's all about what's psviioet

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

()	it. However, she could not provide any evidence to support her statement. Ms Hanson's words and
()	together, and it has been named as the People's Choice Word of the Year 2016 by Australia's Macquarie
()	great snack pack stories and discussing possibly the best snack pack in the world".
()	to eat one. She said halal meat was unacceptable in Australia and that "98% of Australians" were against
(1)	The halal snack pack has created a lot of discussion in Australia, especially after far-right politician Pauline Hanson refused
()	Dictionary. It is the "halal snack pack", also known as an "HSP" in Australia. It is a combination of kebab meat, potato
()	A new kind of fast food is having a big impact in Australia. It has helped to bring Australian people
()	Islamic Councils, said HSP winning word of the year was fantastic. He said: "If you're able to find it in
()	of halal food. There is even an HSP group on Facebook that has over 180,000 members. The site is for, "sharing
()	in the Middle East. It has become a symbol of multiculturalism in Australia as more people become aware
()	about the word 'halal'. It's all about what's positive, what is good and wholesome."
()	fries and a special spicy sauce. Although the snack was created in Australia, it has its roots
()	actions have made the HSP more popular. Keysar Trad, president of the Australian Federation of
()	the dictionary, it takes away the mystery. It brings people comfort and satisfaction that there's nothing sinister

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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- 1. new in a food kind Australia big is of A impact having fast .
- 2. has It together people Australian bring to helped .
- 3. snack "HSP", It also is pack" known the as an "halal.
- 4. Created East Middle the in roots its has it , Australia in .
- 5. An members 180,000 over has that Facebook on group HSP.
- 6. of lot a created has pack snack halal The Australia in discussion .
- 7. Australia in unacceptable was meat halal said She .
- 8. popular and made more words have HSP Hanson's actions the .
- 9. in able the to dictionary find If it you're .
- 10. nothing 'halal' sinister Satisfaction about that the there's word .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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A new kind of fast food is having a big *impact / compact* in Australia. It has helped to bring Australian people *apart / together*, and it has been named *was / as* the People's Choice Word of the Year 2016 by Australia's Macquarie Dictionary. It is the "halal snack pack", also *known / knowing* as an "HSP" in Australia. It is a *combine / combination* of kebab meat, potato fries and a special spicy *sauce / saucy*. Although the snack was created in Australia, it has its *leaves / roots* in the Middle East. It has become a *symbol / symbolic* of multiculturalism in Australia as more people become aware *on / of* halal food. There is *even / ever* an HSP group on Facebook that has over 180,000 members. The site is for, "sharing great snack pack stories and *discussing / discussion* possibly the best snack pack in the world".

The halal snack pack has created a *lot / lots* of discussion in Australia, especially after far-right *politician / politics* Pauline Hanson refused to eat one. She said halal meat was *unaccountable / unacceptable* in Australia and that "98% of Australians" were against *it / them*. However, she could not provide any evidence to *report / support* her statement. Ms Hanson's words and actions have made the HSP more *popular / popularity*. Keysar Trad, president of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils, said HSP winning word of the year was fantastic. He said: "If you're *able / ability* to find it in the dictionary, it takes away the *mysterious / mystery*. It brings people comfort and satisfaction that there's nothing *minister / sinister* about the word 'halal'. It's *all / every* about what's positive, what is good and wholesome."

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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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1704/170408-halal-snack-pack.html

a new kind of fast food is having a big impact in australia it has helped to bring australian people together and it has been named as the people's choice word of the year 2016 by australia's macquarie dictionary it is the "halal snack pack" also known as an "hsp" in australia it is a combination of kebab meat potato fries and a special spicy sauce although the snack was created in australia it has its roots in the middle east it has become a symbol of multiculturalism in australia as more people become aware of halal food there is even an hsp group on facebook that has over 180000 members the site is for "sharing great snack pack stories and discussing possibly the best snack pack in the world"

the halal snack pack has created a lot of discussion in australia especially after far-right politician pauline hanson refused to eat one she said halal meat was unacceptable in australia and that "98% of australians" were against it however she could not provide any evidence to support her statement ms hanson's words and actions have made the hsp more popular keysar trad president of the australian federation of islamic councils said hsp winning word of the year was fantastic he said "if you're able to find it in the dictionary it takes away the mystery it brings people comfort and satisfaction that there's nothing sinister about the word 'halal' it's all about what's positive what is good and wholesome"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ACADEMIC WRITING

Food is the best way to get to know and understand people from other cultures. Discuss.					

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 the Halal Snack Pack. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
- **3. FAST FOOD:** Make a poster about snack foods around the world. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?
- **4. MULTICULTURALISM:** Write a magazine article about multiculturalism. Include imaginary interviews with people who think all countries should work to increase multiculturalism and with people who thing multiculturalism does not work.

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 the Halal Snack Pack. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on what else people can do to make multiculturalism work. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- 1. kind
- 2. combination
- 3. roots
- 4. symbol
- 5. aware of
- 6. especially
- 7. refused
- 8. evidence
- 9. sinister
- 10. wholesome

- a. type
- b. mix
- c. origins
- d. sign
- e. familiar with
- f. particularly
- q. said no to
- h. proof
- i. frightening
- j. healthy

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

- 1. A big impact
- 2. HSP
- 3. The Middle East
- 4. Multiculturalism
- 5. Over 180,000
- 6. Discussion
- 7. Evidence
- 8. It went up
- 9. Its mystery
- 10. Sinister

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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