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**Level 5 – 25th July, 2022**

## Ukraine and Russia sign deal to resume grain exports

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal-5.html>

Ukraine and Russia have signed a deal to allow exports of grain to resume from Ukraine's ports. This should ease a world shortage of wheat that has left millions of people at risk of hunger. Russia's invasion of Ukraine resulted in a global rise in food prices. Millions of tons of grain are waiting for export at Ukrainian ports. The grain deal should ease the pressure on food prices. Russia's Defence Minister and Ukraine's Infrastructure Minister signed the deal at a ceremony in Istanbul. Turkey's President Erdogan helped to broker the agreement.

The deal took two months to negotiate. It will last for 120 days. Ukraine warned that any Russian provocation could put the deal in danger. This has already been tested after Russian forces attacked the Black Sea port of Odesa within 24 hours of the deal starting. Russia's Defence Minister said the deal might mean the export of products from Russia, especially agricultural products and fertiliser, from Russian ports. The US said more exports were needed, "to prevent the world's most vulnerable from sliding into deeper food insecurity and malnutrition."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-62268070>  
<https://www.bangkokpost.com/world/2351992/ukraine-and-russia-sign-landmark-grain-deal>  
<https://edition.cnn.com/2022/07/22/middleeast/grain-shortage-mideast-africa-mime-intl-cmd/index.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. allow exports of grain | a. world shortage       |
| 2. ease a                 | b. in food prices       |
| 3. millions of people at  | c. agreement            |
| 4. a global rise          | d. at Ukrainian ports   |
| 5. waiting for export     | e. ceremony in Istanbul |
| 6. ease the pressure      | f. risk of hunger       |
| 7. signed the deal at a   | g. on food prices       |
| 8. broker the             | h. to resume            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The deal took two months       | a. in danger         |
| 2. It will last                   | b. the deal starting |
| 3. provocation could put the deal | c. malnutrition      |
| 4. forces attacked the            | d. fertiliser        |
| 5. within 24 hours of             | e. vulnerable        |
| 6. agricultural products and      | f. Black Sea port    |
| 7. the world's most               | g. for 120 days      |
| 8. food insecurity and            | h. to negotiate      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal-5.html>

Ukraine and Russia have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to allow exports of grain to resume from Ukraine's ports. This should (2) \_\_\_\_\_ shortage of wheat that has left millions of people at risk of hunger. Russia's invasion of Ukraine resulted in a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ food prices. Millions of tons of grain are waiting for export at Ukrainian ports. The grain (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the pressure on food prices. Russia's Defence Minister and Ukraine's Infrastructure Minister signed the deal (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in Istanbul. Turkey's President Erdogan helped to (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The deal took two (7) \_\_\_\_\_. It will last for 120 days. Ukraine warned that any Russian provocation could put the (8) \_\_\_\_\_. This has already been tested after Russian (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Black Sea port of Odesa within 24 hours of the deal starting. Russia's Defence Minister said the deal might mean the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ from Russia, especially agricultural products and fertiliser, from Russian ports. The US said more exports were needed, "to prevent the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ from sliding into deeper (12) \_\_\_\_\_ malnutrition."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# GRAIN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220725-grain-deal-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about grain 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) \_\_\_\_\_

