

Come with Paco on an exciting trip to discover farming in Europe

Before leaving remember you are a European citizen.

Italy is a Member Country of the European Union, a unique economic and political organization which brings together 27 European countries and which works hard to make sure that peace, wellbeing and security are maintained in Europe. One of the top priorities of the European Union is farming, an activity that is of vital importance for our health, our wellbeing and for the protection of the environment. This is how the **CAP** came about in the European Union.

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What is it? Follow Paco and you'll find out!



ARE YOU WEARING COM-FORTABLE SHOES? 12 STEPS TO FIND OUT WHAT THE CAP IS AND TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR TERRITORY AND HOW TO PROTECT IT. YOU'LL ALSO LEARN WHAT TO BUY AND EAT TO LIVE A HEALTHY LIFE, AND LOTS MORE. LET'S GO!



1 Paco is awarding a prize in money to his friend Mario, a farmer who complies with the **CAP** principles. He farms the land in full respect for nature, human beings and animals.

Complete by describing the methods he adopts.

He tills the land ...

He raises his animals ...

Mario

He heats ...

uses machinery ...

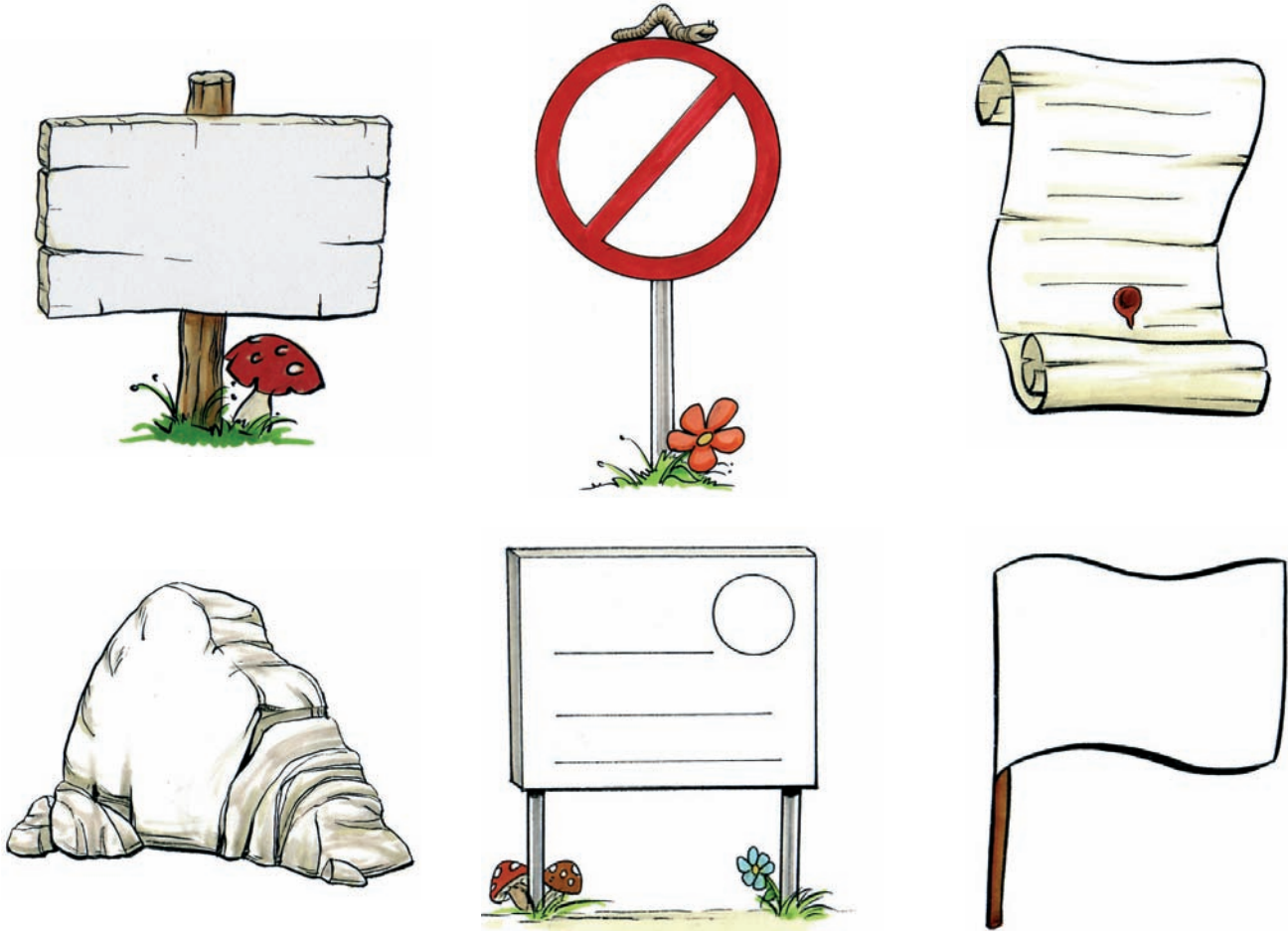
2 Paco has spent a wonderful day at Aristide's holiday farm.
Would you like to go on holiday on a farm?

