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**Level 3 – 1st February 2024**

## French farmers cut off Paris with tractors

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris.html>

French farmers are angry with their government. They are blocking roads around France's capital city of Paris. There are many reasons for the farmers' anger. It is becoming more difficult for them to survive. Inflation in France is increasing because of high energy prices. This is making food more expensive for farmers to produce. The war in Ukraine is causing higher prices, especially for fertilizers. The farmers are also angry because the government is not protecting them from cheaper food coming from other countries, especially those in Eastern Europe. Finally, they are furious with European Union climate measures, which are adding to red tape and the costs of doing business.

The farmers blocked major highways around Paris. They parked their tractors on main roads to stop traffic going in and out of the city. They also dumped smelly agricultural waste outside government offices. Farmer Christophe Rossignol told the Associated Press news agency: "We've come to defend French agriculture. We go from crisis to crisis." Another farmer said: "Parisians are going to be hungry. The goal is to starve Parisians." A large farmers union said: "Our objective is to put pressure on the government so that we can quickly find a solution for a way out of the crisis." Some tractors had messages on them that said: "No food without farmers" and "The end of us would mean famine for you."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. PARIS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Paris. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

farmers / government / capital city / anger / inflation / fertilizers / climate / red tape / tractors / main roads / news agency / crisis / hungry / pressure / solution / famine

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. FARMERS:** Students A **strongly** believe all countries should help more people to become farmers; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. COST OF LIVING:** How cheap or expensive are these things? Have they gone up in price? How important are they to you? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

|              | Price | More Expensive? | How Important? |
|--------------|-------|-----------------|----------------|
| Restaurants  |       |                 |                |
| Supermarkets |       |                 |                |
| Gasoline     |       |                 |                |
| Transport    |       |                 |                |
| Electricity  |       |                 |                |
| Chocolate    |       |                 |                |

**5. SURVIVE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "survive". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. ANGER:** Rank these with your partner. Put the things that anger us most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Money
- Wifi
- Rude people
- Our government
- Family
- Transport
- Shopping
- Ourselves

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 1. government | a. A rise in the prices of things we buy every day.                                     |
| 2. blocking   | b. Rules and regulations that can slow down business.                                   |
| 3. survive    | c. The group of people who are the leaders of a country.                                |
| 4. inflation  | d. Continue to live, especially when there is danger or hardship.                       |
| 5. fertilizer | e. The action of putting things in the way of someone to stop them moving forward.      |
| 6. furious    | f. A chemical or natural substance put on farms and gardens to make things grow better. |
| 7. red tape   | g. Very, very, very angry.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 8. traffic    | h. Unwanted material, substances, or other things that we throw away. |
| 9. waste      | i. A time of great difficulty or danger.                              |
| 10. crisis    | j. A way of solving a problem or dealing with a difficult situation.  |
| 11. starve    | k. All of the cars, trucks, buses, etc. on the roads.                 |
| 12. objective | l. A big shortage or lack of food in an area or country.              |
| 13. solution  | m. Goal.  |
| 14. famine    | n. Have pain or die from not having enough food.                      |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The French government is angry with French farmers. **T / F**
2. Inflation in France is making it more difficult for farmers to survive. **T / F**
3. France's government is protecting farmers from cheap food imports. **T / F**
4. Blue tape is making the cost of doing business higher. **T / F**
5. Farmers used combine harvesters to block roads around Paris. **T / F**
6. Farmers put bad-smelling waste outside government offices. **T / F**
7. A farmer said his aim was to make people in Paris hungry. **T / F**
8. Some farmers said there would be famine if there were no farmers. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>angry</b>      | a. actions        |
| 2. <b>reasons</b>    | b. answer         |
| 3. <b>protecting</b> | c. bureaucracy    |
| 4. <b>measures</b>   | d. food shortages |
| 5. <b>red tape</b>   | e. furious        |
| 6. <b>blocked</b>    | f. disaster       |
| 7. <b>dumped</b>     | g. shielding      |
| 8. <b>solution</b>   | h. threw away     |
| 9. <b>crisis</b>     | i. causes         |
| 10. <b>famine</b>    | j. obstructed     |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. French farmers are angry       | a. higher prices         |
| 2. The war in Ukraine is causing  | b. tape                  |
| 3. cheaper food coming            | c. around Paris          |
| 4. adding to red                  | d. from other countries  |
| 5. the costs of doing             | e. out of the crisis     |
| 6. farmers blocked major highways | f. business              |
| 7. We go from                     | g. famine for you        |
| 8. put pressure                   | h. crisis to crisis      |
| 9. find a solution for a way      | i. with their government |
| 10. The end of us would mean      | j. on the government     |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris.html>

French farmers are angry (1) \_\_\_\_\_ their government. They are blocking roads around France's capital city of Paris. There are many reasons for the farmers' (2) \_\_\_\_\_. It is becoming more difficult for them to (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Inflation in France is increasing because of high energy prices. This is (4) \_\_\_\_\_ food more expensive for farmers to produce. The war in Ukraine is causing (5) \_\_\_\_\_ prices, especially for fertilizers. The farmers are also angry because the government is not (6) \_\_\_\_\_ them from cheaper food coming from other countries, especially (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in Eastern Europe. Finally, they are furious with European Union climate measures, which are adding to red (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and the costs of doing business.

