



Food and Eating Habits

Short-answer questions: Too Good To Go in Denmark | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0510/0511

1. Lead-in discussion

Talk with a partner before you read.

1. What food is often left unsold at the end of the day?
2. Why do some shops throw away food that is still safe to eat?
3. Would you buy a surprise bag of food? Why, or why not?
4. How can apps help people reduce waste?

Exercise 1 at a glance

Read one factual text. Answers are in the text. Copy exact words and check the question carefully before choosing your answer.

2. Read for overall understanding

Read the text. How does Too Good To Go reduce food waste?

Too Good To Go

Too Good To Go is an app that started in Denmark and is now used in many countries. Its aim is to reduce food waste by helping shops and restaurants sell food that might otherwise be thrown away. The food is still safe to eat, but it may be close to closing time or the end of its display life.

The app works through surprise bags. A customer uses the app to find a nearby bakery, cafe, supermarket or restaurant with unsold food. The customer pays a reduced price and collects the bag during a short time window. They do not always know exactly what will be inside.

This uncertainty is part of the system. A bakery may have bread one evening and cakes the next. A supermarket may offer fruit, sandwiches or ready meals. Customers who need a particular item may be disappointed, but flexible customers can save money and try food they might not usually buy.

Businesses use the app because unsold food has already cost money to prepare, transport or display. Selling it at a lower price is better than throwing it away. The app can also bring new customers into a shop at quiet times of day.

The app cannot prevent all food waste. Some food is spoiled, unsafe or unsuitable for sharing. Customers also need to collect their bags on time, because staff may be closing the shop. If too many people cancel late, the food may still be wasted.

Even with these limits, Too Good To Go shows how technology can change eating habits. A simple phone notification can connect hungry customers with food that needs to be eaten soon. It also reminds people that reducing waste often depends on small daily choices.

3. Strategy focus

Check whose problem is being solved

A text may describe benefits for shops, customers and the environment. Check who or what each question is asking about.

4. Exam-style short-answer questions

Answer the questions using words from the text.

1. What kind of food does the app help shops and restaurants sell? [1]

2. What do customers buy through the app? [1]

3. When does the customer collect the food? [1]

4. What might a supermarket offer? Give one example. [1]

5. What may happen if too many customers cancel late? [1]

6. According to the text, what are three possible benefits of the app? [3]

5. Vocabulary notebook

Underline five useful words or phrases. Check their meaning, then record them in your vocabulary notebook.

6. Follow-up tasks

1. Discussion: Would you use an app like Too Good To Go?
2. Summary: Summarise the app in about 50 words.
3. Creative task: Write a short advert for a surprise bag from a bakery.
4. Research: Find one local way people reduce food waste.

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4. Exam-style short-answer questions

1. food that might otherwise be thrown away
2. surprise bags
3. during a short time window
4. Any one from: fruit; sandwiches; ready meals.
5. the food may still be wasted
6. Any three from: reduce food waste; customers can save money; customers can try food they might not usually buy; businesses sell food at a lower price instead of throwing it away; bring new customers into a shop.

Notes for checking

1. Answers should be short and clearly based on the text.
2. Accept bracketed or optional wording if the meaning is clear.
3. For the final question, learners need three separate details.