List ten good reasons for wanting to.



3 Gennaro is Paco's friend because he too abides by the **CAP** rules and carries out his work with responsibility and without harming the environment.

Paco helps Gennaro write notices to protect the woods.

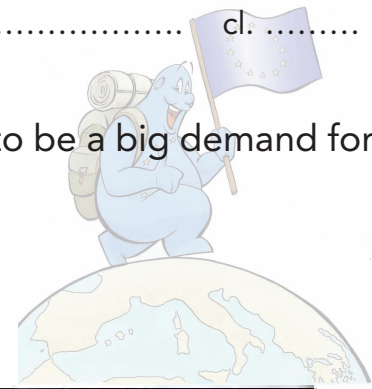


Gennaro sells timber which is used for:

"Plant" new trees

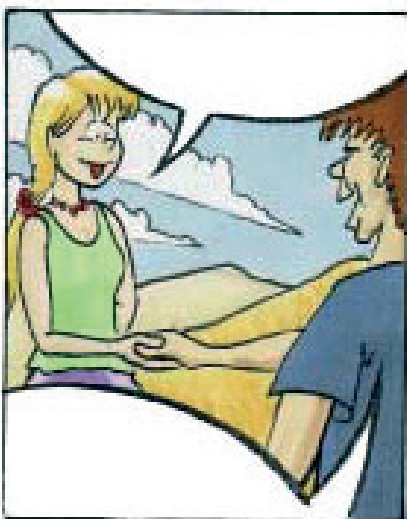
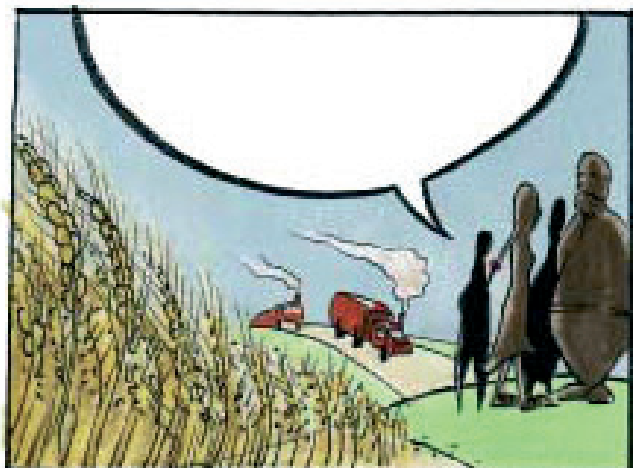
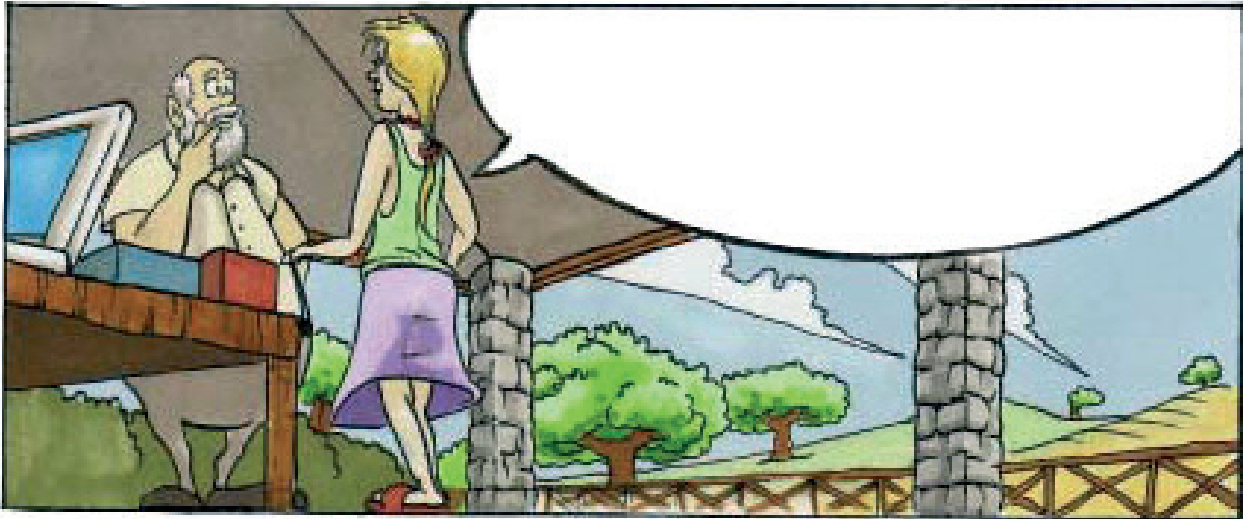