*survive*  
*with*  
*protecting*  
*tape*  
*anger*  
*higher*  
*those*  
*making*

The farmers blocked (9) \_\_\_\_\_ highways around Paris. They parked their tractors on main roads to stop (10) \_\_\_\_\_ going in and out of the city. They also dumped (11) \_\_\_\_\_ agricultural waste outside government offices. Farmer Christophe Rossignol told the Associated Press news agency: "We've come to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ French agriculture. We go from crisis to (13) \_\_\_\_\_." Another farmer said: "Parisians are going to be hungry. The goal is to starve Parisians." A large farmers union said: "Our (14) \_\_\_\_\_ is to put pressure on the government so that we can quickly find a solution for a way out of the crisis." Some tractors had (15) \_\_\_\_\_ on them that said: "No food without farmers" and "The end of us would mean (16) \_\_\_\_\_ for you."

*defend*  
*famine*  
*traffic*  
*smelly*  
*messages*  
*objective*  
*major*  
*crisis*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris.html>

- 1) French farmers are angry with their government. They \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. are backing roads
  - b. are blocking roads
  - c. are breaking roads
  - d. are blocked in roads
- 2) It is becoming more difficult for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. them to survive
  - b. them to survival
  - c. them to survives
  - d. them to survived
- 3) This is making food more expensive for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. farmers to produce
  - b. farmers to product
  - c. farmers to producer
  - d. farmers to produced
- 4) the government is not protecting them \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. from cheapish food
  - b. from cheap pair food
  - c. from cheapen food
  - d. from cheaper food
- 5) they are furious with European Union climate measures, which are adding \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to read tape
  - b. to led tape
  - c. tread tape
  - d. to red tape
- 6) They parked their tractors on main roads \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. two stop traffic
  - b. to stopped traffic
  - c. to stop traffic
  - d. to stop traffics
- 7) Rossignol told the Associated Press news agency: "We've come to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. defence French agriculture
  - b. defend French agriculture
  - c. offend French agriculture
  - d. offence French agriculture
- 8) Another farmer said: "Parisians are going to be hungry. The goal is \_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. to staff Parisians
  - b. to save Parisians
  - c. to stab Parisians
  - d. to starve Parisians
- 9) we can quickly find a solution for a way out \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. off the crisis
  - b. of a crisis
  - c. of thick crisis
  - d. of the crisis
- 10) The end of us would mean \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. famine for you
  - b. farming for you
  - c. fanning for you
  - d. phenom for you

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris.html>

French (1) \_\_\_\_\_ with their government. They are blocking roads around France's capital city of Paris. There are (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the farmers' anger. It is becoming more difficult for them to survive. Inflation in France is increasing because of (3) \_\_\_\_\_. This is making food more expensive for farmers to produce. The war in Ukraine is (4) \_\_\_\_\_, especially for fertilizers. The farmers are also angry because the government is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ from cheaper food coming from other countries, especially those in Eastern Europe. Finally, they are furious with European Union climate measures, which are adding (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and the costs of doing business.

The farmers (7) \_\_\_\_\_ around Paris. They parked their tractors on main roads to stop (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and out of the city. They also dumped smelly agricultural waste outside government offices. Farmer Christophe Rossignol told the Associated Press news agency: "We've come to defend French agriculture. We go from (9) \_\_\_\_\_." Another farmer said: "Parisians are going to be hungry. The goal (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Parisians." A large farmers union said: "Our objective is to put pressure on the government so that we can quickly (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for a way out of the crisis." Some tractors had messages on them that said: "No food without farmers" and "The end of us would (12) \_\_\_\_\_ you."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris.html>

1. Who are French farmers angry with?
2. What are higher energy prices causing in France?
3. What does the article say is causing higher prices?
4. Where does the article say cheaper food is coming from?
5. What kind of tape are farmers having to deal with more?
6. What did farmers park on roads outside Paris?
7. What did farmers dump outside government offices?
8. What did a farmer say the goal of the farmers was?
9. What did a union say they needed a solution for?
10. What did some messages say would happen if there were no farmers?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris.html>

