



### Reading and Writing

### Food Packaging

You are going to read a text titled:

***Drink up, then eat the glass – the trend for edible food packaging and tableware***

### Pre-reading Preparation

#### 1. Discuss:

- What vocabulary do you expect to read?
- What topics will the text cover?
- Can you predict the structure of the text?

#### 2. These topic sentences come from the article. Put them in the right order.

a) There are doubts, however, over the cost (a pack of four is currently \$11.95 /£7) and long-term sustainability.
b) Eating what your food and drink comes in isn't a new concept.
c) And from edible glasses to bubbles of food.
d) The US start-up founded by Chelsea Briganti and Leigh Ann Tucker, who trained as product designers, has launched a "bioegredible" – biodegradable and edible – cup.
e) Similar to WikiPearls with a fruit-like skin is the Ooho!, an edible water bottle created by three students at Imperial College London.
f) Briganti believes the way to allay people's fears is to design a product that is as fun as it is environmentally friendly.
g) Edible packaging isn't without its critics.
h) For Briganti, the edible glasses are an environmental no-brainer.

### Understanding the Main Points

#### 3. Skim the article. Check your answers to the above.

Make a note of which paragraph(s)

- Give examples of edible food packaging
- Evaluate edible food packaging



- Give a solution /response to the criticisms made about edible food packaging

#### 4. Summarise:

- One example of edible food packaging
- Advantages and disadvantages of edible food packaging discussed in the text

Focus on making your summaries concise and use own words where possible / appropriate.

#### Recognising what is being implied

5. Read the extracts below and discuss with a partner what writer actually means.

**{para 4}** *If Loliware replaces even a small percentage, that would have a far-reaching impact.*

What is 'that' and what would the far-reaching impact be?

**{para 7}** *"It's really exciting from a humanitarian point of view."*

What is 'it' and why would it be exciting from a humanitarian point of view?

**{para 8}** *"And if it is decided that any edible packaging must be protected by more packaging, then it becomes self-defeating, to put it mildly."*

What does the highlighted 'it' refer to? What would be self-defeating and why?

#### Making Connections

How does this text connect to other material you have read / listened to?

#### Re-using Language from the Texts you Read

What language can you extract from the text to help you:

- Describe what the packaging is made of
- Give details of the design (shape, colour etc.)
- Explain what inspired the design
- Evaluate the packaging (what's good and bad about it)