Good, you have contributed to reforestation, just like Gennaro!



4 Adele has been told that in September there is going to be a big demand for wheat.

Write the dialogues in the comic strips



5 Farmers play an important role in producing clean Energy that does not pollute and does not harm the environment.

Paco wants to explain to Foca the meaning of some difficult words so as to better understand the problems of the environment.

Help him by matching the name cards with their respective explanations.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Energy from oil and gas.

AGROENERGY

Variations in the Earth's climate with respect to average values, a phenomenon which is due also to environmental pollution.

BIOMASS

Renewable Energy that is obtained from water, wind, sunlight and biomass.

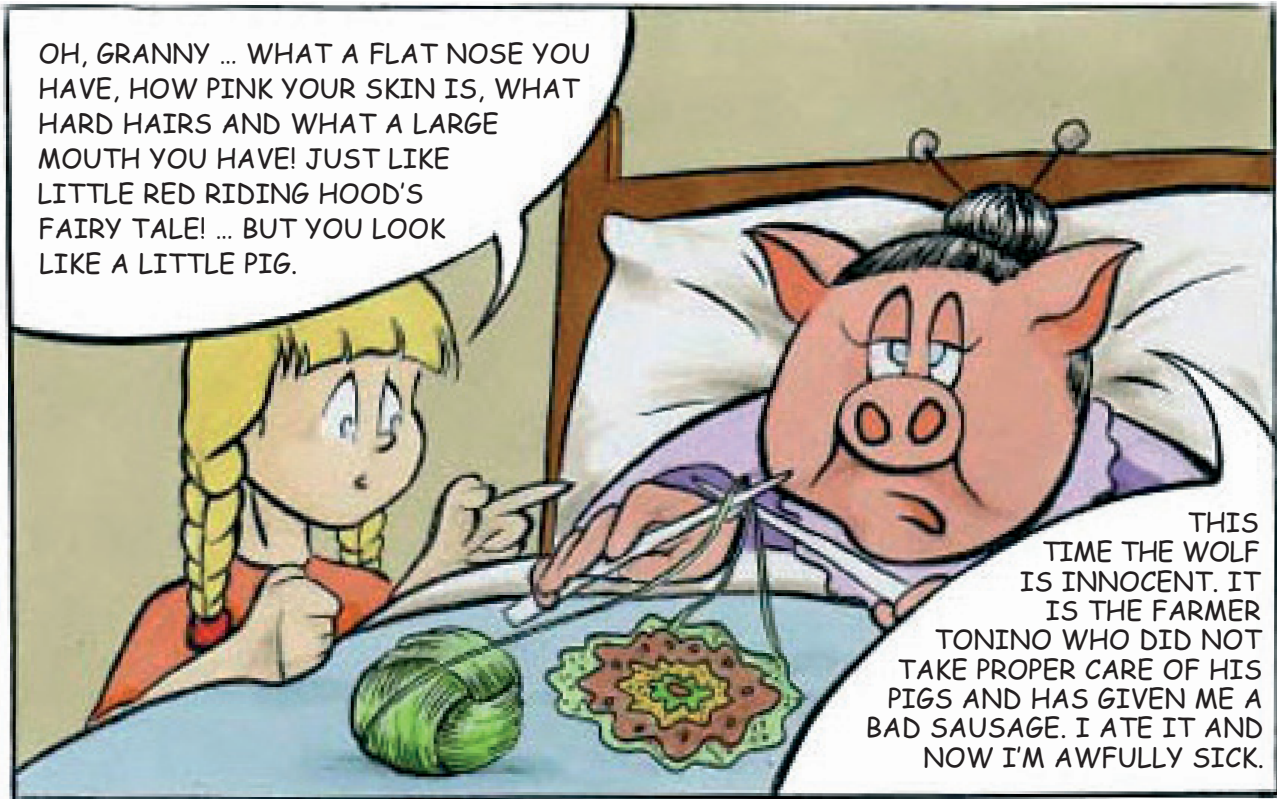
FOSSIL FUELS

Clean Energy obtained from farming residues.

CLIMATE CHANGES

Plant and animal materials, and solid urban waste that are transformed into fuel.

6 The **CAP** reform deals with the health and wellbeing of animals and plants which are instrumental for the health and wellbeing of human beings.



Ginetta is very worried about her grandmother and doesn't want others to get sick, so what does she do?

Carry on from here.

7 Do you remember Tom Thumb who left pebbles in the woods so as to find his way back home? Well, something similar has been done by the EU that, in the process from farm to fork, has set up many control bodies which, like Tom Thumb's pebbles, leave a trace along the processing cycle of a vegetable or animal product.

This control system is very complex. Its name is **traceability**.

Imagine you have to inquire into the quality of a bottle of milk. At what point of the processing cycle do you think controls should be made?

Remember that the integrity of a product depends almost entirely on compliance with the rules of hygiene.



