

Earth and Food: What Do You Already Know?

Directions: Discuss with your neighbor, and when you understand the statement, guess if you think it's true or false. Write T for True and F for False in the _____ after each sentence.

1. Topsoil is the top layer of soil that is about 5–10 inches (13–25 cm) deep and contains rich matter and many tiny living organisms that hold water and give plants their nutrients. _____
2. Less than one half (1/2) of the world's people live in cities and urban areas. _____
3. Our food system today includes many large industrial type farms that produce huge amounts of food, but also contribute to problems such as land, air, and water pollution that can have harms for people, animals, and the earth. _____
4. Worldwide, we waste 1 million meals a day. _____
5. The United States has the highest level of food waste, where almost 40% of all food purchases goes to waste and landfills. _____

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Answer Key

1. True
2. False: [worldwide, 57% live in urban areas, but varies greatly by continent](#)
3. True
4. False: we waste 1 billion meals a day
5. True