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## **New super sweet tomato hits the shelves!**

*Long version of English lesson plan = 1 or 2 x 90 mins*

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**Level: Intermediate / Upper intermediate**

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## THE ARTICLE

### **New super sweet tomato hits the shelves!**

A revolutionary new tomato tasting, as sweet as a peach, recently hit the shelves in the UK. The new Sugardrop tomato is the sweetest tomato ever created and is a natural hybrid of two different varieties of the fruit. It has been developed to encourage children to eat more healthily and for those people who have a sweet tooth. Because of its unusual taste it is expected to appeal to those people who find the normal versions too sharp. The breed is the result of 2 years of trials involving 3,000 different tomato varieties. It was developed for supermarket giant Tesco. The new tomato has been grown on the Costa Calida, in Murcia, southwest Spain and by the chain's grower Paloma. Because of the highly competitive nature of the food world, the creators are not even revealing which 2 varieties were crossed to create the fruit. They fear that because of the potential of the Sugardrop other rival growers will try and copy it to muscle in on the £520m UK market.

Tesco supermarket buyer Ashley McWilliams: "The gourmet bite had been planned from as early as 2007. A few years ago we met up with our suppliers and asked them to find us a high quality tomato which would appeal to gourmets with a sweet tooth." She added, "It was the start of major research that involved our growers contacting all the major seed houses in the world. They wanted to find varieties that they could cross pollinate to find a tomato with higher than normal sugar levels. The result is Sugardrop, which is the sweetest tomato there ever has been and now this week UK shoppers will be the first to try it." The tomato is a herbaceous plant native to South America, which can grow up to 10ft in height. They were not grown in England until the 1590s and by the mid-1700s were widely eaten throughout the country. It is now used as a staple ingredient in thousands of popular dishes including pizza, lasagne and spaghetti bolognese. Sugardrop tomatoes are being sold as part of Tesco's Finest food range and will cost £1.50 for a 280g punnet.

## LET'S START

**1. Tomatoes:** Are tomatoes a fruit or a vegetable? What kind of tomatoes do you eat? Think of 3 other things about tomatoes. Go round the room swapping details.

**2. Dictation:** The teacher will read 4 to 6 lines of the article slowly and clearly. Students will write down what they hear. The teacher will repeat the passage slowly again. Self correct your work from page 2 - filling in spaces and correcting mistakes. Be honest with yourself on the number of errors. Advise the teacher of your total number of errors. Less than 5 is very good. 10 is acceptable. Any more is room for improvement! More than 20 - we need to do some work!

**3. Reading:** The students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

**4. Vocabulary:** Students now look through the article and underline any vocabulary they do not know. Look in dictionaries. Discuss and help each other out. The teacher will go through and explain any unknown words or phrases.

**5. The article:** Students look through the article with the teacher.

- a) What is the article about?
- b) What do you think about the article?
- c) Would you like to try the new variety of tomato?

**6. Let's write! An e-mail:** Write and send an e-mail to your teacher about **tomatoes**. Your e-mail can be read out in class.

**7. Let's tell a story!** Below are 20 words and phrases from the article. Use them to compile your own story about **the new super sweet tomato**. Add 2 words of your own. Tell your story to your partner. (*Maybe tick off your words as you tell it*)

1	seed	11	sweet as a peach
2	Costa Calida	12	Murcia, southwest Spain
3	taste	13	sweet tooth
4	growers	14	two different varieties
5	South America	15	supermarket
6	major seed houses	16	Tesco
7	tomato	17	punnet
8	sweetest tomato	18	pizza, lasagne
9	Sugardrop tomato	19	varieties
10	£1.50 for 280g	20	Tesco's Finest range
Your choice 1 _____		Your choice 2 _____	

**The teacher** will choose some pairs to discuss their stories in front of the class.

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**8. Let's do 'The Article Quiz':** With your partner or in small groups: (1 point for each correct answer. Lose ½ point if you look at the article for help!)

