

# Authentic Listening

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## Chinese kids are getting fatter

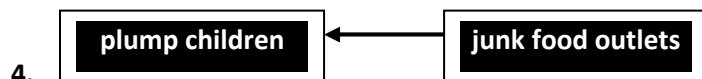
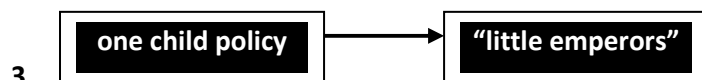
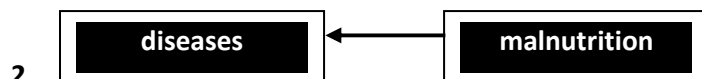
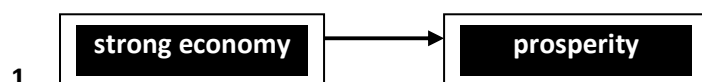
Before you listen, make sure you know the meaning of the words below:

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| 1. spoilt (adj) | 3. prosper (v) | 5. famine      | 7. rural     |
| 2. emperor      | 4. nutrition   | 6. plump (adj) | 8. swell (v) |

Now use these words to complete the sentences below. You might need to change the word's form.

- A. *Pu Yi of Qing Dynasty (1644-1911 AD) was the last \_\_\_\_\_ of China.*
- B. *At the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> century England \_\_\_\_\_ under the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and most citizens enjoyed good living conditions.*
- C. *If a child's the diet is poor and lacks protein, his or her body can \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of malnutrition*
- D. *According to many experts, children are being \_\_\_\_\_ with too many toys.*
- E. *People who live in \_\_\_\_\_ areas usually have shorter life spans and higher risk of illness and disease than those who live in urban areas.*
- F. *Due to the lack of rain, 10 million people face \_\_\_\_\_ in Ethiopia, Somalia and northern Kenya.*
- G. *Compared to their parents, the diet of the Australian children lacks \_\_\_\_\_.*
- H. *A new study reveals that children who are \_\_\_\_\_ or over-weight are more likely to be bullied.*

Look at the notes below and expand them into sentences.



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**Listen to the recording and answer the questions below.**

1. Why is the issue of childhood obesity particularly serious in Shanghai?
2. In which kind of cities are rates of childhood obesity on the rise?
3. In Shanghai, how many children were considered obese in 2003? How does this compare to 2002?
4. One of the reasons leading to obesity is actually positive and should be applauded. What is it?
5. What is the link between the one-child policy and childhood obesity?
6. Why do some parents refuse to acknowledge the problem and don't see that their child is overweight?
7. What is the percentage of birth of big babies in China? How does it compare to the rest of the world?
8. More than a dozen babies died in rural China from malnutrition. Why didn't the parents notice that something was wrong?



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