

FOCUS ON WORDS | Synonyms

- 4 3.14 In your notebook, match the words in red from the text with the synonyms below. Then listen and check.

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| 1 essential = <u>critical</u> | 6 dealing with sth = ? |
| 2 the most important = ? | 7 make up sth = ? |
| 3 extreme = ? | 8 very harmful = ? |
| 4 increase sth = ? | 9 considerable = ? |
| 5 never ending or getting better = ? | |

FOCUS ON WORDS | Environmental problems

- 5 3.15 In your notebook, match the words underlined in the text with the definitions below. Then listen and check.

- the use of a resource = consumption
- the variety of kinds of life in an ecosystem = ?
- gases sent into the air = ?
- the use of machinery to make farming more productive = ?
- the permanent destruction of forests = ?
- the industry of farming = ?
- the part of the farming industry devoted to raising animals = ?
- being able to be maintained = ?

- Meat consumption is on track to rise 75 percent by 2050. To meet demand, the world's agribusiness firms will attempt to **boost** their annual meat output from 3,000 million tons today to 4,800 million tons by 2050.
- Factory-style livestock production is a **critical** driver of agricultural industrialisation. Its **remorseless** expansion is contributing to **radical** climate change, deforestation, **biodiversity** loss and human-rights violations.
- One major problem with factory-style livestock production is that it leads to considerable greenhouse-gas emissions – and not just because the digestive processes of ruminant animals produce methane.
- The waste from the animals, together with the fertilizers and pesticides used to produce feed, generate large quantities of nitrogen oxide.
- Nearly half of all water used in the US goes to raising animals for food. It takes more than 15,000 litres of water to produce one kilogram of beef. To produce one kilogram of wheat takes 220 litres.
- If the world ate 15 percent less meat, it would be like taking 240 million cars off the road each year.

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Veggie:

3 min. ago

Very informative. Personally, I believe humans consume too much meat. If this continues, not only will we contribute to the unpardonable destruction of the environment, we will also fail to sustain future generations. Reducing meat consumption is **paramount**.



Carnivore:

1 day ago

I disagree entirely. The world has always found ways to sustain itself and there's no hard evidence that meat consumption will disable this process. If anything, it's the government that should promote **sustainable** agriculture.

- 6 **SPEAKING** Discuss what the following parties could do to help fight global warming. Use vocabulary from Exercise 5.

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| 1 you as an individual | 3 your school |
| 2 your family | 4 your government |

FOCUS ON WORDS | Animal idioms

- 7 3.16 In your notebook, complete the idioms with the animals in the box. Listen and check. Then translate the idioms.

(bird **bull** dog duck goose horse)

- take the bull by the horns = face up to a challenge
- let sleeping ? s lie = leave sth alone if it might cause trouble
- be like water off a ?'s back = used to say that sb is unconcerned by criticism
- a wild ? chase = a search for sth that is unattainable or non-existent
- kill two ? s with one stone = achieve two things with one action
- straight from the ?'s mouth = directly from the source

- 8 In your notebook, complete the sentences with appropriate idioms from Exercise 7. Which of the sentences are true for you?

- When I'm busy, I always take the bull by the horns and do the most difficult thing first.
- I can't stand gossip or rumour. I like to hear things ? .
- If a friend doesn't want to talk about a problem, that's fine. I'd rather ? .
- I am not sensitive. To me, insults ? .
- I'm always combining tasks. Nothing gives me more satisfaction than when I ? .
- I think the search for a perfect partner is ? . After all, nobody is perfect, are they?

FOCUS ON WORDS | EXTRA Animals idioms

- 9 3.17 In your notebook, match the idioms with the definitions. Then listen and check. Translate the idioms and write an example sentence with each of them.

- let the cat out of the bag c
 - donkey's years ?
 - a wolf in sheep's clothing ?
 - hold your horses ?
 - pigs might fly ?
- a it's highly unlikely that sth will happen
b be patient, wait before doing sth
c tell sth that is supposed to be a secret
d an extremely long time
e sb who seems kind, but is hostile

- 10 **SPEAKING** Complete the questions with four of the idioms in Exercise 9. Then ask and answer.

- Do you remember a time when something took ? so that you thought it might never end? What was it?
- Have you ever met somebody who turned out to be ? ? Who was that?
- Can you recall a moment when you were impatient to do something, but had to ? ? What did you want to do then?
- Have you ever ? even though you were supposed to keep quiet? What was it about?