

Reading Comprehension Suggested Questions (Grade 10)

Read the following passage carefully, then answer the questions below:

Would you give up some of your favourite foods if doing so helped the environment and the local economy? More and more people nowadays are willing to make some small sacrifices to do just that in their own communities. They try to **limit** their food supply to products that are grown within a specific distance from where they live. They call themselves locavores or localvores.

You might notice that the word locavore sounds quite a bit like herbivore or carnivore. Just as carnivores eat meat and herbivores eat plants, locavores only eat food that is grown locally.

There are many reasons why people become locavores. Some people want to support their local farmers and products. **Others** want to reduce the size of their **carbon footprint** and make a positive impact on the environment. Some people eat local food for health reasons, or simply because they believe that the food is fresher and tastes better. Many locavores find that their diet helps them learn new things about the food they eat and the community where they live.

Produce on the shelves of most supermarkets in the United States travels an average of 1,300 to 2,000 miles from the farm to the store. This travel distance is also called food miles. Locavores try to **cut down** the food miles their produce uses by buying food that has travelled less than 100 miles. Most food that is produced and purchased locally is usually sold within 24 hours of leaving the farm where it is grown or made.

Becoming a locavore might seem like a challenge. However, depending on where you live, there may be many options for buying local food. Locavores enjoy researching the area in which they live to find the best stores or farmer's markets to buy locally grown produce, and a few communities have restaurants that serve dishes made only from local food.

The next time you buy food, look closely. Where did all that food come from? You might be surprised. And you might even consider becoming a locavore.

A) From a, b, c and d, choose the correct answer: (8X10 = 80)

1- What is the best title of the passage?

- a- Becoming A Herbivore
- b- Local Restaurants
- c- **Eating Locally**
- d- Favourite Foods

Title

2- What is the main idea of the passage?

- a- How far food travels before it is sold.
- b- **Why some people only eat local food.**
- c- Why it is difficult to give up some foods.
- d- Why it is better to grow your own food.

Main Idea

3- Which best **defines** the words “**carbon footprint**” as used in paragraph 3?

- a- The exact copy of one person or thing
- b- The shape that a body or an object makes
- c- The impression left by a foot or shoe on the ground
- d- **The amount of carbon energy that a person uses**

*Unfamiliar Vocab
(DEFINITION)*

4- What is the meaning of the underlined word “**cut down**” in paragraph 4?

- a- ignore
- b- deny
- c- **reduce**
- d- abuse

*Unfamiliar Vocab
(SYNONYM)*

5- What is the **OPPOSITE** of the underlined word “**limit**” in paragraph 1?

- a- allow
- b- include
- c- grow
- d- **increase**

*Unfamiliar Vocab
(ANTONYM)*

6- What does the underlined word “**Others**” in paragraph 3 refer to?

- a- **people**
- b- farmers
- c- products
- d- reasons

Reference

7- What can be understood from paragraph 5?

- a- **Many communities do not have a lot of locavores yet.**
- b- Most towns have a restaurant that serves only local food.
- c- Supermarkets carry mostly locally-grown food.
- d- Being a locavore is becoming easy these days.

Inference

8- According to paragraph 4, what are food miles?

- a- Food that travels less than 100 miles.
- b- Food that travels between 1,200 to 3,000 miles.
- c- **The distance that food travels from producer to consumer.**
- d- The distance that food travels within a local community.

*Factual Info /
Detail 1*

9- According to paragraph 4, how long does it take for most locally grown and purchased food to be sold once it leaves a farm?

- a- **Less than a day**
- b- More than a day
- c- Less than a week
- d- More than a week

*Factual Info /
Detail 2*

10- According to the passage, which of the following statements is **NOT TRUE**?

- a- Carnivores are animals which eat meat.
- b- Herbivores are animals which eat plants.
- c- **Herbivores and carnivores only eat local foods.**
- d- Locavores are also sometimes known as localvores.

Negative Facts

11- The author's purpose in writing this passage is probably to:

- a- teach readers where to buy food locally
- b- try to get readers to grow more food locally
- c- compare locavores to herbivores and carnivores
- d- **give readers information about the locavore movement**

Purpose of the writer

Reading Comprehension Question Stems

Title / Main Idea Question Stems:

- ⚡ What is the best title of the passage?
- ⚡ What is the main idea of the passage?
- ⚡ What best expresses the main idea of paragraph X?

Unfamiliar Vocab Question Stems:

- ⚡ What does the underlined word “_____” in paragraph X mean?
- ⚡ Which of the following is the OPPOSITE of the underlined word “_____” in paragraph X?

Purpose of the Writer Question Stems:

- ⚡ What is the writer’s main purpose in writing paragraph X?
- ⚡ Which best describes the author's main purpose in writing this text?

Inference Question Stems:

- ⚡ What can be understood from paragraph X?
- ⚡ Why do you think _____?
- ⚡ What do you think about _____?
- ⚡ We can infer from the passage that the author believes / assumes:
- ⚡ The writer came to a conclusion that:

Factual Info Question Stems:

- ⚡ Questions about the passage explicit facts and details.
- ⚡ According to the passage, what is “_____”?

Negative Facts Question Stems:

- ⚡ Which of the following statements is NOT true ?
- ⚡ Which of the following ideas is NOT included in the text?
- ⚡ The passage mentions each of the following EXCEPT:
- ⚡ According to the passage, which of the following statement is CORRECT / INCORRECT?