

## SÈRIE 1

COMPRESIÓ ESCRITA

## NOMOPHOBIA: THE BIGGEST PHOBIA IN THE WORLD?

1. Comparing the 2008 and the 2012 surveys, we see that...
  - a. **more people are afraid now of being without their mobile phone.**
  - b. in 2008 the number of nomophobes was similar to this year.
  - c. in 2008 more people feared being without their mobile phones.
  - d. in 2012 the number of nomophobes did not increase.
2. According to the text, more women suffer from nomophobia probably because...
  - a. **a big percentage of men have two phones.**
  - b. all men have two phones.
  - c. women usually have two phones.
  - d. women easily misplace their phones.
3. Which sentence is FALSE, according to the text?
  - a. **one third of people older than 55 are nomophobic.**
  - b. nomophobia affects people of all ages, races and social classes.
  - c. those who are fifty-five or older are the third most affected age group.
  - d. young adults are the most nomophobic.
4. Karla Campos...
  - a. talks to her son on the phone even when they are together.
  - b. **has better communication with her family on the phone.**
  - c. connects her family via mobile phone.
  - d. only communicates with her son through Facebook.
5. According to Dr. Spero,
  - a. we should make mobile phones a priority in our life.
  - b. we should only use mobile phones in case of emergency.
  - c. **we should prioritise people over mobile phones.**
  - d. cell phones destroy communication with our loved ones.
6. Kemshall says that security in mobile phones needs to be improved because...
  - a. **lots of people use a phone for business purposes.**
  - b. nobody likes having their messages viewed by others.
  - c. security measures don't help keep messages private.
  - d. business people often view other people's messages.
7. This study shows that ...
  - a. **there will be lots more nomophobes in the future.**
  - b. we don't know how many people depend on their phones.
  - c. almost everybody will need to carry a phone in the future.
  - d. it is necessary to have our mobiles constantly on these days.

8. Which of the following may indicate nomophobia?
- charging the phone's battery all the time.**
  - worrying about having just one mobile phone.
  - having many missed calls and messages.
  - putting the phones in a safe place.

## COMPRENSIÓ AUDITIVA

### VEGETARIANISM

In this radio programme you are going to hear some new words. Read and listen to them. Make sure you know what they mean.

**slaughter:** sacrificar

**slaughterhouse:** matadero / escorxador

**trust:** confiar

**bred (to breed):** criar

**shortage:** escassetat / escasez

**stuffed:** fartar / atiborrar

Ready?

Now read the questions on the next page. Read them carefully before listening to the radio programme.

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Please note that this paragraph must be read by someone other than "Mary" or "Michael"

According to an opinion poll recently published in the press, vegetarianism is on the increase. In today's programme Michael Thomson, chef and owner of a restaurant famous for the quality of the meat it serves, and Mary Stone, TV actress and a committed vegetarian, will present their views on vegetarianism. Michael Thomson, Mary Stone, welcome to our radio show *Debate*, the floor is yours!

Adapted from a BBC Radio 4 Interview.

[Now listen to the interview]

**Mary:** Thanks for inviting me to the programme!

**Michael:** Thank you! It's a great pleasure being here.

**Mary:** Could I start by asking a question to Michael?

**Michael:** Sure.

**Mary:** Michael, I know many people have recently become very committed vegetarians and are very anxious to convince people that it's the right course to take. My impression is that this is because people are very sensitive to the images of slaughtered animals that appear so frequently in the media. Do you think this is the case?

**Michael:** Yes, of course. I don't know what kind of beliefs could drive people into being a vegetarian but certainly seeing animals going to the slaughterhouse is disgusting.

**Mary:** Do you think these images harm your bossiness?

**Michael:** Well, obviously people who think that animals shouldn't be killed for food would probably avoid eating at my restaurant, but maybe the images in the media will make more people consider eating fish instead of meat, which of course is vital to our diet and probably more important than meat.

**Mary:** As far as I know, fish consumption in people's homes has been dropping for many years. Do you also serve fish in your restaurant?

**Michael:** Yes, we have a number of fish dishes on the menu. In fact, the fish dishes we serve are becoming more and more popular, so it seems people's choices when eating out are gradually changing... but meat dishes always sell better. Just remember that we've been eating meat ever since we were in the caves ...

**Mary:** Well, I think that people are eating less meat now. Have you actually noticed in your restaurant that people eat less red meat, for example?

