

## Why are we wasting so much food?

### Fill in the gaps in the following sentences:

- 1) Even in the wealthiest nations millions suffer from food poverty.
- 2) One in four Americans says they struggle to afford food.
- 3) Over 30% of America's food or a hundred and sixty billion dollars worth gets wasted just by grocery stores and their customers.
- 4) Growing food demands land, water, fossil fuels, and soil.
- 5) The tragedy is that some farmers can't sell half of what they've grown due to cosmetic standards dictated by supermarkets.
- 6) Supermarkets purposefully create an image of overflowing abundance.
- 7) [...] meanwhile over cautious date labels confused and frightened customers so they tossed out what is still good to eat.
- 8) From 1982 to 2002 the average pizza slice grew 70% in calories and the average chocolate chip cookie quadrupled.
- 9) Food donations from retailers and restaurants are proven ways of redistributing some of this nutritious surplus while is still fit for consumption.
- 10) Instead of tossing this food, supermarkets manufactures and caters must be pushed to directed charities that feed hungry people.
- 11) Governments should use the vast subsidies they offer to incentivize farmers to look after the land in ways that protect the planet.