**Student A**

- 1) Name the new variety of tomato.
- 2) How much is a punnet of 280g of the new tomato?
- 3) Is a tomato a fruit or a vegetable?
- 4) Sum up how the new variety was created.
- 5) Where does the tomato originate from?
- 6) When were tomatoes introduced to England?

**Student B**

- 1) The tomato is the staple ingredient in what?
- 2) Name the supermarket.
- 3) How much is the UK tomato market worth?
- 4) Describe the new tomato.
- 5) What country was the new tomato created in?
- 6) How tall can the tomato plant grow?

**9. Let's talk! Fruit:** In pairs. Imagine you are in a waiting room. You get chatting to a stranger about fruit! Which fruits are your favourite? Why? What fruit did you buy last week? Which you would like to buy next week? Try to make it light hearted. 5-minutes.

**10. Let's debate:** In pairs. Students A think an apple a day keeps the doctor away i.e. you like to eat fruit once a day. Students B think otherwise. Explain why.

**11. Let's think! Fruit:** Think of 5 different fruits you eat. Add 5 different unusual or seasonal fruits. Write them below. Explain to your partner why you chose these? Which do you like to buy? Which do you like to eat and drink?

5 fruits you eat	5 unusual or seasonal fruits
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

**12. Let's think! Fruit:** Swap partners. With your new partner on the board write as many words to do with **fruit** as you can. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

**13. Let's compile! Sentences:** Choose six/nine of the words from No 12. Write two/three sentences using two/three words in each. Underline your chosen words. The teacher will if necessary correct your work. Students might be asked to read their sentences aloud.

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**14. Sentence starters:** Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- a) The new tomato \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Sugardrop \_\_\_\_\_
- c) A punnet \_\_\_\_\_
- d) I like tomatoes \_\_\_\_\_
- e) I eat tomatoes \_\_\_\_\_

**15. Presentation:** In pairs, groups or individually: Prepare in class or at home a 2 minute presentation on **Fruit**. Stand at the front of the class to give your presentation to the class. The class can vote on the best presentation. Class – After the presentations go through the strong and weak points on each presentation. Learn from the results.

**16. Let's unscramble:** Try to unscramble the following sentences:

- 1) Is created new tomato the tomato sweetest ever Sugardrop the
- 2) Tastes tomato as the peach sweet a new as
- 3) Years a is result of the of trials 2 breed
- 4) Tesco developed it supermarket for giant was
- 5) Ago years few with met a we suppliers up

**(Answers are on page 15)**

**17. Let's talk! At a market:** *In pairs/groups/as a class.* Imagine you are at a fruit and vegetable market. One of you is buying some **fruit** and **vegetables**, the other is the market trader selling them. The buyer should barter. Maybe haggle over the price. The seller should give some traditional market sales talk. Swap roles! The buyer should then move round to another market stall. Find yourself something new. Try to add some fun into the situation. *5-10 minutes.*

**18. Let's chat!** In pairs: One of you is speaking on your mobile **or** computer to your friend on Skype in another country. You are telling them all about the different markets near you. The other then chats about the ones near them. How do they compare?

**19. Let's think!** In a group in a circle. A quick fire session. The teacher asks the class, **"I love tomatoes with..."**

## AFTER READING / LISTENING

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** After reading the article guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. The new Sugardrip tomato is the sweetest ever created         | T / F |
| b. The new tomato was developed for British supermarket Waitrose | T / F |
| c. The UK tomato market is worth £520m                           | T / F |
| d. The gourmet bite was planned from as early as 2007            | T / F |
| e. The tomato originates from South Africa                       | T / F |
| f. The tomato plant grows up to 20ft in height                   | T / F |
| g. Tesco are selling the new variety at £1.50 for a 180g punnet  | T / F |
| h. By the mid-1800s tomatoes were widely eaten in England        | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article:

