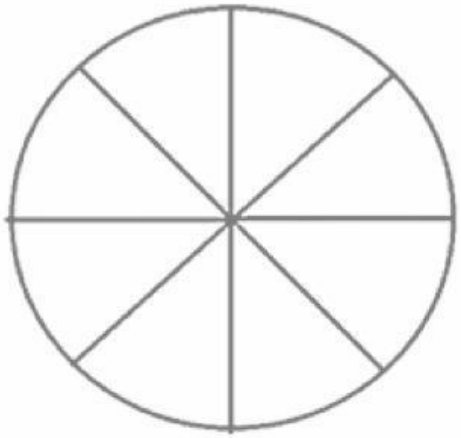
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PIZZA FOR 6 YEARS

1 Warmer

a. What are your favourite pizza toppings? Draw your ideal pizza in the space below. You can use as many toppings as you'd like.



2 Key words

a. Match the words in the box to their definitions. Then, find and highlight them in the text to read them in context.

assumed	char	chewy	coal	convention
crispy	crust	ease	fix	go amiss
leftovers	metabolism	plain	streak	supportive

1. the tough outer part of a pizza _____
2. simple; not elaborate _____
3. something that is perceived as wrong _____
4. not requiring a big effort to do _____
5. food that has not been eaten at the end of a meal _____
6. showing empathy and encouragement _____
7. an amount of something that a person needs _____
8. conference _____
9. pleasantly hard and dry _____
10. requiring a lot of chewing before being swallowed _____
11. a hard, black combustible mineral substance widely used as a fuel or for cooking _____
12. cooked until it is blackened and slightly burnt, often adding a desirable smoky flavour _____
13. supposed to be the case, without proof _____
14. the chemical processes in one's body that transform food into energy _____
15. period of time in which an event happens repeatedly or continues to happen _____

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3. Seven sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A-K the one which fits each gap

There is nothing I like more in this world than pizza. I grew up in the early 90s in Connecticut, where my dad owned a pizzeria called Kenny V's until I was three. I still have his old restaurant sign in my garage.

For the last six years, I've eaten pizza every single day. Sometimes it might just be a slice, but most days I will get through a whole one. My favourite is a classic American deep-pan pepperoni. I also love tomato and cheese on a nice thick crust, so a plain margherita will never go amiss.

I used to work for a company that looks after heating and cooling systems. My colleague and I would be on the road all day, and the quickest thing for me to grab to eat was a pizza. One day, he said: "I bet you couldn't eat it every day for a week." I rose to the challenge with ease. 1. _____ By the end, I felt I could go for longer.

I set up a social media account to document my progress, and six years on, I'm still going strong. I love comparing versions of the same flavour by different chefs, and trying new flavours. Peanut butter and bacon, and beefaroni and caviar are some of the wildest combinations I've had, though they made me realise that I prefer to keep my pizza simple. 2. _____

I'll keep up my habit during the holidays, even when businesses are closed. On Thanksgiving, I'll drive to the casino to get a slice, and will buy enough pizzas on Christmas Eve so that there are leftovers for Christmas Day. 3. _____

My wife is very supportive and often brings slices home. Last year, I spent 16 days in Italy exploring Rome, Naples and the Amalfi coast with her and our daughter. I ate pizza there, too, of course. 4. _____ I usually try to get my fix during lunch breaks, so I can have the same meal as them in the evening. But I've always got room for leftover slices after dinner.

Just over a year ago, a pizza-box company saw my Instagram and asked if I'd be interested in working for them. I left my job to sell boxes to pizza stores full-time. It's the perfect job for me, as I can travel and try pizzas from all over the country. This spring, I had pizza in 10 different US states. 5. _____ My favourite crust is the thick, crispy and chewy style from New Haven, Connecticut. The city has the best pizza I've ever tried. I love eating at a place called Sally's Apizza, which has been open since 1938. The sauce is like nothing I've ever had, and the coal-fired oven puts the perfect char on the crust.

I love hearing people's stories about why they opened a pizzeria – often the business has been passed down from their parents. People are surprised to discover that I'm not interested in opening up my own (my dad's has closed down). 6. _____. I wouldn't want to be away from my family for that long.

I've only recently started showing my face on my Instagram. I used to only post pictures and videos of the pizzas I was eating. I'm quite shy and was keen for the page to just be about the food, but I think people connect more when they see the person behind the account. Everyone assumed I was a big guy, but I'm actually pretty skinny. I guess I can thank my metabolism for that. 7. _____. I appreciate people worrying, though, because it means they care.

A. When I was three, my dad sold the pizzeria and moved on to other ventures.
B. During holidays, I try to vary my meals a bit, but pizza is always a staple.
C. After I won the original one, my friend raised the bet to one month.
D. I'm confident in stating that pineapple definitely doesn't go on this kind of food.
E. I had to explain that while I love pizza, I actually enjoy cooking other things too.
F. On our wedding day, my wife and I ordered some for guests at the end of the evening.
G. My family does get tired of it though.
H. I also went to Las Vegas for a pizza convention this year and sampled flavors from around the world.
I. In Italy, I noticed the taste of pizza is even more authentic than I'd imagined.
J. Sometimes people will get in touch with concerns about the healthiness of my habit, but I'm fit and healthy
K. I see how hard these business owners work

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