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**Level 4 – 3rd November, 2019**

## **Chefs angry at New York foie gras ban**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191103-foie-gras-4.html>

Chefs in New York are angry over a ban on foie gras - a food common in haute cuisine. It is made from duck and goose liver. The birds are force-fed to make their liver up to ten times its normal size. Animal rights groups say this makes the birds suffer. New York's council voted to ban the controversial food. It will ban restaurants and stores from dealing with any force-fed products. A spokesperson said force-feeding was "really cruel and inhumane".

Farmers may sue New York. A farmer said: "We will not let this restriction on New Yorkers' freedom of choice go unchallenged...we intend to file a lawsuit." A food maker said chefs could order more foie gras because they are so angry. There are 1,000 restaurants in New York that have foie gras on their menu. The maker said the council made no effort to learn about the foie gras process. Foie gras is big business. One liver can sell for as much as \$125.

Sources: <https://time.com/5714619/foie-gras-ban-new-york/>  
<https://www.itv.com/news/2019-10-31/foie-gras-to-be-cut-from-new-york-menus-after-council-ban/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Chefs in New York are angry | a. fed products  |
| 2. a food common in            | b. suffer        |
| 3. It is made from             | c. inhumane      |
| 4. ten times its normal        | d. groups        |
| 5. animal rights               | e. over a ban    |
| 6. this makes the birds        | f. duck          |
| 7. dealing with any force-     | g. haute cuisine |
| 8. really cruel and            | h. size          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Farmers may                | a. as much as \$125 |
| 2. freedom of                 | b. a lawsuit        |
| 3. we intend to file          | c. on their menu    |
| 4. chefs could order          | d. to learn         |
| 5. have foie gras             | e. sue New York     |
| 6. the council made no effort | f. more foie gras   |
| 7. Foie gras is big           | g. choice           |
| 8. One liver can sell for     | h. business         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Chefs in New York are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ ban on foie gras - a food common in haute cuisine. It (2) \_\_\_\_\_ duck and goose liver. The birds are force-fed to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ up to ten times its normal size. Animal (4) \_\_\_\_\_ this makes the birds suffer. New York's council voted to ban the controversial food. It will ban restaurants and stores (5) \_\_\_\_\_ any force-fed products. A spokesperson said force-feeding was "really (6) \_\_\_\_\_".

Farmers may sue New York. A farmer said: "We will not (7) \_\_\_\_\_ on New Yorkers' freedom of choice go unchallenged...we intend to (8) \_\_\_\_\_." A food maker said chefs could order more foie gras because they (9) \_\_\_\_\_.

There are (10) \_\_\_\_\_ New York that have foie gras on their menu. The maker said the council (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to learn about the foie gras process. Foie gras is big business. One (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for as much as \$125.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FOIE GRAS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191103-foie-gras-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about foie gras 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1911/191103-foie-gras-4.html>

Write about **foie gras** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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