- |                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| a. revolutionary | produce      |
| b. taste         | extent       |
| c. potential     | competitive  |
| d. quality       | from         |
| e. height        | other        |
| f. staple        | grade        |
| g. native        | aroma        |
| h. rival         | main         |
| i. different     | cutting-edge |
| j. breed         | ability      |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases from the article:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| a. The new Sugardrop tomato is the             | of 2 years of trials                        |
| b. It has been developed to encourage          | Costa Calida, in Murcia, southwest Spain    |
| c. it is expected to appeal to those people    | native to South America                     |
| d. The breed is the result                     | varieties were crossed to create the fruit. |
| e. It was developed                            | sweetest tomato ever created                |
| f. The new tomato has been grown on the        | until the 1590s                             |
| g. the creators are not even revealing which 2 | from as early as 2007.                      |
| h. The gourmet bite had been planned           | who find the normal versions too sharp.     |
| i. The tomato is a herbaceous plant            | for supermarket giant Tesco.                |
| j. They were not grown in England              | children to eat more healthily              |

## GAP FILL: READING

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

### New super sweet tomato hits the shelves!

A revolutionary new tomato tasting, as sweet as a \_\_\_\_\_, recently hit the \_\_\_\_\_ in the UK. The new Sugardrop \_\_\_\_\_ is the sweetest tomato ever created and is a natural hybrid of two different varieties of the fruit. It has been developed to encourage children to eat more healthily and for those people who have a sweet tooth. Because of its unusual \_\_\_\_\_ it is expected to appeal to those people who find the normal versions too \_\_\_\_\_. The breed is the result of 2 years of trials involving 3,000 different tomato varieties. It was developed for supermarket giant Tesco. The new tomato has been grown on the Costa Calida, in Murcia, southwest Spain and by the chain's grower Paloma. Because of the highly competitive nature of the food world, the creators are not even revealing which 2 varieties were crossed to create the fruit. They fear that because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sugardrop other \_\_\_\_\_ growers will try and copy it to muscle in on the £520m UK \_\_\_\_\_.

*peach*

*sharp*

*rival*

*shelves*

*tomato*

*potential*

*market*

*taste*

Tesco supermarket buyer Ashley McWilliams: "The \_\_\_\_\_ bite had been planned from as early as 2007. A few years ago we met up with our suppliers and asked them to find us a high quality tomato which would appeal to gourmets with a sweet tooth." She added, "It was the start of major research that involved our growers contacting all the major \_\_\_\_\_ houses in the world. They wanted to find \_\_\_\_\_ that they could cross \_\_\_\_\_ to find a tomato with higher than normal sugar levels. The result is Sugardrop, which is the sweetest tomato there ever has been and now this week UK shoppers will be the first to try it." The tomato is a herbaceous plant \_\_\_\_\_ to South America, which can grow up to 10ft in \_\_\_\_\_. They were not grown in England until the 1590s and by the mid-1700s were widely eaten throughout the country. It is now used as a \_\_\_\_\_ ingredient in thousands of popular dishes including pizza, lasagne and spaghetti bolognaise. Sugardrop tomatoes are being sold as part of Tesco's Finest food range and will cost £1.50 for a 280g \_\_\_\_\_.

*varieties*

*staple*

*native*

*pollinate*

*height*

*seed*

*gourmet*

*punnet*

## GAP FILL: LISTENING

Listen and fill in the spaces.

### New super sweet tomato hits the shelves!

A revolutionary new tomato tasting, \_\_\_\_\_, recently hit the shelves in the UK. The new Sugardrop tomato is the sweetest tomato ever created and is a natural hybrid of two different \_\_\_\_\_. It has been developed to encourage children to eat more healthily and for those people who have a sweet tooth. Because of its unusual taste it is expected to appeal to those people \_\_\_\_\_ versions too sharp. The breed is the result of 2 years of trials involving 3,000 different tomato varieties. It was developed for supermarket giant Tesco. The new tomato has been grown on the Costa Calida, in Murcia, southwest Spain and by the chain's grower Paloma. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the food world, the creators are not even revealing which 2 varieties were crossed to create the fruit. They fear \_\_\_\_\_ potential of the Sugardrop other rival growers will try and \_\_\_\_\_ on to the £520m UK market.

