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**Level 5 – 27th September, 2021**

## More and more people are eating insects

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210927-eating-bugs-5.html>

Bugs have become a familiar sight on dinner tables. They are a great source of protein. People are worried about the damage traditional livestock farming does to the environment, as it is generally unsustainable. Insect farming is more environmentally friendly. One kilogram of insect protein needs about 10 per cent of the resources used to produce the same amount of beef. We may have to eat insects in the future. This is because of the increasing world population. By 2050 this is expected to be 9.8 billion, up from the current 7.7 billion.

The insect farming industry is growing, with hundreds of companies creating meals made from bugs. Supermarkets around the world now stock food made from insects. There are vending machines in Japan where you can buy a can of insect snacks, such as dried tarantula and scorpions. However, not everyone is excited by the idea of insects as food. An Israeli insect farmer says there is a "yuck factor" to this. He said people will get used to the idea and will find insects tasty. He said: "I am convinced it will soon be widely accepted, just like eating raw fish in sushi was embraced."

Sources: <https://theconversation.com/more-people-are-eating-bugs-but-is-it-ethical-to-farm-insects-for-food-167248>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-58636969>  
<https://sunlive.co.nz/news/277465-study-finds-kiwis-keen-on-eating-insects.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. a familiar sight        | a. of beef          |
| 2. They are a great source | b. about the damage |
| 3. People are worried      | c. friendly         |
| 4. traditional livestock   | d. population       |
| 5. it is generally         | e. of protein       |
| 6. more environmentally    | f. farming          |
| 7. produce the same amount | g. unsustainable    |
| 8. the increasing world    | h. on dinner tables |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. The insect farming                    | a. fish in sushi       |
| 2. stock food                            | b. of insect snacks    |
| 3. vending                               | c. factor to this      |
| 4. you can buy a can                     | d. accepted            |
| 5. excited by the idea                   | e. made from insects   |
| 6. there is a yuck                       | f. of insects as food  |
| 7. I am convinced it will soon be widely | g. industry is growing |
| 8. just like eating raw                  | h. machines            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Bugs have become (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on dinner tables. They are a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ protein. People are worried about the damage traditional livestock farming does to the environment, as it (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Insect farming is more environmentally friendly. One kilogram of (4) \_\_\_\_\_ about 10 per cent of the resources used to produce the same (5) \_\_\_\_\_. We may have to eat insects in the future. This is because of the increasing world population. By 2050 this is expected to be 9.8 billion, up (6) \_\_\_\_\_ 7.7 billion.

The insect farming (7) \_\_\_\_\_, with hundreds of companies creating meals made from bugs. Supermarkets around the world now (8) \_\_\_\_\_ from insects. There are vending machines in Japan where you can buy a can of insect snacks, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ tarantula and scorpions. However, not everyone is excited by the idea of insects as food. An Israeli insect farmer says there is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to this. He said people will get used to the idea and will find insects tasty. He said: "(11) \_\_\_\_\_ it will soon be widely accepted, just like eating raw fish in (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# EATING BUGS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210927-eating-bugs-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about eating bugs 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

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Write about **eating bugs** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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