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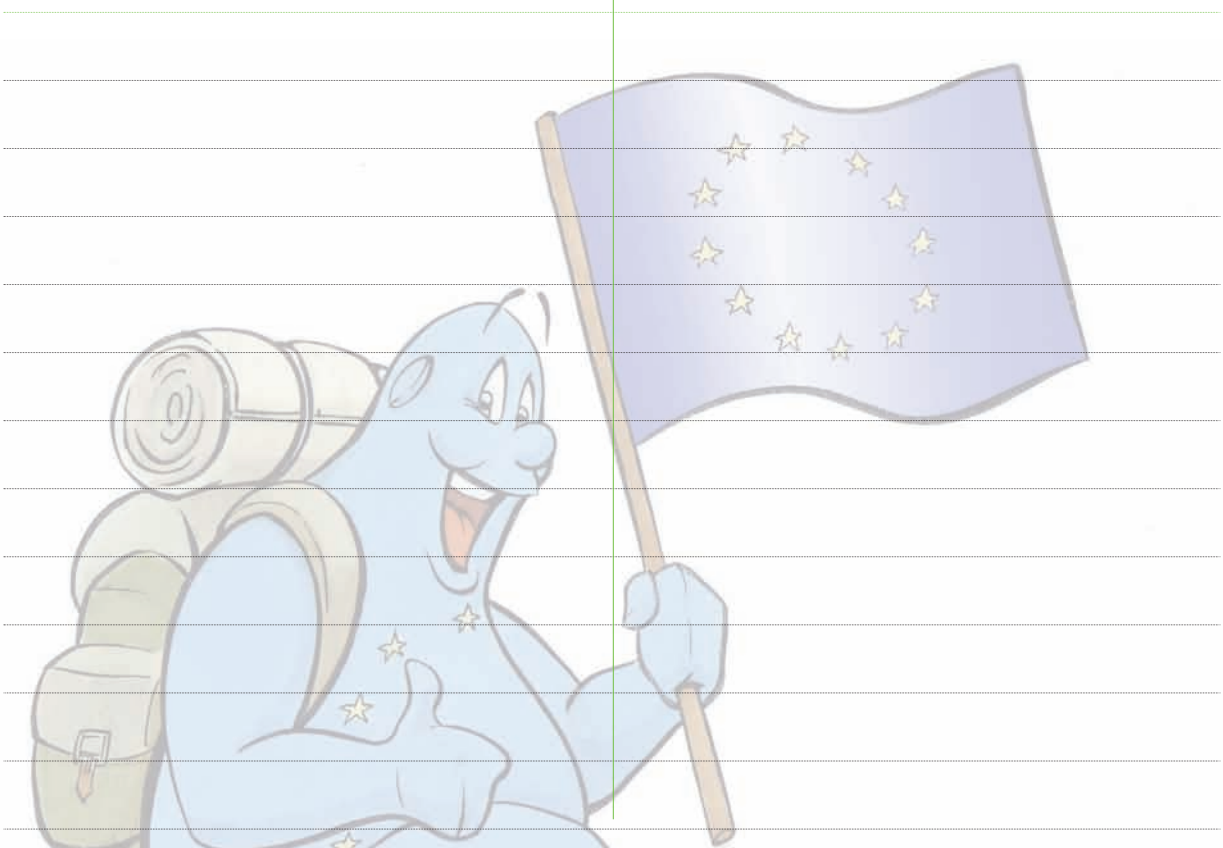
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