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Transcript

It may look delicious but this fruit's **pungent** smell makes it **an acquired taste**.
Durians, the so-called "king of fruits", are something of a national obsession in Singapore.

And 2015 **is shaping up** to be a very good year for durian lovers, with a **bumper crop** in neighbouring Malaysia.

That means prices are coming down and sales are going up – much to the **delight** of buyers and sellers alike.

That's it from me. I'll leave you with today's words and phrases once again.

Vocabulary

pungent

strong and unpleasant taste or smell

an acquired taste

something you start liking the more you try it

is shaping up

developing into

bumper crop

larger amount of fruit than normally grows

delight

great pleasure/ happiness

Watch this video online: A good year for smelly fruit <http://bbc.in/1TkH5KY>

Exercise

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from news reports.

Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

pungent/ an acquired taste/ is shaping up/ bumper crop/ delight

1. Apple growers in Worcestershire say they are harvesting a _____ due to almost perfect weather conditions.
2. Residents in Ryde, Isle of Wight, have been living with a stench from rotting seaweed which smells like raw sewage. The warm weather has made the odour from the seaweed so _____ it is making people feel sick.
3. More than 330 people were arrested on suspicion of terrorism offences in the UK in the year to April 2015 - a third more than the previous year. Crucially, the average age of those being arrested has been falling, with almost a fifth under 20. In other words, given that the self-proclaimed caliphate isn't going away anytime soon, this _____ to be an enduring security problem.
4. With more than half the ballots in, results from the Greek referendum suggest voters have decisively rejected the terms of an international bailout. For "No" voters, as these pictures show, there was _____ at the result.
5. Higgs' vocals are something of _____. They flit flamboyantly between a raspy alto and the keening siren of his falsetto. One review of the new album called it "almost unlistenable" as a result - although the vast majority of critics awarded it five star ratings.

Answers

1. Apple growers in Worcestershire say they are harvesting a **bumper crop** due to almost perfect weather conditions.

Source: Worcestershire growers enjoy bumper apple crop

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hereford-worcester-11330054>

2. Residents in Ryde, Isle of Wight, have been living with a stench from rotting seaweed which smells like raw sewage. The warm weather has made the odour from the seaweed so **pungent** it is making people feel sick.

Source: Seaweed causes stink on Isle of Wight beach

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-13643037>

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Source: 7/7 attacks: Ten years on, how safe is the UK?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-33328716>

4. With more than half the ballots in, results from the Greek referendum suggest voters have decisively rejected the terms of an international bailout. For "No" voters, as these pictures show, there was **delight** at the result.

Source: Greece: 'No' voters start to celebrate

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-33403551>

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Source: Everything Everything: 'Our album is a horror bible'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-33153655>