Tesco supermarket buyer Ashley McWilliams: "The \_\_\_\_\_ planned from as early as 2007. A few years ago we met up with our suppliers and asked them to find us a \_\_\_\_\_ which would appeal to gourmets with a sweet tooth." She added, "It was the start of major research that involved our growers contacting all the \_\_\_\_\_ the world. They wanted to find varieties that they could cross pollinate to find a tomato with higher than normal sugar levels. The result is Sugardrop, which is the sweetest tomato there ever has been and now this week UK shoppers will be the first to try it." The tomato is a herbaceous plant native to South America, \_\_\_\_\_ 10ft in height. They were not grown in England until the 1590s and by the mid-1700s were widely eaten throughout the country. \_\_\_\_\_ staple ingredient in thousands of popular dishes including pizza, lasagne and spaghetti bolognese. Sugardrop tomatoes \_\_\_\_\_ of Tesco's Finest food range and will cost £1.50 for a 280g punnet.

## **DISCUSSION**

### STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a. Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- b. What do you think UK shoppers will think of the new variety of tomato?
- c. What advice would you give to tomato growers?
- d. Where do you grow tomatoes?
- e. Where, including the country, are most commercial tomatoes grown?
- f. Why do we eat tomatoes?
- g. Do you think the new variety of tomato will be introduced to other countries soon?
- h. Have you ever been to the Costa Calida in Spain?
- i. What fruit and vegetables did you buy this week?
- j. What fruit and vegetables did you eat yesterday and today?



### STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a. What do you think about what you read?
- b. What kind of tomatoes do you eat?
- c. What do you eat tomatoes with?
- d. How important are tomatoes in your diet?
- e. What do you think of the new variety of tomato?
- f. Will you be rushing out to buy the new variety of tomato?
- g. Are Tesco onto a winner here? i.e. will the new tomato be highly successful for them?
- h. Do you prefer tomatoes cooked or raw?
- i. Have you ever grown tomatoes?
- j. Did you like this discussion?

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## **SPEAKING**

**Let's play a game!**

**Fruit and vegetable market:**

*Allow 10 minutes*

Form a circle or go round the room in a clockwise direction.

**"I went to a fruit and vegetable market and I bought ..."**

The idea of the game is that each person has to remember what was previously said then add one more fruit or vegetable. The list will therefore get longer and longer.

When a student cannot remember the order or cannot think of a fruit or vegetable they are 'eliminated'!

The winner is the one at the end not eliminated!

**The teacher can moderate the session.**

## PUT THE ARTICLE BACK TOGETHER

### Put the article back together

- ( ) widely eaten throughout the country. It is now used as a staple ingredient in thousands of popular dishes including pizza, lasagne and spaghetti bolognese. Sugardrop tomatoes are being sold as part of Tesco's Finest
- (1) A revolutionary new tomato tasting, as sweet as a peach, recently hit the shelves in the UK. The new Sugardrop tomato is the sweetest tomato ever created and is a natural hybrid of two different varieties of the fruit. It has
- ( ) breed is the result of 2 years of trials involving 3,000 different tomato varieties. It was developed for supermarket giant Tesco. The new tomato has been grown on the Costa Calida, in Murcia, southwest Spain and by the
- ( ) other rival growers will try and copy it to muscle in on the £520m UK market. Tesco supermarket buyer Ashley McWilliams: "The gourmet bite had been planned from as early as 2007. A few years ago we met up with
- ( ) houses in the world. They wanted to find varieties that they could cross pollinate to find a tomato with higher than normal sugar levels. The result is Sugardrop, which is the sweetest tomato there ever has been and now this
- ( ) been developed to encourage children to eat more healthily and for those people who have a sweet tooth. Because of its unusual taste it is expected to appeal to those people who find the normal versions too sharp. The
- ( ) food range and will cost £1.50 for a 280g punnet.
- ( ) week UK shoppers will be the first to try it." The tomato is a herbaceous plant native to South America, which can grow up to 10ft in height. They were not grown in England until the 1590s and by the mid-1700s were
- ( ) chain's grower Paloma. Because of the highly competitive nature of the food world, the creators are not even revealing which 2 varieties were crossed to create the fruit. They fear that because of the potential of the Sugardrop
- ( ) our suppliers and asked them to find us a high quality tomato which would appeal to gourmets with a sweet tooth." She added, "It was the start of major research that involved our growers contacting all the major seed

