

Reading comprehension

Snack culture



Mmm ... do you fancy a tasty bag of crisps? Or how about a yummy chocolate bar? British people love their snacks. Find out more about some popular British snacks. Don't read if you're hungry!

Snack facts

Young people in Britain eat more snacks than people of the same age in other European countries. A recent survey has discovered that 64 per cent of under-20-year-olds snack between meals. How does this compare with other countries? 58.7 per cent of young people snack in Germany, 53 per cent in France and only 40.7 per cent in Spain.

What are these young Brits eating? Savoury snacks, especially crisps, are the favourite snack in the UK. Snack researchers found that the average person in Britain spends £43 on savoury snacks each year, compared with £12 for the French and only £7 for the Italians. British people are spending a total of about £2.8 billion a year on savoury snacks!

Crisps

What are crisps exactly? They are very thin slices of potato, fried in oil then covered in salt or other salty flavours. British people are mad for crisps and they like them in a huge variety of flavours. Some of the most popular flavours include cheese and onion, salt and vinegar, steak and onion, roast chicken, tomato ketchup, and cheese and bacon.

A crisp-making company held a competition recently to find new exciting flavours for their crisps. The competition was called 'Do us a flavour' and the company received more than a million suggestions for new flavours. The finalists included squirrel flavour and onion bhaji flavour. The winner was builder's breakfast, which tried to replicate the tastes of a full English breakfast including bacon, eggs, sausages and beans. The flavour was suggested by Emma Rushin of Belper, Derbyshire, who won £50,000 and one per cent of future sales of her flavour. You can't find builder's breakfast crisps in the shops now, though – they were discontinued after one year.

1- Read the sentences and decide: True or false?

British people eat fewer snacks than other Europeans.	
Crisps are usually made of potatoes.	
There was a competition in the UK to find new tastes for crisps.	
The winner of the "Do us a flavour" competitions was a squirrel flavour.	
Emma Rushin received money and co-participation in the sales.	

Vocabulary

2 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- In my opinion, the best way to _____ weight is to eat vegetables and exercise regularly.
- If you have skin _____ such as psoriasis, you get white patches of skin all over your body.
- Being in front of the computer for a long time will cause _____.
- I drink this orange juice because it has a lot of _____ C.
- I want to feel fit and _____ and be as active as I can.

Grammar: passive voice

3 Choose the correct option

- This job _____ by my friend everyday.
- This clock _____ in 1785.
- Bronson scores a lot of goals. A lot of goals _____ by Bronson.

- My father wrote this book. It _____ by my father.
- This problem _____ by your brother yesterday.

4 Complete using the verb in passive (simple past or present simple)

When was modern football game started?

For centuries, people had local games where teams competed with a ball, but the rules of our modern game of football ⁽¹⁾ _____ (not write) until 1863 in England. Today this exciting and skilful sport ⁽²⁾ _____ (enjoy) all over the world. Every four years thirty-two countries ⁽³⁾ _____ (allow) to compete in the World Cup. The 2015 World Cup ⁽⁴⁾ _____ (hold) in Brazil, and the matches ⁽⁵⁾ _____ (watch) by a TV audience of over thirty billion people. The sport ⁽⁶⁾ _____ (not play) only by men. Women's football is quickly becoming more popular. The first Women's World Cup took place in 1991 in China, where the competition ⁽⁷⁾ _____ (win) by a team from the United States.

