

# Food Waste

Work in groups or pairs:

What do you remember about the problems of food waste from the grammar cloze exercise?

What are the different factors that contribute to this problem?

Write at least 2 of the factors that you remember: don't look back at the paragraph but use your own words

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you remember any of the vocabulary or phrases in the paragraph and their meanings? Circle the ones that you think were in the text from the box below:

unacceptable	'use-by' dates	raise awareness	'best before' dates
landfills	strange shape	consumption	disaster

How many did you circle? In fact, all of the words in the box were used in the text about 'Food Waste'. Can you remember how each one was used? Again, use your own words.

The BBC have made a video about an Awareness Campaigns in the EU. What is an "awareness campaign"?

Click on this link: [www.refreshcoe.eu](http://www.refreshcoe.eu) then choose the blue button **Browse Resources** at the top of the page

- 1) Watch the short animation on the awareness campaign called “Rescue Restaurant Leftovers “
- 2) What is the basic message of the animation?
- 3) Are there any ways in which the UAE is trying to do the same?

Scroll down the page and choose the BBC TV documentary “Stop Wasting Food” link.

Watch the video.

Watch the video again and see if you can find the answers to these questions:

- a) Why did Selina Juul start her campaign to raise awareness about wasting food?  
(Listen to the beginning - about where she is from and the country she made her home)
- b) How did she change the way that supermarkets sold fruit and vegetables? Give an example.
- c) Selina says at the end of the video what wasting food means. Fill in the missing words:

Wasting food is a lack of respect for:

nature      society      people who \_\_\_\_\_      animals  
your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_

Answers:

**Rescue Restaurant Leftovers** basic message is:

too much food is wasted by people who eat in restaurants. People should ask for a “doggy bag” (food you take away that you didn’t eat)

### **Stop Wasting Food**

- a) Selina is from Russia and after the collapse of communism there was a lack of food in Russia.

She moved to Denmark and was amazed at how much food was available in the supermarkets. She was disgusted that so much food was thrown away by the supermarkets.

She decided to raise awareness about how to change this habit.

- b) She asked supermarkets to sell single items like one banana and they found that this reduced the waste.

Wasting food is a lack of respect for:

nature / society / people who produce food / animals

your time / your money