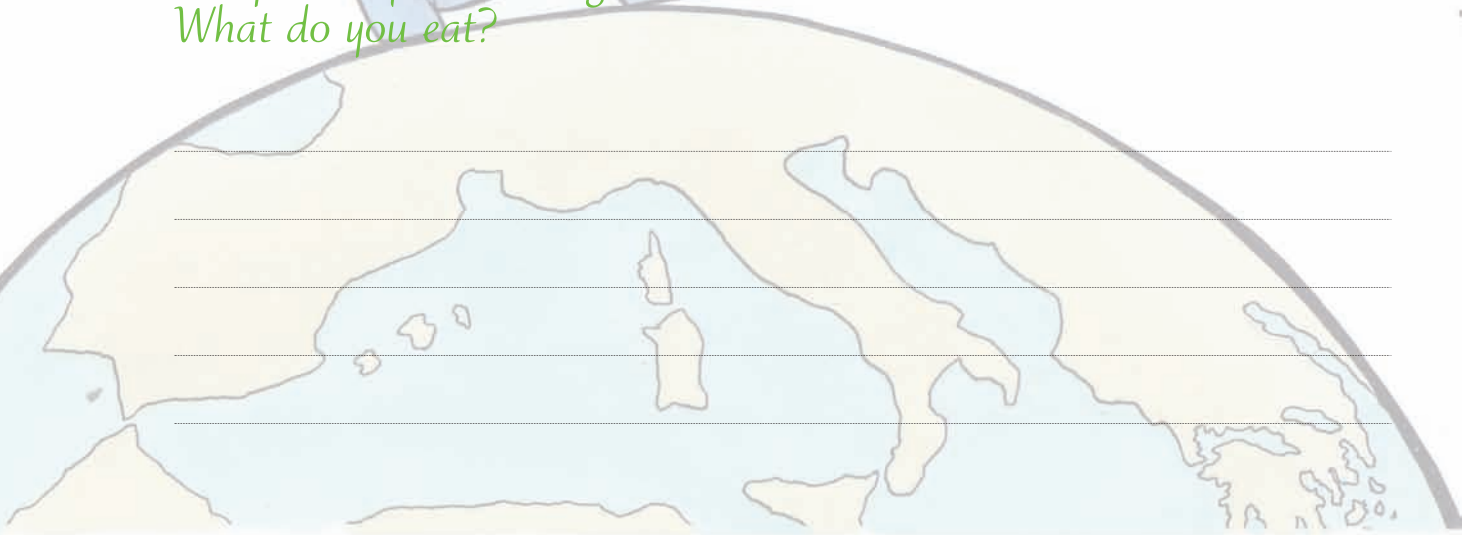
Fresh fruit and vegetables make you healthy and strong.

