

ACTIVITY 1

Did you hear about the UK supermarket horsemeat scandal of January 2013? Read the following paragraph:



In January 2013, horsemeat was found by Irish food inspectors in frozen beefburgers sold by UK supermarkets such as Tesco, Iceland, Aldi and Lidl. This led to the

removal from shelves of beef ready meals by numerous other European companies and stores, following positive test results for horse DNA in these products. Horse DNA has also been found in products supplied by catering companies providing food for schools, hospitals and hotels. Health experts describe the issue as a case of 'food fraud' but claim that food safety was not threatened by it. Fast forward to 2015, and there are similar stories of food fraud. Tourists in Egypt have eaten donkey meat, thinking they were eating beef – while in China, meat advertised in a supermarket as donkey turned out to be fox. This is, then, an on-going ethical dilemma.

- Do people eat horsemeat in Argentina?
- Have you ever eaten something without knowing exactly what was in it?
- Do you think catering companies have a social and ethical responsibility to be transparent about what they put in their food?