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World faces maple syrup shortage

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup.html>

Changing weather patterns and an increase in demand have led to a shortage of maple syrup. Worldwide stocks of everyone's favourite pancake topping have gone down. This has caused Canada to release 22 million kilograms of the sweet, sticky stuff into the market. Canada is the world's largest producer of maple syrup. The province of Quebec produces almost three-quarters of global supply. Canada keeps huge amounts of it for emergencies. The syrup it has just released is almost half of those emergency reserves. A spokeswoman for Quebec's maple syrup producers said there would be no shortages. She said: "That's why the reserve is made....We won't lack maple syrup."

A warmer spring this year has reduced syrup supplies. Maple trees need warm daytime and freezing nighttime temperatures to produce syrup. A warmer and shorter spring led to a poorer harvest than usual. Another factor is worldwide demand for maple syrup. This has increased by more than 20 per cent this year. One major reason for this rise is the coronavirus pandemic. More people are at home, cooking pancakes and waffles. It is possible that more of us have developed a sweet tooth. The Quebec spokeswoman said: "The pandemic helped our case because we're seeing people cook more at home and use more local products. It's not just in Quebec where the demand is increasing."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/11/28/business/canada-maple-syrup-reserves-shortage/index.html>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-59555141>
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WARM-UPS

1. MAPLE SYRUP: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about maple syrup. 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?

weather / patterns / maple syrup / pancake / sticky / market / emergency / lack / spring / daytime / freezing / harvest / demand / coronavirus / sweet tooth / local

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

3. TOPPING: Students A **strongly** believe maple syrup is the best topping for pancakes and waffles; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SHORTAGES: How bad would these shortages be? How would they affect you? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | How Bad? | How It Would Affect You |
|-------------|----------|-------------------------|
| Maple syrup | | |
| Chocolate | | |
| Gasoline | | |
| Wi-Fi | | |
| Milk | | |
| Potatoes | | |

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

6. TOPPINGS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best toppings at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Maple syrup
- Cream
- Chocolate sauce
- Hot fudge
- Fruit
- Nuts
- Cereal
- Matcha

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1. pattern | a. A lot of things kept somewhere for later use. |
| 2. stock | b. Like glue because it sticks to things. |
| 3. topping | c. A regular way something happens. |
| 4. sticky | d. A serious, unexpected, and often dangerous situation that needs immediate action. |
| 5. province | e. An area of a country. |
| 6. emergency | f. A person, company, or country that makes, grows, or supplies goods or things for sale. |
| 7. producer | g. A kind of sauce, cream, fruit, etc. to put on top of food to make it look or taste better. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. freezing | h. In or nearby one's house or area. |
| 9. temperature | i. Something that leads to an action or event. |
| 10. harvest | j. Very important. |
| 11. factor | k. Below 0°C. |
| 12. major | l. How hot or cold something is in °C or °F. |
| 13. sweet tooth | m. A great liking for cakes, candies, chocolate, etc. |
| 14. local | n. The process of getting crops and other things that grow from the fields, trees, etc. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup.html>

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

1. People wanting more maple syrup has led to shortages. **T / F**
2. Canada released 22 million tons of maple syrup from its reserves. **T / F**
3. The Canadian province of Quebec produces half of the world's syrup. **T / F**
4. A maple syrup spokeswoman said there would be no shortages. **T / F**
5. Maple trees need freezing nighttime temperatures to produce syrup. **T / F**
6. A longer spring than usual cut the supply of maple syrup. **T / F**
7. The article says we have all developed a sweet tooth. **T / F**
8. More people are at home this year cooking. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. increase | a. be without |
| 2. worldwide | b. very big |
| 3. producer | c. resulted in |
| 4. huge | d. maker |
| 5. lack | e. neighbourhood |
| 6. reduced | f. rise |
| 7. led to | g. formed |
| 8. major | h. cut |
| 9. developed | i. global |
| 10. local | j. important |

