PICTURE STORY

Look at this picture. Who is in it? Why is the person there? Where might it be? Tell the story behind this picture and say whether you would try something similar.

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R O L E P L A Y

STUDENT

You are attending a summer exchange programme in England. You would like to find some after-school activities and make new friends. You are at a sports and leisure centre looking for a free-time activity to do. Explain your preferences to the receptionist, ask about their options, times, prices, the equipment needed, etc. Decide on one activity you would like to do regularly.

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TEACHER

You work as a receptionist at a sports and leisure centre in England. A student visiting from abroad wants to find an after-school activity to do. Greet the student and ask about their interests and preferences. Present different activities available at the centre (sports, classes, clubs). Answer the student's questions and help them choose one activity to attend regularly.

You start: "Good afternoon! Welcome to the sports and leisure centre. How can I help you?"

A N S W E R   K E Y

GRAMMAR – 15 points

1. tried	6. is going	11. giving
2. has become	7. sells	12. doesn't have /does not have
3. becomes	8. making / to make	13. is mainly made
4. grew	9. is not/isn't	14. won't last / will not last
5. 've likely heard/have likely heard	10. dries	15. are

VOCABULARY – 10 points

1. Global	6. pain	11. throat
2. awareness	7. rash	12. digestive
3. pollution	8. itchy	13. dizzy
4. naturally	9. headache	14. symptoms
5. sustainable	10. fever	15. medicine

READING – 10 points

1. H	6. C
2. E	7. B
3. A	8. B
4. F	9. A
5. G	10. A

LISTENING – 5 points

1. C	4. 15
2. B	5. 18
3. C	6. 1.5
	7. 2050

L I S T E N I N G   C O M P R E H E N S I O N

(please, read twice)

What If Everyone in the World Went Vegan?

The average person eats about 40 kilograms of meat per year. In developed countries, it's double that—about the same weight as an adult dolphin. Experts now advise cutting down the amount of meat we eat to help reduce climate change.

So, here's a thought experiment: what if the whole world turned vegan? Around 15 percent of all greenhouse gases emitted by humans come from livestock production. If everyone became vegan, these emissions would be greatly reduced.

Eating meat takes up space—a lot of it. About 80 percent of all farmland is dedicated to meat and dairy production. That's about the size of Europe, the US, China, and Australia combined. Meat and dairy typically provide only 18 percent of our calories, but account for 60 percent of greenhouse-gas emissions from agriculture.

A report by the UN's climate body recommends that we all reduce the amount of meat we eat and also how much we waste. The report found that 8 to 10 percent of all global emissions are due to food loss and food waste.

But not all meat is the same. Large-scale farming of beef has a particularly high impact and has been a big factor in the loss of the Amazon rainforest. When cows digest their food, they produce methane—a powerful greenhouse gas about 28 times more potent than carbon dioxide over 100 years. When cows burp, this methane is emitted. One cow releases between 70 and 100 kilograms of methane every year, and there are around 1.5 billion cattle in the world today.

It's not that simple, though. A lot depends on how the meat is produced. Most meat is mass-produced by large-scale industry, and this can have a heavy environmental impact. However, small-scale farming of animals can have a lower environmental footprint and, in some cases, even benefit the environment. In the case of traditional grazing, for example, it can be beneficial for biodiversity.

Vegan alternatives can also come with their own problems. Large-scale production of soya can lead to deforestation, and almond production requires huge amounts of water.

But if everyone switched to a plant-based diet, it could bring several positive health benefits. One study estimated that if everyone ate a vegan diet rich in fresh fruit and vegetables, around 8 million deaths could be avoided worldwide by 2050.

There are no simple answers, but if everyone were to change how they look at food—how it's cultivated and how it's eaten—and do so in a sustainable way, we could potentially change the world.

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