

KFC Replaces Lettuce with Cabbage as Shortages Continue

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. cite /saɪt/ (verb) to mention something as proof for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
Example: She cited three reasons why people get into debt.
2. high water /ˌhaɪ ˈwɔː.tər/ (noun) high tide; the time when the ocean reaches its highest level
Example: We swam at the beach at high tide.
3. substitution /ˌsʌb.stɪˈtjuː.ʃən/ (noun) the use of one person or thing instead of another
Example: Substitution of less costly materials for bricks will hurt brick-makers.
4. opt out /ɒpt/ (verb) to choose not to be part of an activity or to stop being involved in it
Example: Employees can choose to opt out of the pension scheme.
5. adverse /ˈæd.vɜːs/ (adjective) having a negative or harmful effect on something
Example: So far the drug is thought not to have any adverse effects.



(CNN) — KFC has been forced to make menu changes again in Australia, as the fast food chain is hit with lack of key ingredients. This time it's lettuce.

The company posted a notice on its local website this week telling customers it would add cabbage to some of its products because lettuce crops around the country had been destroyed by recent floods.

"We're using a lettuce and cabbage mixture on all products containing lettuce until further notice," it said, **citing** a shortage following **high waters** in New South Wales and Queensland.

Customers who prefer not to have the **substitution** can **opt out**, the chain said.

Food producers all over the world are struggling with shortages of various kinds as supplies continue to be decreased or delayed by a series of crises, including a pandemic-related lack of labor, **adverse** weather and Russia's war with Ukraine.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you know the difference between cabbage and lettuce?
2. Can you identify the ingredients used in a dish that you ordered?
3. What would you do if while cooking you ran out of an ingredient?
4. What is the importance of substitution?
5. Do you think there will be a continuous shortage of some food products? Why or why not?
6. What other food products do you know that are currently being substituted?