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READING. THE FOOD WASTE SCANDAL

1. LOOK AT THE TITLE OF THE TEXT AND THE PHOTOS AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

- What is happening in th photos?
- Why do supermarkets throw away so much food?
- Who are freegans?

2. READ AND LISTEN TO THE TEXT AND CHECK YOUR ANSWERS.

It is World Food Day on 16th October, so the local freegan group is organizing protest actions against food waste.

Who are we?

We, freegans, believe that it is wrong to throw food away when millions of people are hungry. We get most of our food from supermarket waste bins because we want to draw attention to this unacceptable food waste scandal.

The facts

Over one third of all food supplies end up as waste and much of this waste occurs before food reaches the shops. Supermarkets can force farmers to throw away up to 40% of their crops if they are imperfect – not all the same size or not looking nice. A UK survey has shown that each year our shops waste over six million tonnes of food and a lot of it is perfectly safe to eat, including:

- 48 million pots of yoghurt
- 1.6 billion apples
- 2.6 billion slices of bread

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3. READ THE TEXT AGAIN AND CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWERS

1 What type of text is it?
   a a supermarket website
   b an educational leaflet
   c a protest group handout
2 The author wrote the text to ...
   a invite. b advertise. c complain.
3 Why do freegans eat food from bins?
   a Because they're hungry.
   b To show that it's safe to eat it.
   c To protest against food waste.
4 How much food never gets to the shops?
   a Forty per cent of all food in the world.
   b Six million tonnes of food.
   c One third of food supplies.
5 Which protest action does the text not suggest?
   a A supermarket boycott. b A petition.
   c A public protest.
6 The text encourages people to ...
   a support freegans.
   b stop buying yoghurt.
   c give food to the poor.

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4. MATCH THESE QUANTIFIERS WITH THE CORRECT FOOD ITEM

Match these quantifiers with the correct food item.

bunch fillet pinch pot slice

1 cake
2 cream
3 bananas
4 fish
5 cheese
6 salt
7 grapes
8 steak

5. YOUR OPINION

5 YOUR OPINIONS Ask and answer the questions.

1 What actions against supermarkets does the text suggest? Do you think they are likely to be effective?
2 Which piece of information in the text shocks you most?
3 Could you be a freegan? Why / Why not?
4 How much food do your family and friends throw away? Why?
5 How do you feel about eating fruit and vegetables that are not perfect? Why?

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FREEGAN - ˈfrēgən - free – «свободный, бесплатный» / vegan – «веган»

Waste - |weɪst| **-** *отходы, потери*

Accept - |əkˈsept| *- принимать, признавать*

Force - |fɔːs| ***- насилие, заставлять***

Crop - |krɒp| *- обрезать, давать урожай*

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