

Meat and veg vending machines do roaring trade in coronavirus crisis

Level 3 • Advanced

KEY

1 Warmer (possible answers)

a.

A vending machine is a machine that you can buy things from, for example sweets or drinks.

b.

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

c.

coffee; crisps; newspapers; fizzy drinks

2 Key words

1. roast
2. shine
3. dispensing
4. honesty box
5. stratospheric
6. profit margins
7. hassle
8. catch
9. crate
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. The method of fishing is more sustainable as only small boats are used and the choice of fish depends on what is caught locally. Food campaigners hope that this way of fishing will encourage consumers to try different species of fish and not just buy those that are already overfished.

4 Phrases

a.

1. do (a) roaring trade
2. yield benefits
3. follow suit
4. pay off
5. punch in
6. rushed off your feet
7. kit out
8. up and running

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