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Words in the News

The 'No Cry' onion



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Transcript

Does **chopping** these make you cry? This farmer in the south of England thinks he has the answer.

Alastair Findlay has been developing a 'No Tears' onion for twenty years. Each season he has tasted hundreds of **varieties** to find the perfect flavour.

The new **hybrid** has a milder taste and **aroma** than others. That's good news for your eyes – and also your **breath**.

Vocabulary

chopping

cutting into small pieces

varieties

different types of something

hybrid

new plant produced from two different types of plant

aroma

nice smell from food or drink

breath

the air that comes out of your mouth

Watch the video online: The 'No Cry' onion

<http://bbc.in/1AJCfOK>

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.

chopping / varieties / hybrid / aroma / breath

1. New Rice For Africa (Nerica) was developed less than 10 years ago and is a _____ combining the higher yielding Asian and the hardy African seeds.
2. Although garlic is good for you - containing several vitamins and minerals - once eaten, it can cause bad _____ and body odour lasting hours or even days.
3. For the sauce, wipe the mushrooms with a damp cloth, before finely _____ them.
4. An ancient _____ of pear tree that was once at risk of disappearing is being preserved and replanted by a Bedfordshire agricultural college.
5. "Make fruits cascade down and their sweet _____ fill the air on the sea of apple trees at the foot of Chol Pass!"

Answers

1. New Rice For Africa (Nerica) was developed less than 10 years ago and is a **hybrid** combining the higher yielding Asian and the hardy African seeds.

Source: Ghana's 'hybrid' rice dilemma
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/7350856.stm>

2. Although garlic is good for you - containing several vitamins and minerals - once eaten, it can cause bad **breath** and body odour lasting hours or even days.

Source: Drinking a glass of milk can stop garlic breath
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-11138979>

3. For the sauce, wipe the mushrooms with a damp cloth, before finely **chopping** them.

Source: Spinach gnocchi with mushroom sauce
http://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/spinachgnocchiwithmu_83663

4. An ancient **variety** of pear tree that was once at risk of disappearing is being preserved and replanted by a Bedfordshire agricultural college.

Source: Old Warden pear saved by Shuttleworth College students
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-31416929>

5. "Make fruits cascade down and their sweet **aroma** fill the air on the sea of apple trees at the foot of Chol Pass!"

Source: Decoding North Korea's fish and mushroom slogans
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-magazine-monitor-31446387>