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The Ups & Downs of Food Prices

An activity of "Food is getting more expensive everywhere"

Have you heard adults say that food prices have risen a lot in the past years? To find out why, read "Food is getting more expensive everywhere" (page 6, *What's Up* September 2026).

A. According to the *What's Up* story, what causes food prices to rise?

B. Read the following scenarios. For each one, predict whether it will cause food prices to rise, fall or be unaffected. *Tick only one* of the outcomes for each. Share your reasons.

1. Several oil and gas suppliers around the world raise their prices.

My prediction: Food prices will ☐ rise ☐ fall ☐ be unaffected.

The reason: _____

2. Many farmers have turned to durian farming. This led to a bumper harvest of durians.

My prediction: The price of durians will ☐ rise ☐ fall ☐ be unaffected.

The reason: _____

3. News agencies and social media widely reported that a certain fruit must be avoided because its skin cannot be adequately cleaned and may lead to food poisoning.

My prediction: The price of this fruit will ☐ rise ☐ fall ☐ be unaffected.

The reason: _____

4. A country raised tariffs on food imported from other countries.

My prediction: Prices of imported food will ☐ rise ☐ fall ☐ be unaffected.

The reason: _____

5. The recent change in weather conditions has little effect on the crops in several farmlands.

My prediction: Food prices will ☐ rise ☐ fall ☐ be unaffected.

The reason: _____

C. Pair with a partner and discuss your answers to (A) and (B).

- Where there are different opinions, elaborate on your reasons for your answers.
- Agree to disagree if there are differing opinions in the end. It is a way of respecting each other's views.