**LANGUAGE:** Choose the correct words from a–d below and write them in the article.

A revolutionary new (1)\_\_\_ tasting, as sweet as a peach, recently hit the shelves in the UK. The new Sugardrop tomato is the (2)\_\_\_ tomato ever created and is a (3)\_\_\_ hybrid of two different varieties of the fruit. It has been developed to encourage children to eat more healthily and for those people who have a sweet (4)\_\_\_ . Because of its unusual (5)\_\_\_ it is expected to appeal to those people who find the normal versions too (6)\_\_\_ . The (7)\_\_\_ is the result of 2 years of trials involving 3,000 different tomato varieties. It was developed for supermarket giant Tesco. The new tomato has been (8)\_\_\_ on the Costa Calida, in Murcia, southwest Spain and by the chain’s grower Paloma. Because of the highly competitive nature of the food world, the creators are not even revealing which 2 varieties were crossed to create the fruit. They (9)\_\_\_ that because of the potential of the Sugardrop other rival growers will try and copy it to muscle in on the £520m UK market.

Tesco supermarket buyer Ashley McWilliams: “The gourmet bite had been planned from as early as 2007. A few years ago we met up with our suppliers and asked them to find us a high quality tomato which would appeal to gourmets with a sweet tooth.” She added, “It was the start of (10)\_\_\_major research that involved our growers contacting all the major (11)\_\_\_ houses in the world. They wanted to find varieties that they could cross pollinate to find a tomato with higher than normal sugar levels. The result is Sugardrop, which is the sweetest tomato there ever has been and now this week UK shoppers will be the first to try it.” The tomato is a herbaceous plant native to South America, which can grow up to 10ft in height. They were not grown in England until the 1590s and by the mid-1700s were widely eaten throughout the country. It is now used as a (12)\_\_\_ ingredient in thousands of popular dishes including pizza, lasagne and spaghetti bolognese. Sugardrop tomatoes are being sold as part of Tesco’s Finest food range and will cost £1.50 for a 280g punnet.

1.	(a)	plum	(b)	potato	(c)	peach	(d)	tomato
2.	(a)	sweetheart	(b)	sweets	(c)	sweetest	(d)	sweet
3.	(a)	nature	(b)	natural	(c)	naturally	(d)	naturals
4.	(a)	tongue	(b)	mouth	(c)	cake	(d)	tooth
5.	(a)	taste	(b)	waste	(c)	paste	(d)	haste
6.	(a)	warp	(b)	sharp	(c)	harp	(d)	carp
7.	(a)	breed	(b)	bread	(c)	bead	(d)	brewed
8.	(a)	town	(b)	brown	(c)	grown	(d)	crown
9.	(a)	fear	(b)	pear	(c)	tear	(d)	wear
10.	(a)	minor	(b)	mayor	(c)	major	(d)	magic
11.	(a)	peed	(b)	need	(c)	weed	(d)	seed
12.	(a)	maple	(b)	staple	(c)	apple	(d)	stapled

## GRAMMAR 1: MIDWAY

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

### **New super sweet tomato hits the shelves!**

A revolutionary new tomato tasting, as sweet as a peach, recently hit the shelves in the UK. The new Sugardrop tomato is the sweetest tomato (3)\_\_\_ created and is a natural hybrid of two different varieties of the fruit. It has been developed to encourage children to eat (4)\_\_\_ healthily and for (5)\_\_\_ people who have a sweet tooth. (1)\_\_\_ of its unusual taste it is expected to appeal to those people who find the normal versions too sharp. The breed is the result of 2 years of trials involving 3,000 different tomato varieties. It was developed for supermarket giant Tesco. The new tomato has been grown on the Costa Calida, in Murcia, southwest Spain and by the chain's grower Paloma. Because of the highly competitive nature of the food world, the creators are not (6)\_\_\_ revealing (7)\_\_\_ 2 varieties were crossed to create the fruit. They fear (8)\_\_\_ because of the potential of the Sugardrop (2)\_\_\_ rival growers will try and copy it to muscle in on the £520m UK market.

