New Internationalist Easier English
Ready Intermediate Lesson
Today’s lesson:

Speaking

Vocabulary

Reading

Writing a letter
List:

Make a list of what you think the USA exports to other countries.
Headline:

Put the headline in the right order:

export

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most

America

dangerous
Discuss:

What do you think are America’s dangerous exports?

Why are they dangerous?
1) Illness – when blood pressure is high
2) It helps your body use sugar
3) Describes someone who is very overweight
4) Deep sleep – you cannot wake up the person
5) The health problem when people are overweight
6) Part of food which is good for you
7) Like crisps and popcorn
8) Illness – when the body has a problem with sugar

Match words and meanings:

a) obesity
b) obese
c) hypertension
d) diabetes
e) insulin
f) coma
h) junk food
i) nutrient
True or false? What do you think?

1) The US spends about $150 billion a year on obesity.
2) 70 per cent of women and nearly 40 per cent of men in South Africa are overweight or obese.
3) In Mexico soft drinks are often cheaper than bottled water.
4) The US government gives money to help sell junk food.
5) The US government gives money to help sell fruit and vegetables.
6) More people in the world die from obesity than hunger.
7) More people die from junk food than from drugs.
Now read the text and check your ideas:

http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/America%27s_most_dangerous_export
Read the text again – are these sentences true or false?

1) Many countries do not have enough money to help people with diabetes.

2) Taco Bell wants Americans to eat an extra meal every day.

3) There are plans to sell more Coca Cola to the poorer people in South Africa.

4) Obesity is America’s worst export.
Writing:

Write a letter to President Obama explaining what he should do about America’s exports.
Homework:

Now read the original article:

http://newint.org/blog/2014/08/22/americainobesity-export/