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

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Changing weather patterns and an | a. pandemic |
| 2. stocks of everyone's favourite pancake | b. for emergencies |
| 3. 22 million kilograms of the sweet, | c. producer |
| 4. Canada is the world's largest | d. cook more at home |
| 5. Canada keeps huge amounts of it | e. topping |
| 6. A warmer spring this year has | f. sticky stuff |
| 7. freezing nighttime | g. a sweet tooth |
| 8. coronavirus | h. reduced syrup supplies |
| 9. more of us have developed | i. temperatures |
| 10. we're seeing people | j. increase in demand |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup.html>

Changing weather patterns and an (1) _____ in demand have led to a shortage of maple syrup. Worldwide stocks of everyone's favourite pancake (2) _____ have gone down. This has caused Canada to release 22 million kilograms of the sweet, (3) _____ stuff into the market. Canada is the world's largest producer of maple syrup. The (4) _____ of Quebec produces almost three-quarters of global supply. Canada keeps huge (5) _____ of it for emergencies. The syrup it has just released is almost (6) _____ of those emergency reserves. A spokeswoman for Quebec's maple syrup (7) _____ said there would be no shortages. She said: "That's why the reserve is made....We won't (8) _____ maple syrup."

half
topping
lack
sticky
amounts
producers
increase
province

A warmer spring this year has (9) _____ syrup supplies. Maple trees need warm daytime and (10) _____ nighttime temperatures to produce syrup. A warmer and shorter spring led to a poorer (11) _____ than usual. Another factor is worldwide demand for maple syrup. This has increased by more than 20 per cent this year. One (12) _____ reason for this rise is the coronavirus pandemic. More people are at home, (13) _____ pancakes and waffles. It is possible that more of us have developed a sweet (14) _____. The Quebec spokeswoman said: "The pandemic helped our (15) _____ because we're seeing people cook more at home and use more (16) _____ products. It's not just in Quebec where the demand is increasing."

harvest
cooking
case
reduced
local
major
freezing
tooth

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup.html>

- 1) Worldwide stocks of everyone's favourite _____
 - a. pancake top ping
 - b. pancake top pin
 - c. pancake top pine
 - d. pancake topping
- 2) caused Canada to release 22 million kilograms of the _____
 - a. sweet, sticky stuff
 - b. sweets, sticky stuff
 - c. sweet, stick key stuff
 - d. sweets, stick key stuff
- 3) three-quarters of global supply. Canada keeps _____ it
 - a. hug a mince of
 - b. huge a mounts of
 - c. huge a mince of
 - d. huge amounts of
- 4) The syrup it has just released is almost half of those _____
 - a. emergent sea reserves
 - b. emergent seer serves
 - c. emergency reserves
 - d. emergencies reserve
- 5) That's why the reserve is made....We won't _____
 - a. track maple syrup
 - b. black maple syrup
 - c. lack maple syrup
 - d. slack maple syrup
- 6) temperatures to produce syrup. A warmer and shorter spring led to _____
 - a. a poor are harvest
 - b. a poorer harvest
 - c. a poor rear harvest
 - d. a purer harvest
- 7) One major reason for this rise is the _____
 - a. coronavirus pingdemic
 - b. coronavirus pan epidemic
 - c. coronavirus pandemic
 - d. coronavirus panda mic
- 8) It is possible that more of us have developed _____
 - a. a sweet teeth
 - b. a sweet tooth
 - c. a sweet oaf
 - d. a sweets tooth
- 9) helped our case because we're seeing people cook more at home and use _____
 - a. more locally products
 - b. mere local products
 - c. more local products
 - d. mere locally products
- 10) It's not just in Quebec where the _____
 - a. demand is increasing
 - b. demand this in creasing
 - c. deem and is increasing
 - d. demand is in creasing

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup.html>

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A warmer spring this year has (7) _____. Maple trees need warm (8) _____ nighttime temperatures to produce syrup. A warmer and shorter spring led to (9) _____ than usual. Another factor is worldwide demand for maple syrup. This has increased by more than 20 per cent this year. One (10) _____ this rise is the coronavirus pandemic. More people are at home, cooking pancakes and waffles. It is possible that more of us have developed (11) _____. The Quebec spokeswoman said: "The pandemic helped our case because we're seeing people cook more at home and use (12) _____. It's not just in Quebec where the demand is increasing."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup.html>

