

GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

Margarine

Napoleon III of France was (0) A for the invention of the butter substitute known as margarine. He was looking for a cheap (1) ___ to butter for the poorer people of society, and for his army and navy. So he (2) ___ up a prize competition to see who would (3) ___ up with the best solution.

There was only one (4) ___ into this competition, from a man called Mèges-Mouriès. He had (5) ___ over two years experimenting, and finally found an acceptable butter substitute made from milk and various animal fats. It tasted quite pleasant, and spread well on bread, but it was (6) ___ white. (7) ___ its colour, Mèges-Mouriès invention was awarded the prize. Yellow colouring was added to it at a (8) ___ date.

Margarine soon went into mass (9) ___ and was exported all over the world. In Britain it was called 'Butterine', until protests from farmers (10) ___ to that name being made illegal. Farmers in America were not happy (11) ___ the new arrival on the market either. They (12) ___ to the yellow colouring, saying that it made it resemble butter so (13) ___ that it could deceive consumers.

In effect, Napoleon III's competition is still going on. The ultimate (14) ___ of every margarine manufacturer is to produce a product that is (15) ___ to distinguish from butter. And they keep trying.

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| 0 | A responsible | B original | C fundamental | D vital |
| 1 | A option | B replacement | C alternative | D choice |
| 2 | A set | B took | C gave | D put |
| 3 | A make | B bring | C go | D come |
| 4 | A competitor | B player | C attempt | D entry |
| 5 | A used | B spent | C tried | D made |
| 6 | A clear | B pure | C true | D perfect |
| 7 | A Despite | B Although | C However | D Nevertheless |
| 8 | A further | B longer | C later | D farther |
| 9 | A production | B creation | C industry | D construction |
| 10 | A changed | B ended | C brought | D led |
| 11 | A over | B about | C at | D for |
| 12 | A protested | B objected | C disagreed | D argued |
| 13 | A justly | B nearly | C rightly | D closely |
| 14 | A end | B score | C goal | D finish |
| 15 | A impractical | B unable | C impossible | D incapable |