

Food Waste

The U.K. government said a third of the world's food is wasted. It said this high level is 'unacceptable'. Over 7 million tons of food is wasted in the UK every year. A politician said: 'One-third of food is lost or wasted globally.' The government talked about three solutions to the food waste problem. First, schools could raise children's awareness about it from a young age. Secondly, supermarkets could sell vegetables they throw away because they are the 'wrong' shape. Finally, 'sell-by dates' and 'best before' labels need to change. Good food is thrown away because of these labels.



The politician said throwing away so much food was socially and environmentally unacceptable. He said: 'Socially, it is a scandal that people are going hungry and using food banks when so much food is being wasted.' He added that: 'Environmentally, it is a disaster, because energy and resources are wasted.' He said food is rotting in landfills and produces a climate-changing gas. He also asked supermarkets to sell vegetables that have a funny shape. He said: 'It's ridiculous that perfectly good vegetables are wasted simply because they're a funny shape.' He said these vegetables do not cook or taste any different.

Paragraph 1

1. a third of the world's food
2. Over 7 million tons
3. solutions to the food
4. schools could raise children's
5. supermarkets could sell vegetables
6. because they are the "wrong"
7. "sell-by" dates and
8. Good food is thrown away because

- a. they throw away
- b. "best before" labels
- c. of food
- d. of these labels
- e. awareness about it
- f. waste problem
- g. shape
- h. is wasted

Paragraph 2

1. socially and environmentally
2. it is a
3. people are going
4. energy and resources
5. end up rotting
6. it produces a climate-
7. perfectly good vegetables are
8. because they're a funny

- a. shape
- b. unacceptable
- c. in landfills
- d. wasted
- e. scandal
- f. are wasted
- g. hungry
- h. changing gas



1. TRUE/FALSE

Britain's government said that food waste only happens in England. T / F

The U.K. wastes over 70 million tons of food a year. T / F

A British politician suggested four solutions to the problem of food waste. T / F

The politician said there was no need to change 'sell-by' dates on food. T / F

The politician said it was environmentally friendly to throw food away. T / F

The politician said some people needed to go to banks to buy food. T / F

Rotting food produces a toxic gas. T / F

The politician said funny-shaped vegetables do not taste different. T / F



2. WASTE

How can we cut down on food waste? Complete the table:

	Examples of waste now	Solutions
Farms		
Supermarkets		
Internet		
Gardens		
Restaurants		
Fast food		

3. FOOD

What words do you associate with the word 'food'?

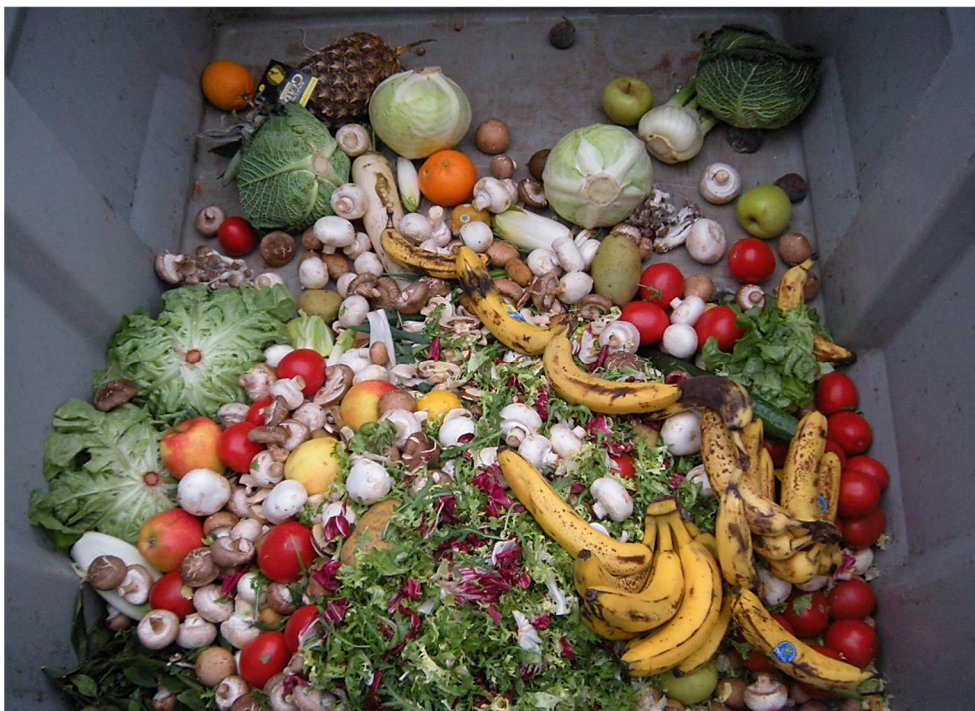
4. CHANGE

Put the people / things who can best cut down on food waste at the top.

- fast-food restaurants
- hotels
- families
- food banks
- governments
- supermarkets
- children
- farmers

5. FUNNY SHAPE

Why are some vegetables being wasted and thrown away just because of their wrong shape?



6. DISCUSSION

What do you think of food **waste**?

How can we **reduce** food waste?

Why do people waste **so much** food?

Should **schools** teach children about food waste?

What is your opinion about '**eat-by**' dates and labels?