1. What has led to a maple syrup shortage besides increased demand?
2. How many kgs of maple syrup has Canada released from its reserves?
3. How much of the world's maple syrup does Quebec produce?
4. What does Canada keep huge amounts of maple syrup for?
5. Who said there would not be a lack of maple syrup?
6. What kinds of nighttime temperatures do trees need to produce syrup?
7. What was poorer than usual this year?
8. What was a major reason for the increase in demand for maple syrup?
9. What might many of us have developed?
10. What kinds of products are people using more of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup.html>

- 1) What has led to a maple syrup shortage besides increased demand?
 - a) changing weather patterns
 - b) new pancake making techniques
 - c) a lack of bees
 - d) sugar
- 2) How many kgs of maple syrup has Canada released from its reserves?
 - a) 20.2 million
 - b) 2.2 million
 - c) 22 million
 - d) 12 million
- 3) How much of the world's maple syrup does Quebec produce?
 - a) 50%
 - b) almost three-quarters
 - c) a third
 - d) just a little
- 4) What does Canada keep huge amounts of maple syrup for?
 - a) parties
 - b) pancake restaurants
 - c) children
 - d) emergencies
- 5) Who said there would not be a lack of maple syrup?
 - a) a maple syrup spokeswoman
 - b) a maple worker
 - c) Canada's prime minister
 - d) a pancake restaurant
- 6) What kinds of nighttime temperatures do trees need to produce syrup?
 - a) warm temperatures
 - b) just above 0°C
 - c) cool
 - d) freezing temperatures
- 7) What was poorer than usual this year?
 - a) the maple quality
 - b) the maple syrup harvest
 - c) people
 - d) syrup prices
- 8) What was a major reason for the increase in demand for maple syrup?
 - a) bugs
 - b) no international travel
 - c) profit
 - d) a coronavirus pandemic
- 9) What might many of us have developed?
 - a) a maple syrup addiction
 - b) headaches
 - c) a sweet tooth
 - d) decayed teeth
- 10) What kinds of products are people using more of?
 - a) maple products
 - b) local products
 - c) pancake products
 - d) Canadian products

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup.html>

Role A – Maple Syrup

You think maple syrup is the best dessert topping. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their toppings. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): cream, chocolate sauce or fruit.

Role B – Cream

You think cream is the best dessert topping. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their toppings. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): maple syrup, chocolate sauce or fruit.

Role C – Chocolate Sauce

You think chocolate sauce is the best dessert topping. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their toppings. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): cream, maple syrup or fruit.

Role D – Fruit

You think fruit is the best dessert topping. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their toppings. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): cream, chocolate sauce or maple syrup.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup.html>

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

| maple | syrup |
|-------|-------|
| | |

- 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">• changing• release• province• huge• half• lack | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• warm• spring• factor• tooth• cook• just |
|--|--|

MAPLE SYRUP SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about maple syrup 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 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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.

MAPLE SYRUP 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 'maple syrup'?
3. What do you think of maple syrup?
4. What's your favourite pancake topping?
5. How serious is a maple syrup shortage?
6. How healthy is maple syrup?
7. What can we use maple syrup for?
8. What dessert toppings do you like?
9. Why is maple syrup so popular?
10. Is it important to keep reserves of maple syrup?

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MAPLE SYRUP 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 'shortage'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How does the weather affect maple syrup?
15. Why has demand for maple syrup increased?
16. What other things are there shortages of?
17. How much of a sweet tooth do you have?
18. Do you like cooking at home?
19. Which do you prefer - pancakes or waffles?
20. What questions would you like to ask maple syrup producers?