**Michael:** No, not really. I think people eat less red meat at home, but when they go to restaurants they feel the meat is going to be of superior quality and they **trust** it. People order more fish dishes probably because they don't know how to cook fish at home.

**Mary:** Yes, but surely people are influenced by the images they see on TV, and this is going to change people's minds, they won't eat meat anymore because eating meat will make them think of disgusting **slaughterhouses**.

**Michael:** Maybe... but there is nothing wrong with eating meat, I think everyone's got the right to choose, that is the main thing about diet.

**Mary:** Yes, but that's precisely what we vegetarians are questioning. Where is the humanity if everyone has the right to choose to kill?

**Michael:** Well, animals have been bred to eat, if we had no farms there would be a serious food **shortage**.

**Mary:** Yes, but maybe you don't need to have animals **stuffed** in factory farms. They are suffering. Factory farming methods have nothing to do with the way animals were bred in traditional farms a hundred years ago.

**Michael:** I agree with you there, most factory farmed animals live in such a tight space that they can hardly move. We need to invest more to make farms more like they used to be. This would make our food better, and healthier!

**Mary:** Yes, but you don't need to eat meat. It's not a healthy habit, and it's causing a lot of suffering, so why not stop eating meat and invest all that money in something else, education for example!

**Michael:** I really think that the principles of the Vegetarian Society which was set up in Ramsgate in 1847 are fine for people who want to be vegetarians, but there is no need to

force everyone to eat just vegetables. Let the choice be with the public: if they like eating meat, if they like fish, let them eat it! But, please, I ask vegetarians if you're going to be serious about it, why eat rubbish like veggie-burgers?

**Mary:** Now you're just being unfair. Can you call veggie-burgers rubbish when you're eating meat from slaughtered animals and you're feeding that to your children? We just don't want to participate in a slaughter!

**Michael:** No, what I mean is that there are meat-eaters out there; about eighty-seven per cent of us eat meat. We have been eating meat for generations, centuries! I know there are some very famous people who have been vegetarians: Verdi, Tolstoy, Wagner, Bernard Shaw, but I don't see why we should all become vegetarians and stop enjoying eating meat.

**Mary:** That is the problem, there are two antagonist views: vegetarians will not see how the enjoyment of food can go along with the killing of the animals, whereas many other people enjoy eating meat, but things are changing for the better I think.

**Journalist:** Well, this was most exciting, but I'm afraid our time is over. Thank you for taking part in our debate today.

**Michael:** It was a pleasure. Thank you!

**Mary:** Thank you!

Choose the most appropriate answer according to the text. Only one answer is correct. Look at number 0 as an example.

[0.25 each correct answer]

1. **Mary thinks that many people become vegetarian because they...**
  - a) become anxious when they eat meat.
  - b) are committed to their beliefs.
  - c) **are impressed by images in the media.**
  - d) are convinced by other vegetarians.
  
2. **What does Michael think is important in a person's diet?**
  - a) avoiding bad food.
  - b) eating meat.
  - c) eating at a restaurant.
  - d) **eating fish.**
  
3. **In Michael's restaurant fish dishes are more popular now...**
  - a) than meat dishes.
  - b) **than they used to be.**
  - c) because they are cheaper.
  - d) because people eat out more.
  
4. **What should be done in order to improve the quality of meat, according to Michael?**
  - a) Animal suffering should be stopped.
  - b) **There should be more investment in farms.**
  - c) Better slaughterhouses should be built.
  - d) Animals should be fed with healthier food.
  
5. **Mary and Michael both agree that...**
  - a) **factory farming methods are bad.**
  - b) animals have been bred to eat.
  - c) animals should not be bred in farms.
  - d) factory farms should be closed down.
  
6. **In order to stop animal suffering, Mary thinks we should...**
  - a) build larger factory farms.
  - b) **stop eating meat.**
  - c) adopt healthy eating habits.
  - d) stop building modern farms.
  
7. **Michael thinks that vegetarians should let other people...**
  - a) eat red meat.
  - b) eat more fish dishes.
  - c) eat veggie-burgers.
  - d) **eat what they want.**
  
8. **Which of the following statements is correct:**
  - a) **eighty-seven per cent of the population are not vegetarians.**
  - b) many meat-eaters also eat veggie-burgers.
  - c) famous people like Verdi enjoyed eating meat.
  - d) veggie-burgers sell better than meat-burgers.