- 1) Who are French farmers angry with?
  - a) English farmers
  - b) the French government
  - c) the U.K. government
  - d) fertilizer makers
- 2) What are higher energy prices causing in France?
  - a) more expensive coffee
  - b) cooler offices
  - c) inflation
  - d) panic
- 3) What does the article say is causing higher prices?
  - a) fertilizer
  - b) Brexit
  - c) blocked roads
  - d) the Ukraine War
- 4) Where does the article say cheaper food is coming from?
  - a) Russia
  - b) Eastern Europe
  - c) Ukraine
  - d) China
- 5) What kind of tape are farmers having to deal with more?
  - a) red tape
  - b) Sellotape
  - c) masking tape
  - d) double-sided tape
- 6) What did farmers park on roads outside Paris?
  - a) tractors
  - b) trucks
  - c) combine harvesters
  - d) bicycles
- 7) What did farmers dump outside government offices?
  - a) cheese
  - b) sausages
  - c) bottles of wine
  - d) smelly agricultural waste
- 8) What did a farmer say the goal of the farmers was?
  - a) to get a pay rise
  - b) to produce better food
  - c) to starve Parisians
  - d) to stop food imports
- 9) What did a union say they needed a solution for?
  - a) border controls
  - b) red tape
  - c) a crossword puzzle
  - d) a crisis
- 10) What did some messages say would happen if there were no farmers?
  - a) nothing
  - b) famine
  - c) tractors would be more expensive
  - d) France would get food from Italy

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris.html>

## **Role A – Money**

You think money is the thing that causes the greatest anger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things do not cause such great anger. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to cause anger (and why): rude people, transport or family members.

## **Role B – Rude People**

You think rude people are the cause of the greatest anger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things do not cause such great anger. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to cause anger (and why): money, transport or family members.

## **Role C – Transport**

You think transport is the thing that causes the greatest anger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things do not cause such great anger. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to cause anger (and why): rude people, money or family members.

## **Role D – Family Members**

You think family members are the causes of the greatest anger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things do not cause such great anger. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to cause anger (and why): rude people, transport or money.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'farmer' and 'tractor'.

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| <b>farmer</b> | <b>tractor</b> |
|---------------|----------------|

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• capital</li><li>• survive</li><li>• making</li><li>• causing</li><li>• protecting</li><li>• red</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• major</li><li>• smelly</li><li>• defend</li><li>• goal</li><li>• find</li><li>• famine</li></ul> |
|---|--|

# PARIS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Paris in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

|      | STUDENT 1<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.2. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.3. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.4. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.5. |                    |                    |                    |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# PARIS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'tractor'?
3. When was the last time you were angry?
4. What do you think of your capital city?
5. How important are farmers?
6. What do you think of inflation?
7. How are higher prices affecting you?
8. How easy or difficult is it for you to survive?
9. Would you like to start your own business?
10. What advice do you have for the farmers?

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# PARIS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'farmer'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What does your government do that makes you angry?
15. What do you think of a farmer's life?
16. What would you think if people stopped you getting to a major city?
17. What should France do to help the farmers?
18. How risky is it to be a farmer?
19. What do you think of Paris?
20. What questions would you like to ask the farmers?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris.html>

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**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |             |              |             |              |
|-----|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) angrily | (b) angry    | (c) anger   | (d) angers   |
| 2.  | (a) of      | (b) for      | (c) by      | (d) at       |
| 3.  | (a) make    | (b) makes    | (c) made    | (d) making   |
| 4.  | (a) farm    | (b) from     | (c) firm    | (d) frame    |
| 5.  | (a) they    | (b) them     | (c) this    | (d) those    |
| 6.  | (a) green   | (b) purple   | (c) red     | (d) blue     |
| 7.  | (a) main    | (b) pain     | (c) gain    | (d) rain     |
| 8.  | (a) doped   | (b) duped    | (c) dumped  | (d) drooped  |
| 9.  | (a) fender  | (b) fend off | (c) offend  | (d) defend   |
| 10. | (a) starve  | (b) hunger   | (c) peckish | (d) ravenous |
| 11. | (a) on      | (b) of       | (c) in      | (d) to       |
| 12. | (a) famine  | (b) vermin   | (c) ermine  | (d) farming  |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. difficult for them to evvisur
2. ntlfaoiin in France is increasing
3. high neegyr prices
4. lecliaepys those in Eastern Europe
5. they are usuirfo
6. European Union climate mseareu

## Paragraph 2

7. arjmo highways around Paris
8. smelly grcruilutlaa waste
9. put prsesuer on the government
10. we can quickly find a ooulnsti
11. a way out of the scsiri
12. The end of us would mean eimafn

