

Meat and veg vending machines do roaring trade in coronavirus crisis

Level 2 • Upper intermediate

KEY

1 Warmer

a.
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b. (possible answers)

petrol stations; public toilets; supermarkets; the street; schools; offices

c. (possible answers)

coffee; crisps; newspapers; fizzy drinks

2 Key words

1. roast
2. lockdown
3. dispense
4. wheelbarrow
5. honesty box
6. produce
7. profit margins
8. hassle
9. reluctant
10. shipping containers
11. pests
12. fussy

3 Comprehension check

a.

	Thorneybank Farm Shop	Crate to Plate
Where is the shop?	Inverurie, Aberdeenshire	London
Who runs it?	Neil Stephen	Sebastien Sainsbury
What does it sell?	cheese, shortbread, meat, fruit, vegetables, eggs and dairy products	leafy greens such as lettuce, kale, pak choi and herbs
Where does the produce come from?	their own and other local farms	grow it themselves
What are the advantages for the seller?	bigger profit margins; no delivery service needed	stacked containers take up less space; could be 12 harvests a year; sell locally
What are the advantages for customers?	no contact with other people; convenient	free from pesticides, insecticides, herbicides; know where food comes from; fresh; less water used

b.

SoleShare and Call4Fish both sell freshly caught fish.

4 Phrases

a.

1. do (a) roaring trade
2. follow suit
3. pay off
4. rushed off our feet
5. kitted out
6. up and running

b.

1. kitted out
2. up and running
3. doing a roaring trade
4. rushed off our feet
5. paying off
6. followed suit

6 Webquest

Places mentioned in the article

Aberdeen – city
 Aberdeenshire – county
 Berwickshire – county
 Cornwall – county
 Elephant and Castle – area
 Inverurie – town
 London – city
 Turriff – town