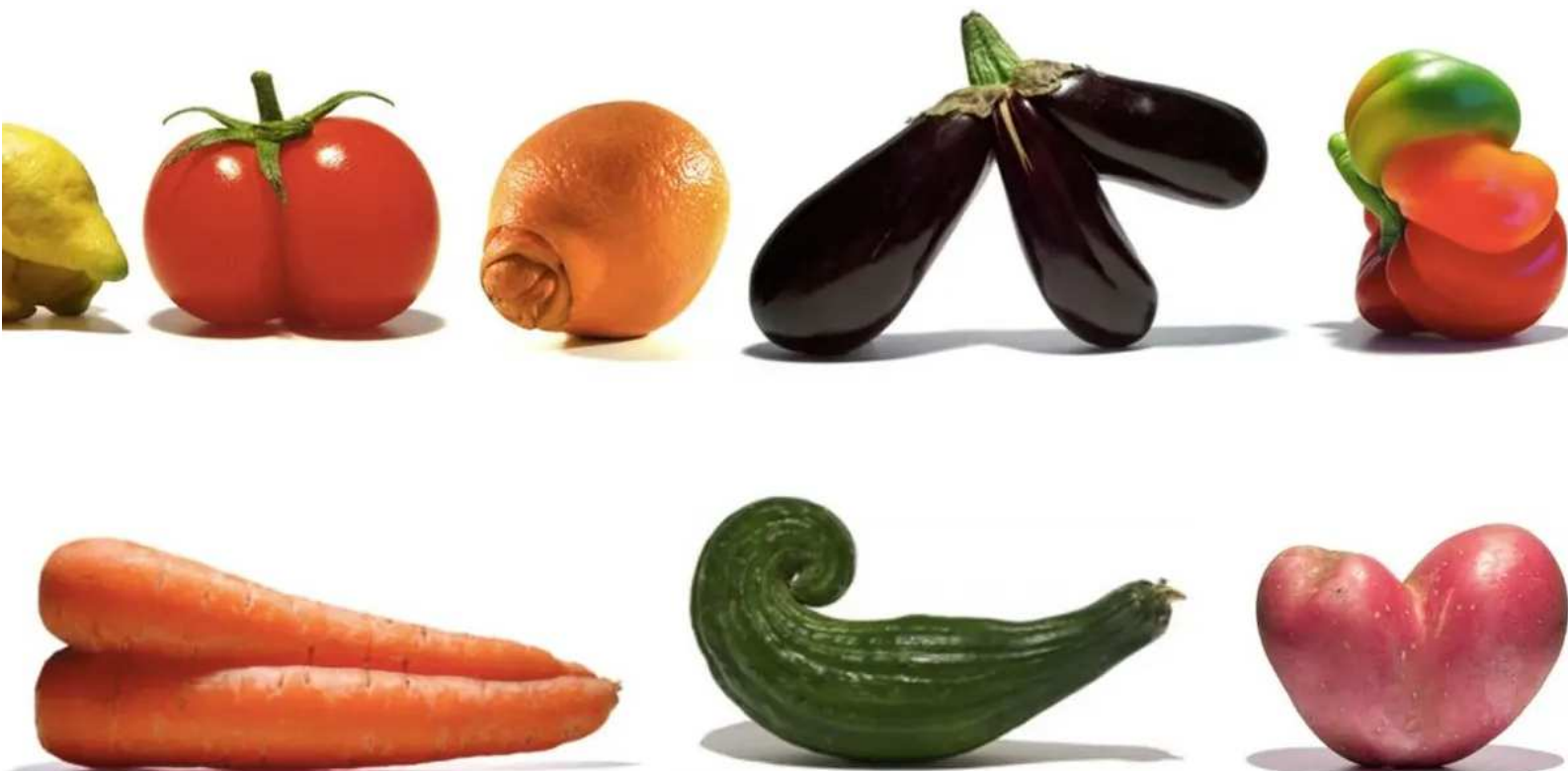
Why is throwing food away **socially** unacceptable?

Why is throwing food away **environmentally** unacceptable?

How can we **give** the food we waste to people who really need it?

With eating, are our **eyes** bigger than our stomachs?

What **advice** do you have for supermarkets?



7. CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

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It said this high / height level is 'unacceptable'.

Above / Over 7 million tons of food is wasted in / at the UK every year.

The government talked about tree/ three solutions.

First, schools could raise / rise children's awareness about it from a young age.

Secondly, supermarkets could sell vegetables they throw away because they are the 'wrong' shape / shaped.

Finally, 'sell-by' dates and 'good / best before' dates need to change.

Good food is thrown away / out because of these labels / labiles.

The politician / politics said it was unacceptable / acceptable.

He said: 'Socially / Socialy, it is a scandal that people are going hungry and using food banks when so much food is / was being wasted.'

He added that: 'Environmentally, it is a disaster, because energy and resources / sources are wasted.'

He said food is rotting / rooting in landfills / land fills and produces a climate-changing gas.

He also asked supermarkets to sell / to be selling vegetables that have a wrong shape.

He said: 'It's ridiculous that perfectly / perfect good vegetables are wasted simply because they're a funny / fun shape.'

He said these vegetables do not cook or tasty / taste any different.