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) with European Union climate measures, which are adding to red tape and the costs of doing business.
- ( ) pressure on the government so that we can quickly find a solution for a way out of the crisis." Some tractors had messages
- ( ) expensive for farmers to produce. The war in Ukraine is causing higher prices, especially for
- ( ) fertilizers. The farmers are also angry because the government is not protecting them
- ( ) from cheaper food coming from other countries, especially those in Eastern Europe. Finally, they are furious
- ( **1** ) French farmers are angry with their government. They are blocking roads around France's capital
- ( ) to defend French agriculture. We go from crisis to crisis." Another farmer said: "Parisians are going to be
- ( ) The farmers blocked major highways around Paris. They parked their tractors on main
- ( ) city of Paris. There are many reasons for the farmers' anger. It is becoming more difficult for them to
- ( ) roads to stop traffic going in and out of the city. They also dumped smelly agricultural waste
- ( ) on them that said: "No food without farmers" and "The end of us would mean famine for you."
- ( ) hungry. The goal is to starve Parisians." A large farmers union said: "Our objective is to put
- ( ) survive. Inflation in France is increasing because of high energy prices. This is making food more
- ( ) outside government offices. Farmer Christophe Rossignol told the Associated Press news agency: "We've come

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris.html>

1. with their French farmers angry are government .
2. are France's roads They blocking around city . capital
3. for farmers' the anger . many reasons are There
4. more food Making produce . farmers expensive to for
5. and tape costs business . the of Red doing
6. tractors on main roads . their parked They
7. offices . smelly They waste agricultural dumped government outside
8. Parisians to going are said be hungry . He
9. for a the crisis . Solution way out of
10. of famine . us end mean The would

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240201-siege-of-paris.html>

French farmers are angry *without / with* their government. They are blocking roads around France's capital city *of / in* Paris. There are many reasons for the farmers' *angry / anger*. It is becoming more difficult for them to survive. Inflation in France is increasing because *of / on* high energy prices. This is making food more expensive *for / of* farmers to produce. The war in Ukraine is causing *higher / heighten* prices, especially for fertilizers. The farmers are also angry because the government is not *protection / protecting* them from cheaper food coming from *other / another* countries, especially those in Eastern Europe. Finally, they are furious with European Union climate *tapes / measures*, which are adding to red tape and the costs of *done / doing* business.

The farmers blocked *major / majority* highways around Paris. They *peaked / parked* their tractors on main roads to stop traffic going in and out of the city. They also *dumped / dumping* smelly agricultural waste outside government offices. Farmer Christophe Rossignol told the Associated Press news agency: "We've come to *offend / defend* French agriculture. We go *from / by* crisis to crisis." Another farmer said: "Parisians are going to be hungry. The goal is to *staff / starve* Parisians." A large farmers *onion / union* said: "Our objective is to put pressure *on / in* the government so that we can quickly find a solution for a way *in / out* of the crisis." Some tractors had messages on them that said: "No food without farmers" and "The end of us would mean *famine / farming* for you."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the farmers blocked major highways around paris they parked their tractors on main roads to stop traffic going in and out of the city they also dumped smelly agricultural waste outside government offices farmer christophe rossignol told the associated press news agency weve come to defend french agriculture we go from crisis to crisis another farmer said parisians are going to be hungry the goal is to starve parisians a large farmers union said our objective is to put pressure on the government so that we can quickly find a solution for a way out of the crisis some tractors had messages on them that said no food without farmers and the end of us would mean famine for you

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. PARIS:** Make a poster about Paris. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. FARMERS:** Write a magazine article about all countries increasing the number of farmers. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on farming. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to help farmers. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. e    3. d    4. a    5. f    6. g    7. b  
8. k    9. h    10. i    11. n    12. m    13. j    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 T    3 F    4 F    5 F    6 T    7 T    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

|      |      |      |      |       |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. e | 2. i | 3. g | 4. a | 5. c  |
| 6. j | 7. h | 8. b | 9. f | 10. d |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The French government
2. Inflation
3. The Ukraine War
4. Eastern Europe
5. Red tape
6. Tractors
7. Smelly agricultural waste
8. To starve Parisians
9. A crisis
10. Famine

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. French farmers are angry with their government.
2. They are blocking roads around France's capital city.
3. There are many reasons for the farmers' anger.
4. Making food more expensive for farmers to produce.
5. Red tape and the costs of doing business.
6. They parked their tractors on main roads.
7. They dumped smelly agricultural waste outside government offices.
8. He said Parisians are going to be hungry.
9. Solution for a way out of the crisis.
10. The end of us would mean famine.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. c    3. d    4. b    5. a    6. a    7. d    8. c    9. d    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)