

7. The following report appeared in a local newspaper:

The chairwoman said to the assembled members of the cucumber growers' association that tough times lay ahead. For centuries the cucumber crop had been the town's pride and joy, but now competition from tomatoes and carrots was growing, and some residents even wanted the town council to replace its venerable cucumber logo. Members would all need to make a big impression with their prize cucumbers at next week's vegetable fair. It was no good thinking that other growers had got better cucumbers. The cucumber competition needed not only winners; it needed to be big. She reminded members that it was always a pleasant day and that there would be the usual tea and cucumber sandwiches. If the cucumber growers were not seen enjoying cucumber sandwiches, who would be?

Write the speech as it was originally delivered, beginning with:

*Tough times lie ahead.*

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