

PART I:

Read the article below; answer the questions that follow in complete sentences.

“The Supermarket that Sells Only Wasted Food” by Erin Blakemore

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Food waste is a big deal: According to the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization, 28 percent of the world's agriculture area is used to produce food that ultimately goes to waste each year. But now, writes Feargus O'Sullivan for CityLab, a new supermarket stocked only with wasted food is tackling the problem head-on.

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The project is an outgrowth of British non-profit the Real Junk Food Project, reports O'Sullivan. The supermarket in Pudsey takes food that's donated by local restaurants and grocery stores and puts it on shelves to sell to customers who pay what they can.

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As Hazel Sheffield reports for The Independent, the store is already serving as a lifeline for families who are down on their luck. It's kind of like a food pantry, but has no restrictions on who gets the food. And the concept is not a new one: as Sheffield wrote in another report this month, the idea has taken off in Denmark, too, due to a government initiative to reduce the country's volume of wasted food.

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Last year, the USDA launched its first-ever food waste reduction goal, aiming to reduce the amount of wasted food by 50 percent by 2030. The agency estimates that cutting just 15 percent of this waste in the United States would provide enough food for more than 25 million Americans per year. And hunger isn't the only reason to reduce food waste: As Ben Schiller notes for FastCo, wasted food has a carbon dioxide impact equal to the output of one in four cars on the road worldwide and consumes a quarter of the world's freshwater and 300 million barrels of oil each year.

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So why do grocery stores toss up to ten percent of all wasted food? The USDA notes that dented and damaged packaging, products that haven't been stored properly, holiday specialties that are never purchased, overstocked foods and weird-looking, misshapen foods account for the waste.

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Food waste supermarkets aren't the only weapon in the fight against waste. There are plenty of creative ways to buy and eat food that would otherwise be thrown out; some activists do their best to persuade customers that strange-looking fruit and veggies are still attractive and edible, others make craft beers from stale bread and grapefruit. Maybe it's time to bring the food waste supermarket concept to the United States—a delicious addition to the smorgasbord of ways not to trash perfectly good meals.

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Adapted from the *Tween Tribune* article

1. Where do the grocery stores that sell wasted food find their supplies?

2. State two ways in which the reduction of wasted food is beneficial for the environment.

3. What are three reasons supermarkets discard food?

4. How do you think the supermarket in Pudsey best helps to fight hunger?

PART II: VOCABULARY

Find the word or phrase in the text that matches the following in meaning and context:

1. in the end (between lines 2-5):

2. dealing with (between lines 2-5):

3. support (between 11-15)

4. motivation (between 11-15):

5. effect (between 16-22):

6. throw out (between 22-25):

7. deformed (between 22-25):

8. dried out (between 25-29)
