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# READING: The 'Impossible' Hamburger

## Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|----------------|----------|---|
| 1. environment | <u>E</u> | A. a food that is added to a dish or recipe             |
| 2. impossible  | _____    | B. to make something                                    |
| 3. create (v.) | _____    | C. now; at the present time                             |
| 4. entirely    | _____    | D. place  |
| 5. ingredient  | _____    | E. the natural world where people, animals, plants live |
| 6. currently   | _____    | F. something that is made so people can sell it         |
| 7. product     | _____    | G. not possible; not able to exist or be done           |
| 8. location    | _____    | H. completely; 100%                                     |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use the plural form (-s) when necessary.

1. It is impossible to travel back in time.
2. Hawaii is a nice \_\_\_\_\_ for a holiday.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I am a teacher, but I want to become an actor.
4. Sugar is an \_\_\_\_\_ in many kinds of food.
5. We should take care of our \_\_\_\_\_ by keeping it clean.
6. Canada is covered almost \_\_\_\_\_ by snow in winter.
7. That store sells many different kinds of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. When did people first \_\_\_\_\_ airplanes and computers?

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Topics: Business / Fast Food / Health

# The 'Impossible' Hamburger



Nowadays, more and more people are eating less and less meat. They are doing this because they want to be healthy, because they care about animals, and because they care about the **environment**<sup>1</sup>. Therefore, chefs and scientists at one company called '**Impossible**<sup>2</sup> Foods' recently spent one hundred million dollars to **create**<sup>3</sup> a hamburger called the 'Impossible Burger'. It's called the 'Impossible Burger' because it looks, smells and tastes like a real meat burger, but it is made **entirely**<sup>4</sup> from natural plant **ingredients**<sup>5</sup> such as wheat, coconut oil and potatoes. Where can you buy an Impossible Burger? **Currently**<sup>6</sup>, you can buy it only in 32 restaurants in New York, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Texas and San Francisco. However, the company plans to sell the **product**<sup>7</sup> in supermarkets and restaurants in many other cities in America, and then in other **locations**<sup>8</sup> around the world. The company says that it also wants to create other kinds of 'meat' (as well as 'milk' products) that are made from plants. Bill Gates, the world famous Microsoft businessman, loves the idea of a hamburger made from plants. What do you think? Do you like the idea?

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### Grammar Practice

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1.

- (A) eat
- (B) eating
- (C) eats

2.

- (A) care
- (B) cares
- (C) caring

3.

- (A) scientists
- (B) science
- (C) scientist

4.

- (A) a hamburger
- (B) an hamburger
- (C) hamburger

5.

- (A) its
- (B) it
- (C) it's

6.

- (A) Who
- (B) What
- (C) Where

7.

- (A) to
- (B) on
- (C) in

8.

- (A) sell
- (B) sold
- (C) sells

9.

- (A) much
- (B) many
- (C) more

10.

- (A) another
- (B) others
- (C) other

11.

- (A) are
- (B) do
- (C) is

12.

- (A) Is
- (B) Are
- (C) Do

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# READING: The Impossible Hamburger

## How Much Do You Understand?

● *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ More people are eating more meat.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ It is impossible to make a hamburger only from vegetables.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ It is possible to use potatoes to make a hamburger.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ You can buy an 'Impossible' Burger at more than 30 restaurants in the USA.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 'Impossible Foods' also wants to sell its hamburgers in other countries.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Gates says he loves to eat hamburgers.

## Discuss

● *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. Would you like to try the 'Impossible Burger'? Why? / Why not?
2. Do you think the company will make lots of money? Why? / Why not?
3. Can you think of another name for the 'Impossible Burger'?

## Write

● *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*

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**Lesson "The Impossible Hamburger"**

**Grammar Focus** Mixed (includes Past Simple and Passives)

**Vocabulary** 190 words  
**A1** words-67% / **A2** words-12% / **B1** words-10% / **B2** words-1%  
**AWL** Words in this text: *create, environment, locations*  
 Vocabulary Analysis by: vocabkitchen.com

**Level** Elementary to Pre-Intermediate (CEFR A2)

**ANSWER KEY Page 1**

*My Notes*



● **Vocabulary Preview**

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|------|----------------|
| 1. E | 1. impossible  |
| 2. G | 2. location    |
| 3. B | 3. Currently   |
| 4. H | 4. ingredient  |
| 5. A | 5. environment |
| 6. C | 6. entirely    |
| 7. F | 7. products    |
| 8. D | 8. create      |

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**ANSWER KEY Page 4**

● **Grammar (Article)**

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|------|-------|
| 1. B | 7. C  |
| 2. A | 8. A  |
| 3. A | 9. B  |
| 4. A | 10. C |
| 5. B | 11. B |
| 6. C | 12. C |

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. F (*More people are eating less meat.*)
2. F (*'Impossible Foods' has already done this.*)
3. T
4. T
5. T
6. F (*He doesn't say this.*)

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