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6 Minute English worksheet

The future of food



Listen to the full episode here: <https://bbc.in/4sv8nEc>

- 1. Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?**
- 2. Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.**
 - What do the presenters say the episode is about?
 - What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?
- 3. Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?**

- a) Word/phrase: _____
It means: _____.
- b) Word/phrase: _____
It means: _____.
- c) Word/phrase: _____
It means: _____.
- d) Word/phrase: _____
It means: _____.
- e) Word/phrase: _____
It means: _____.
- f) Word/phrase: _____
It means: _____.

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4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?

5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.

1. How much of the UK's food is imported from overseas?
 - a) 40%
 - b) 50%
 - c) 60%
2. Which adjective means 'obvious, severe or harsh'?
 - a) sharp
 - b) stark
 - c) steep
3. Which phrase means 'the worst possible thing that could happen in a particular situation'?
 - a) worst-case scenario
 - b) if worst comes to worst
 - c) worst-case situation
4. Which idiom means 'if you're not actively trying to fix a problem, you are helping it continue'?
 - a) a problem shared is a problem halved
 - b) it's not a long-term solution
 - c) be part of the solution, not the problem
5. What is a 'situation where a country has a reliable enough supply of food to feed its population'?
 - a) food safety
 - b) food security
 - c) food standard
6. Which is an example of livestock?
 - a) dolphin
 - b) cow
 - c) goldfish

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6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.

7. Answer the following questions.

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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Answers

3.

- a. food security – situation where a country has a reliable enough supply of food to feed its population
- b. worst-case scenario – the worst possible thing that could happen in a particular situation
- c. stark – obvious, severe, harsh
- d. livestock – animals and birds that are kept on a farm, such as cows, sheep or chicken
- e. piece of the puzzle – part of the solution to a question or problem
- f. part of the solution, not the problem – (idiom) if you are not actively trying to fix a problem, you are helping it continue

5. 1a, 2b, 3a, 4c, 5b, 6b

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Teacher's notes

This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet and adapt it as necessary.

Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.