<i>The fruit I like</i>	<i>The greens and vegetables I like</i>
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The **CAP** promotes the consumption of fruit and vegetables at school, and in other places where children and youngsters eat together, because they contain vitamins that prevent many diseases and because they are not fattening.

*Do you eat fruit and vegetables at school? What about at home?
What do you eat?*



9 Paco doesn't know where to begin his tasting round; all those products are very special and each has its quality assurance mark.

Learn to recognize them. And, enjoy!



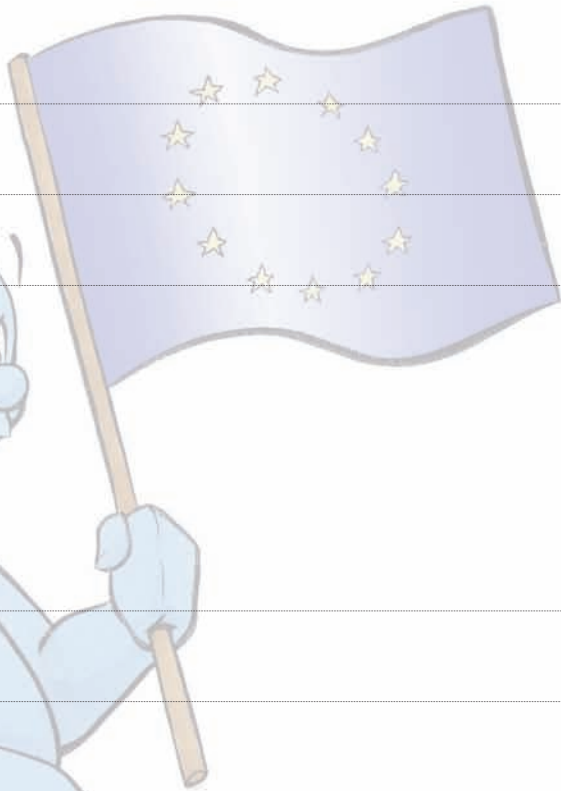
PGI means _____



PDO means _____



TSG means _____



10 *Completa e scoprirai cos'è l'agricoltura biologica.*



Biological farming is a special type of farming that respects the cycle of the and of animal

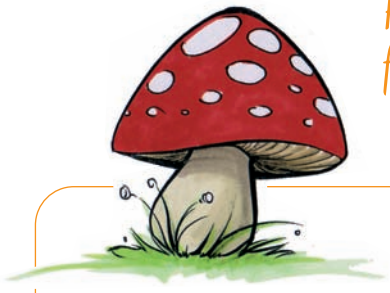
..... farming uses the resources of the soil hence restricting intervention to a minimum.

..... fertilizers are used, like..... Pesticides and fertilisers or antibiotics that make crops grow more or that genetically change the crop are not used (GMO). A biological farmer thus preserves, he respects the balance of the and he irrigates the fields with

He lets his animals freely out in the open and feeds them with fodder.