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

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A warmer spring this year (7) _____ reduced syrup supplies. Maple trees need warm daytime and freezing nighttime temperatures to produce syrup. A warmer and shorter spring led (8) _____ a poorer harvest than usual. Another factor is worldwide demand for maple syrup. This has increased by more than 20 per cent this year. One (9) _____ reason for this rise is the coronavirus pandemic. More people are at (10) _____, cooking pancakes and waffles. It is possible that more of us have developed a sweet (11) _____. The Quebec spokeswoman said: "The pandemic helped our case because we're seeing people cook more at home and use more local products. It's not just in Quebec where the demand is (12) _____."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) at | (d) in |
| 2. | (a) they | (b) someone | (c) all | (d) everyone's |
| 3. | (a) on | (b) to | (c) of | (d) at |
| 4. | (a) whole | (b) much | (c) almost | (d) many |
| 5. | (a) them | (b) all | (c) it | (d) us |
| 6. | (a) no | (b) none | (c) not | (d) nil |
| 7. | (a) having | (b) has | (c) have | (d) haves |
| 8. | (a) to | (b) on | (c) by | (d) at |
| 9. | (a) majority | (b) major | (c) majorly | (d) majors |
| 10. | (a) homes | (b) homely | (c) home | (d) homed |
| 11. | (a) tongue | (b) mouth | (c) tooth | (d) gum |
| 12. | (a) increased | (b) increases | (c) increase | (d) increasing |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Changing weather septarnt
2. everyone's favourite pancake piptgno
3. the sweet, tkyics stuff
4. the world's largest edporurc of maple syrup
5. Canada keeps huge mntuaso of it
6. almost half of those eeencmgry reserves

Paragraph 2

7. reduced syrup ipulpess
8. nrifzgee nighttime temperatures
9. spring led to a poorer atversh
10. the coronavirus ncpamed
11. more of us have pvdeoldee a sweet tooth
12. use more local todpscru

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () usual. Another factor is worldwide demand for maple syrup. This has increased by more than 20 per cent this
- () be no shortages. She said: "That's why the reserve is made....We won't lack maple syrup."
- () A warmer spring this year has reduced syrup supplies. Maple trees need warm daytime and freezing
- (**1**) Changing weather patterns and an increase in demand have led to a shortage of maple syrup. Worldwide stocks
- () producer of maple syrup. The province of Quebec produces almost three-quarters of global
- () of everyone's favourite pancake topping have gone down. This has caused Canada to release
- () spokeswoman said: "The pandemic helped our case because we're seeing people cook more at
- () supply. Canada keeps huge amounts of it for emergencies. The syrup it has just released is almost
- () nighttime temperatures to produce syrup. A warmer and shorter spring led to a poorer harvest than
- () half of those emergency reserves. A spokeswoman for Quebec's maple syrup producers said there would
- () year. One major reason for this rise is the coronavirus pandemic. More people are at home, cooking pancakes
- () home and use more local products. It's not just in Quebec where the demand is increasing."
- () 22 million kilograms of the sweet, sticky stuff into the market. Canada is the world's largest
- () and waffles. It is possible that more of us have developed a sweet tooth. The Quebec

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup.html>

1. weather Changing patterns and an demand . increase in
2. largest producer of the syrup . Canada world's is
3. of it keeps Canada amounts huge for emergencies .
4. half . almost syrup The just is released it
5. Quebec's for spokeswoman syrup maple producers . A
6. warmer reduced supplies . spring this syrup A year
7. shorter a to harvest . spring led poorer A
8. is demand for worldwide Another syrup . factor maple
9. us have a developed of tooth . sweet More
10. home . cook We're seeing more at people

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup.html>

Changing weather patterns and an *increase / decrease* in demand have led to a shortage *on / of* maple syrup. Worldwide stocks of everyone's favourite pancake *bottoming / topping* have gone down. This has caused Canada to *release / realize* 22 million kilograms of the sweet, *sticker / sticky* stuff into the market. Canada is the world's largest producer of maple syrup. The *provincial / province* of Quebec produces almost three-quarters of *globally / global* supply. Canada keeps huge amounts of it for emergencies. The syrup it has just released is almost *halve / half* of those emergency reserves. A spokeswoman for Quebec's maple syrup producers said there would be *no / none* shortages. She said: "That's why the reserve is made....We won't *lack / slack* maple syrup."

