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Cultivation & planting equipment



tractor



broadcast seeder



rototiller

CLASSIFIEDS

USED FARMING EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Used **broadcast seeder** for sale. Spread your seeds and fertilizer with ease. It's reliable and only one year old. If interested, call and ask for Jim Drury: 617-555-3958.

Buy a 1954 John Deere **tractor**. Great pulling power! Special price if you buy our used **planter** or **transplanter**. 617-555-2156. Ask for Linda.

Want perfect soil? Buy a **rototiller** or **cultivator** for less. Both machines are hardly used. Call Dennis Fisk at 627-555-3402.

Stone picker for sale. Save your back and buy today! Call J. Henry: 617-555-2948.

Need a **seed drill** or **harrow** for planting? We have two great machines waiting for you. Call Maya Till at 627-555-2395.

Preparing fields? Used **chisel plow** and **cultipacker** for sale. Call 627-555-9898 for more details.

Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What equipment is used for planting in your country?
- 2 How has modern equipment changed farming?

Reading

2 Read the newspaper advertisements. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 The tractor has a special price with the purchase of other items.
- 2 The broadcast seeder is used to prepare fields.
- 3 The seed drill ad claims to protect the buyer's back.

Vocabulary

3 Write a word that is similar in meaning to the underlined part.

- 1 That field has a lot of weeds; use the tool that breaks apart soil and weeds. c _ l _ _ v _ _ _ _
- 2 Eric is plowing the field with his new that breaks apart soil and smoothes the ground. h a _ _ _ w
- 3 She wants a device attached to a tractor that goes deep in the earth to turn soil. c h _ _ _ _ p _ _ _
- 4 Paul got a new device pulled behind a tractor that lays down seeds in rows and covers them. _ _ a n _ _ _
- 5 Plant the seedlings with the device pulled behind a tractor that places small plants in the soil. _ r a n _ _ _ _ _ _ _ r

4 Match the words (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

- 1 rototiller
- 2 cultipacker
- 3 tractor
- 4 stone picker
- 5 broadcast seeder
- 6 seed drill

- A a device that spreads seeds and fertilizer over a field
- B a device pulled by a tractor that deposits seeds in the ground
- C a machine that turns over soil
- D a device that separates stones and soil
- E a vehicle that pulls farm equipment
- F a machine that flattens soil

- 5 Listen and read the newspaper advertisements again. What do the advertisements for farming equipment all have in common?

Listening

- 6 Listen to a conversation between a seller and a caller responding to a used-equipment ad. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What equipment is the caller interested in?
- A a tractor
 - B a rototiller
 - C a stone picker
 - D a transplanter
- 2 Why doesn't the buyer purchase the equipment?
- A It is too small to move his rocks.
 - B Someone else bought it already.
 - C It is too expensive for a used item.
 - D He decided to buy a new one instead.

- 7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

Caller: Hello, is Mr. Henry available?
 Seller: This is Mr. Henry speaking. Can I help you?
 Caller: Yes. I'm calling about your listing. The one about the 1 _____.
 Seller: Oh, yes. Well, it's still available. And it's in 2 _____.
 Caller: Oh, good. What 3 _____ can it move?
 Seller: Anything between two and twenty five inches.
 Caller: And how much is it?
 Seller: 4 _____ \$4000.
 Caller: That's almost the price of a 5 _____.
 Seller: Well, we don't use it often.
 Caller: Still, 6 _____ for me. I'll pass for now, thanks.

Speaking

- 8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

I'm calling about ...

It's in ... condition.

How much is it?

Student A: You want to buy a piece of equipment. Talk to Student B about:

- type of equipment
- condition
- price

Student B: You are selling a piece of farm equipment. Answer Student A's questions.

Writing

- 9 Use the conversation from Task 8 and the advertisement to fill out the advertisement.



FOR SALE *Farmer's Weekly Classifieds*

Equipment for sale:

Condition:

Used for:

Price:



15 Harvest equipment



baler



combine harvester



gleaner



chaser bin



grain auger

Finneman's Harvesting AND Baling

●●● Call 482-555-2115 to schedule services

Finneman's offers a wide range of services. We provide custom harvesting and grain transportation, hay baling, and more!

Services for Grain Crops - We have the best **combine harvesters** and **gleaners** around! If you want your grain transported we can help. **Chaser bins** or **gravity wagons** transport your grain from field to storage. We have **grain augers** and **conveyor belts** for rent too! We make moving grain easy.

Silage - Our **forage harvesters** are perfect for clearing a field. Don't waste the plant remains after harvest. Rent a forage harvester and make **silage**.

Hay - We provide hay baling! We bring our **balers** to you. **Bale wrappers** are available upon request.

Don't wait for your hay to dry. Ask about our **hay conditioners**.

Get ready!

- 1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.
 - 1 What types of equipment are used in harvesting?
 - 2 What are the challenges of harvesting crops?

Reading

2 Read the website. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Customers can purchase grain from Finneman's.
- 2 Silage is made from plant remains.
- 3 Finneman's can condition wet hay.

Vocabulary

3 Match the words (1-5) with the definitions (A-E).

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> chaser bin | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> combine harvester |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> baler | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> forage harvester |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> gleaner | |

- A A machine that harvests crops of grain
- B A harvest machine that does not use gas
- C A cart used to carry grain from a field to storage
- D A device that bundles hay
- E A device that cuts up plants for use as silage

4 Write a word that is similar in meaning to the underlined part.

- 1 Grain is easier to unload with an angled cart that is pulled behind a tractor.
g _ _ _ _ _ y w _ _ o _
- 2 Use the device that wraps bales to keep them dry before the rain starts.
_ a _ _ _ r _ p _ _ _
- 3 Don't forget the device that cuts hay so it will dry quickly. _ _ y c _ _ _ _ _ _ n _ r _
- 4 The moving strip of material that transports objects to other areas moves grain from here to the other side of the barn.
c _ _ v _ _ _ _ b _ _ _
- 5 The new device that moves grain from trucks and carts into storage bins made the harvest much faster. _ r _ _ n _ _ g _ _

5 Listen and read the website again. How does Finneman's make moving grain easy?

Listening

6 Listen to a conversation between a farmer and an assistant. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the man worried about?
A The grain auger is not working.
B The gravity wagons will fill quickly.
C The combine harvesters are too slow.
D The tractor cannot pull the wagons.
- 2 What does the boss want done by 3:00?
A the fields completely harvested
B the grain emptied out of the wagons
C the equipment out in the field
D the combine harvester hooked to the trucks

7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

Farmer: Are we ready to start harvesting, Jessica?

Assistant: I think so. The 1 _____ are in the field already.

Farmer: Good. What about the wagons?

Assistant: The 2 _____ are attached to the tractor. 3 _____.

Farmer: Great, but we only have three wagons. They'll 4 _____.

Assistant: I thought of that. I have the 5 _____ ready too.

Farmer: Excellent. I want these 6 _____ by three o'clock.

Assistant: Okay, boss. I'll let everyone know.

Speaking

8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

Are we ready to start harvesting?

What about the ...?

I have the ... ready, too.

Student A: You own a harvesting company. You are about to start a harvest. Talk to Student A about:

- equipment being used
- possible problems
- time to finish

Student B: You are an assistant at a harvesting company. Answer Student A's questions.

Writing

9 Use the conversation from Task 8 to fill out the harvesting company's report.

Finneman's
Harvesting

BILL FOR SERVICES

Equipment Used: _____

Problem: _____

Solution: _____

Time finished: _____

