

Food, Glorious Food! : Teaching suggestions

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Activity 1

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1. Get the students to read the questions through first and deal with any vocabulary questions that arise.
2. Do question one together in open class to get the ball rolling.
3. Let the students begin their conversation in pairs or small groups.
4. Monitor closely then stop the activity and elicit feedback.

Activity 2

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1. Students work together, guessing unknown vocabulary as necessary.
2. Monitor closely then stop the activity and elicit feedback. Check understanding of new lexis.

Activity 3

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Activity 4

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Activity 5

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If your students don't have access to computers in the classroom, set this for homework.

Answers: 1. b) 9 billion 2. a) Malawi 3. See below.

Quick Quiz

Read the clues below and write the solutions on a piece of paper. Then take the first letter of each answer and rearrange them to find a word connected with this month's Talking Point subject: 'Food, Glorious Food!'

1. Feeding everyone in the world has always posed some problems but it was officially recognized in 1974 when the first ever world conference on food was.....**held**....., in Rome.
2. It was announced that within a decade no child would go to bed hungry. However, it is estimated that one billion people will go to bed on an**empty**..... stomach today.
3. There are many contributing factors, among which is the fact that there has been too little investment in agriculture for too long.**Not**... only this but the demand for food is increasing.
4. By 2050 the population is predicted to have**risen**..... by 33%.
5. In November 2009 the**United**..... Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) held the first summit on food since 2002.
6. Recently agriculture has climbed so far up the**global**.....list of priorities that the World bank increased the amount allocated to agriculture by 50%.

Answer: HUNGER (H for Held [1], U for United [5], N for Not [3], G for Global [6], E for Empty [3], R for Risen [4]).

Activity 6

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This activity can be set as homework to be followed up and consolidated in a future lesson generating more discussion. What did most students feel about the question? What reasons were put forward in each case? Did the students read anything which changed their minds on the topic? (etc.)

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