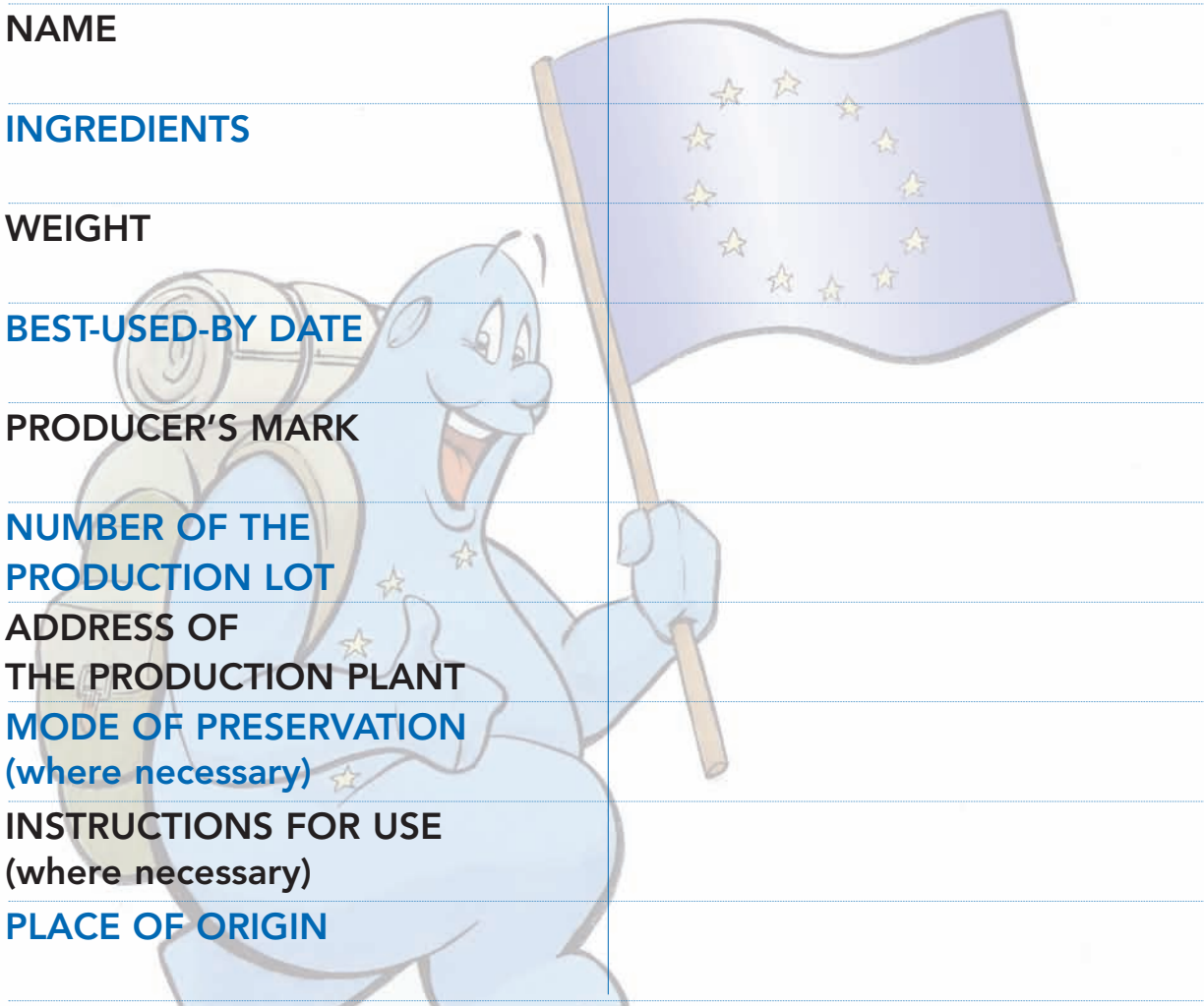
The European Union constantly monitors biological farms and certifies their mark.

Fill this in and you will discover what biological farming is.



11 Paco suggests you always read the information written on the labels of food products.

Get a pack of biscuits and write the label data in the table below:

NAME	
INGREDIENTS	
WEIGHT	
BEST-USED-BY DATE	
PRODUCER'S MARK	
NUMBER OF THE PRODUCTION LOT	
ADDRESS OF THE PRODUCTION PLANT	
MODE OF PRESERVATION (where necessary)	
INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE (where necessary)	
PLACE OF ORIGIN	

By reading the label, people with food allergies can check to see if they can or cannot eat that product. This is very important for their health.