A warmer spring this year *has / have* reduced syrup supplies. Maple trees need warm daytime and freezing nighttime temperatures *to / for* produce syrup. A warmer and shorter spring led *on / to* a poorer harvest than usual. Another factor is worldwide demand for maple syrup. This has increased *of / by* more than 20 per cent this year. One *major / majority* reason for this rise is the coronavirus pandemic. More people are *in / at* home, cooking pancakes and waffles. It is possible that more of *us / they* have developed a sweet tooth. The Quebec spokeswoman said: "The pandemic helped our *bag / case* because we're seeing people cook more at home and *use / useful* more local products. It's not just in Quebec where the demand *are / is* increasing."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup.html>

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r_l__s_ 22 m_ll__n k_l_gr_ms _f th_ sw__t, st_cky
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_t h_s j_st r_l__s_d _s _lm_st h_lf _f th_s_
_m_rg_ncy r_s_rv_s. _ sp_k_sw_m_n f_r Q__b_c's m_pl_
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l_ck m_pl_ syr_p."

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_nd sh_rt_r spr_ng l_d t_ _ p__r_r h_rv_st th_n
_s__l. _n_th_r f_ct_r _s w_rldw_d_ d_m_nd f_r m_pl_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211209-maple-syrup.html>

changing weather patterns and an increase in demand have led to a shortage of maple syrup worldwide stocks of everyones favourite pancake topping have gone down this has caused canada to release 22 million kilograms of the sweet sticky stuff into the market canada is the worlds largest producer of maple syrup the province of quebec produces almost threequarters of global supply canada keeps huge amounts of it for emergencies the syrup it has just released is almost half of those emergency reserves a spokeswoman for quebecs maple syrup producers said there would be no shortages she said thats why the reserve is madewe wont lack maple syrup

a warmer spring this year has reduced syrup supplies maple trees need warm daytime and freezing nighttime temperatures to produce syrup a warmer and shorter spring led to a poorer harvest than usual another factor is worldwide demand for maple syrup this has increased by more than 20 per cent this year one major reason for this rise is the coronavirus pandemic more people are at home cooking pancakes and waffles it is possible that more of us have developed a sweet tooth the quebec spokeswoman said the pandemic helped our case because were seeing people cook more at home and use more local products its not just in quebec where the demand is increasing

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Changing weather patterns and an increase in demand have led to a short age of maple syrup. Worldwide stocks of everyone's favourite pancake topping have gone down. This has caused Canada to release 22 million kilograms of the sweet, sticky stuff into the market. Canada is the world's largest producer of maple syrup. The province of Quebec produces almost three-quarters of global supply. Canada keeps huge amounts of it for emergencies. The syrup it has just released is almost half of those emergency reserves. A spokeswoman for Quebec's maple syrup producers said there would be no shortages. She said: "That's why the reserve is made.... We won't lack maple syrup." A warmer spring this year has reduced syrup supplies. Maple trees need warm daytime and freezing nighttime temperatures to produce syrup. A warmer and shorter spring led to a poorer harvest than usual. Another factor is worldwide demand for maple syrup. This has increased by more than 20 percent this year. One major reason for this rise is the coronavirus pandemic. More people are at home, cooking pancakes and waffles. It is possible that more of us have developed a sweet tooth. The Quebec spokeswoman said: "The pandemic helped our case because we're seeing people cook more at home and use more local products. It's not just in Quebec where the demand is increasing."

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. MAPLE SYRUP: Make a poster about maple syrup. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SHORTAGES: Write a magazine article about governments spending lots of money of making sure there are no shortages of anything. 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 maple syrup. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on what to do with maple syrup. 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. a 3. g 4. b 5. e 6. d 7. f
8. k 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. j 13. m 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Changing weather patterns
2. 22 million
3. Almost three-quarters
4. Emergencies
5. A maple syrup spokeswoman
6. Freezing temperatures
7. The maple syrup harvest
8. The coronavirus pandemic
9. A sweet tooth
10. Local products

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Changing weather patterns and an increase in demand.
2. Canada is the world's largest producer of syrup.
3. Canada keeps huge amounts of it for emergencies.
4. The syrup it just released is almost half.
5. A spokeswoman for Quebec's maple syrup producers.
6. A warmer spring this year reduced syrup supplies.
7. A shorter spring led to a poorer harvest.
8. Another factor is worldwide demand for maple syrup.
9. More of us have developed a sweet tooth.
10. We're seeing people cook more at home.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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