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Tesco supermarket buyer Ashley McWilliams: "The gourmet bite had been planned (1)\_\_\_ as early as 2007. A few years ago we met up with our suppliers and asked them to find us a high quality tomato which would appeal to gourmets (2)\_\_\_ a sweet tooth." She added, "It was the start of major research (3)\_\_\_ involved our growers contacting all the major seed houses in the world. They wanted to find varieties that they (4)\_\_\_ cross pollinate to find a tomato with higher than normal sugar levels. The result is Sugardrop, (5)\_\_\_ is the sweetest tomato there (6)\_\_\_ has been and now this week UK shoppers will be the first to try it." The tomato is a herbaceous plant native to South America, which can grow up to 10ft in height. (7)\_\_\_ were not grown in England (8)\_\_\_ the 1590s and by the mid-1700s were widely eaten throughout the country. It is now used as a staple ingredient in thousands of popular dishes including pizza, lasagne and spaghetti bolognese. Sugardrop tomatoes are being sold as part of Tesco's Finest food range and will cost £1.50 for a 280g punnet.

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## GRAMMAR 2: EASY

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

### **New super sweet tomato hits the shelves!**

A revolutionary new tomato tasting, (1)\_\_\_ sweet as a peach, recently hit the shelves in the UK. The new Sugardrop tomato is the sweetest tomato ever created (2)\_\_\_ is a natural hybrid of two different varieties of the fruit. It has been developed to encourage children to eat more healthily and (3)\_\_\_ those people who have a sweet tooth. Because of (4)\_\_\_ unusual taste it is expected to appeal to those people (5)\_\_\_ find the normal versions (6)\_\_\_ sharp. The breed is the result of 2 years of trials involving 3,000 different tomato varieties. It was developed for supermarket giant Tesco. The new tomato has been grown on the Costa Calida, in Murcia, southwest Spain and by the chain's grower Paloma. Because of the highly competitive nature of (7)\_\_\_ food world, the creators are not even revealing which 2 varieties were crossed to create the fruit. They fear that because of the potential of the Sugardrop other rival growers will try and copy (8)\_\_\_ to muscle in on the £520m UK market.

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Tesco supermarket buyer Ashley McWilliams: "The gourmet bite had been planned from as early as 2007. A few years ago (1)\_\_\_ met up with our suppliers and asked them to find us a high quality tomato which would appeal to gourmets with a sweet tooth." (2)\_\_\_ added, "It was the start of major research that involved our growers contacting all the major seed houses in the world. They wanted to find varieties that they could cross pollinate to find (3)\_\_\_ tomato with higher than normal sugar levels. The result is Sugardrop, which is the sweetest tomato there ever has been and now this week UK shoppers will be the first to try it." (4)\_\_\_ tomato is a herbaceous plant native to South America, which can grow up to 10ft in height. They were not grown in England until the 1590s and (5)\_\_\_ the mid-1700s were widely eaten throughout the country. (6)\_\_\_ is now used as a staple ingredient in thousands of popular dishes including pizza, lasagne and spaghetti bolognaise. Sugardrop tomatoes are being sold (7)\_\_\_ part of Tesco's Finest food range (8)\_\_\_ will cost £1.50 for a 280g punnet.,

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## SPELLING TEST

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards, check your answers with your teacher, using the following ratings: **Pass = 12, Good = 15, Very good = 18, Excellent = 20**

1	revolutionary	11	breed
2	tomatoes	12	hybrid
3	varieties	13	native
4	spaghetti	14	supermarket
5	bolognaise	15	normal
6	pollinate	16	shoppers
7	throughout	17	competitive
8	popular	18	herbaceous
9	pollinate	19	punnet
10	gourmets	20	muscle

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## HOMEWORK

**Newspaper article:** Write an article between 200 and 500 words on **tomatoes**. Read your article to your classmates and discuss them in the next lesson.

