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Level 4 – 6th March 2023

British supermarkets ration fruit and vegetables

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/230306-uk-vegetable-rationing-4.html>

Shops in Britain are short of fruit and vegetables. Big supermarkets are rationing things like cucumbers and tomatoes. They have given various reasons for the lack of supply, and why supermarket shelves are bare. Britain's biggest chain, Tesco, has limited some vegetables to just three per customer. Tesco said adverse weather and a drought in Morocco have led to poor harvests. It promised customers it was working to "get things back to normal".

Other factors are behind the rationing. Farmers are facing higher energy costs. It is more difficult for them to make a profit. In addition, a tomato disease has affected many farms across Europe. An expert said Brexit is also playing a part. He said: "If there are shortfalls in production in the EU,...this leaves less available for export to the U.K." U.K shoppers are shocked at online photos of supermarket shelves in war-torn Ukraine full of fresh produce.

Sources: <https://www.cnbc.com/2023/02/28/british-supermarkets-are-rationing-fruit-and-vegetables-amid-shortages.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. rationing | a. three per customer |
| 2. They have given various | b. harvests |
| 3. the lack | c. reasons |
| 4. why supermarket shelves | d. back to normal |
| 5. limited some vegetables to just | e. things like cucumbers |
| 6. a drought in | f. are bare |
| 7. led to poor | g. of supply |
| 8. it was working to get things | h. Morocco |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Other factors are behind | a. to make a profit |
| 2. Farmers are facing higher | b. affected many farms |
| 3. It is more difficult for them | c. produce |
| 4. a tomato disease has | d. export to the U.K. |
| 5. If there are shortfalls | e. torn Ukraine |
| 6. this leaves less available for | f. in production |
| 7. in war- | g. the rationing |
| 8. full of fresh | h. energy costs |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Shops in Britain (1) _____ fruit and vegetables. Big supermarkets are (2) _____ cucumbers and tomatoes. They have given various reasons for the (3) _____, and why supermarket shelves are bare. Britain's biggest chain, Tesco, has limited some vegetables to (4) _____ customer. Tesco said adverse weather and a drought in Morocco have led (5) _____. It promised customers it was working to "get things (6) _____".

Other factors are (7) _____. Farmers are facing higher energy costs. It is more difficult for them to (8) _____. In addition, a tomato disease has affected many farms across Europe. An (9) _____ is also playing a part. He said: "If there are shortfalls in production in the EU,...this (10) _____ for export to the U.K." U.K (11) _____ at online photos of supermarket shelves in war-torn Ukraine (12) _____ produce.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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VEGETABLES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about vegetables 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) _____

