**City Olympiad 2024/2025**

# Listening Comprehension

**Test for 10th Form Students**

Text: Adapted from “Where Does Your Food Come From?” by Kathiann Kowalski

Glossary: **deteriorate -** to become impaired in quality, function, or condition; worsen

Mark the statements 1-10 True or False.

1. To officially sell their food as “organic,” farmers must go through a certification

process.

1. Chin believes that consumers are less likely to buy food that isn’t handled properly.
2. According to the text, a 100-mile trip is considered to be local.
3. The scientists in the passage exhibit a strong preference for locally grown food.
4. Chin states that food can be mishandled by everyone from the field to the dinner

table.

1. Suslow’s claim mirrors Allie’s.
2. The US Department of Agriculture recommends local produce because it is tastier, therefore Americans will eat it more often.
3. We understand from the text that Allie lives in a climate where locally grown fruits and vegetables are not accessible year round.
4. Allie would likely agree that availability is a problem with locally grown produce.
5. The article implies that people choose their produce for health, economic, and even social reasons.

STOP. WAIT FOR THE SECOND READING OF THE TEXT.

Questions 11 through 20 - circle the correct letter A, B, C, or D.

1. The main idea of the text can be best summarized as
2. citizens and scientists cite reasons as to why locally grown food is best.
3. different types of food production offer different benefits to the consumer.
4. refrigerated food is a good nutritional substitute for locally grown food if money is an issue.
5. consumers should eat locally grown food during spring and summer, and refrigerated food in the fall and winter.
6. The text mentions each of the following advantages that locally grown food offers except
7. higher nutrient content than processed food.
8. a unique variety of fruits and vegetables available to the consumer.
9. transportation costs are lower, which is better for the environment.
10. better taste.
11. Suslow would likely agree the most with which of the following statements?
12. Developments in agriculture and shipping technologies allow us to enjoy the diets we currently have.
13. A fruit or vegetable’s appearance is not as important as its nutritional content.
14. Buying local products is, ultimately, the best choice.
15. Allie’s shopping preferences are unrealistic.
16. Chin’s tone in her comments can best be described as
17. urging and unsettled.
18. even and apathetic.
19. analytical and prejudiced.
20. informative and professional.
21. Based on the text, which of the following statements is true?
22. As compared to pickup trucks, semitrailers are more efficient for long trips.
23. Pickup trucks are a favorite among local farmers.
24. Semitrailers are unnecessary for processing plants that are built near farms.
25. Transporting dried, canned, or frozen foods is very expensive.
26. The author interviewed people from all of the following groups and organizations except
27. The University of California, Davis.
28. a community in Ohio.
29. The U.S. Department of Agriculture.
30. Nutrition Edge Communications.
31. Which of the following is not listed as an example of locally grown fruit or vegetable products?
32. Jars of applesauce
33. Fresh herbs
34. Michigan cherries
35. Ohio-grown melons
36. Based on the text, what group of people would most likely support Allie’s comments?
37. Dietitians
38. Local farmers
39. Pick-up truck drivers
40. Citizens from warmer states
41. The author likely included Allie in the text for which of the following reasons?
42. To discuss the advantages of pickup trucks
43. To contrast the more technical views provided by the scientists
44. To offer the perspective of a local farmer
45. To make the text seem more analytical and official
46. The text explicitly mentions each of the following advantages that non-locally grown food offers except
47. the qualities of taste, appearance, and smell remain.
48. the consumer can support local processing plants.
49. the chance to save money without sacrificing nutrition.
50. the ability to enjoy foods that don’t grow in your region.