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## WRITING: In class:

**Five-minute article:** Write an article on **tomatoes**. You have five minutes. The teacher will select some students to read out their work.

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## ANSWERS – 2 – UNSRAMBLED

- 1) The new Sugardrop tomato is the sweetest tomato ever created
- 2) The new tomato tastes, as sweet as a peach
- 3) The breed is a result of 2 years of trials
- 4) It was developed for supermarket giant Tesco
- 5) A few years ago we met up with suppliers

## ANSWERS - 1

### TRUE / FALSE:

- a. F      b. F      c. T      d. T      e. F      f. F      g. F      h. F

### SYNONYM MATCH:

- |                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| a. revolutionary | cutting-edge |
| b. taste         | aroma        |
| c. potential     | ability      |
| d. quality       | grade        |
| e. height        | extent       |
| f. staple        | main         |
| g. native        | from         |
| h. rival         | competitive  |
| i. different     | other        |
| j. breed         | produce      |

### PHRASE MATCH:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| a. The new Sugardrop tomato is the             | sweetest tomato ever created                |
| b. It has been developed to encourage          | children to eat more healthily              |
| c. it is expected to appeal to those people    | who find the normal versions too sharp.     |
| d. The breed is the result                     | of 2 years of trials                        |
| e. It was developed                            | for supermarket giant Tesco.                |
| f. The new tomato has been grown on the        | Costa Calida, in Murcia, southwest Spain    |
| g. the creators are not even revealing which 2 | varieties were crossed to create the fruit. |
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**GAP FILL: New super sweet tomato hits the shelves!** A revolutionary new tomato tasting, as sweet as a **peach**, recently hit the **shelves** in the UK. The new Sugardrop **tomato** is the sweetest tomato ever created and is a natural hybrid of two different varieties of the fruit. It has been developed to encourage children to eat more healthily and for those people who have a sweet tooth. Because of its unusual **taste** it is expected to appeal to those people who find the normal versions too **sharp**. The breed is the result of 2 years of trials involving 3,000 different tomato varieties. It was developed for supermarket giant Tesco. The new tomato has been grown on the Costa Calida, in Murcia, southwest Spain and by the chain's grower Paloma. Because of the highly competitive nature of the food world, the creators are not even revealing which 2 varieties were crossed to create the fruit. They fear that because of the **potential** of the Sugardrop other **rival** growers will try and copy it to muscle in on the £520m UK **market**. Tesco supermarket buyer Ashley McWilliams: "The **gourmet** bite had been planned from as early as 2007. A few years ago we met up with our suppliers and asked them to find us a high quality tomato which would appeal to gourmets with a sweet tooth." She added, "It was the start of major research that involved our growers contacting all the major **seed** houses in the world. They wanted to find **varieties** that they could cross **pollinate** to find a tomato with higher than normal sugar levels. The result is Sugardrop, which is the sweetest tomato there ever has been and now this week UK shoppers will be the first to try it." The tomato is a herbaceous plant **native** to South America, which can grow up to 10ft in **height**. They were not grown in England until the 1590s and by the mid-1700s were widely eaten throughout the country. It is now used as a **staple** ingredient in thousands of popular dishes including pizza, lasagne and spaghetti bolognese. Sugardrop tomatoes are being sold as part of Tesco's Finest food range and will cost £1.50 for a 280g **punnet**.

### LANGUAGE WORK:

- 1 - d    2 - c    3 - b    4 - d    5 - a    6 - b    7 - a    8 - c    9 - a    10 - c    11 - d    12 - b

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