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Read the following text carefully:

FAST FOOD

Doctors may tell you that junk food is bad for your health but McDonald's, Burger King or Pizza Hut can prove that young people don't listen to that advice...

How did the hamburger become the most popular, most typical American food?

The hamburger has no connection with ham. It got its name from the German town of Hamburg, which was famous for its ground steak. German immigrants to the United States introduced the 'hamburger steak'. Then, the introduction of the bun was an important part of the answer. Another important part is McDonald's, one of the world's most famous fast food restaurants.

You can find them in Japan, Germany, Panama, Guatemala, Australia, Portugal, Hong Kong and even Moscow. In fact, there are 13,000 in 120 countries. There's even a floating McDonald's in St. Louis, Mississippi, and another in Alaska. The first McDonald's was opened in Des Plaines, Illinois, and is now a museum.

What makes American fast food so popular?

Lee Cho, a South Korean, says: "I often go to MacDonald's. It's clean, less expensive than other restaurants and saves time."

Natalia Petrovna, a girl from Moscow, says "I find the hamburgers very tasty and the sundaes with caramel sauce are out of this world"

Karen Smith, from Frankfurt: "MacDonald's is our favourite meeting point. We can sit there and talk for hours in a friendly atmosphere. There are lots of young people around. The food is cheap and the milkshakes...yum..."

Older people are very critical of this sort of food. Lots of young people in the USA are overweight and parents blame these high-calorie foods that their children gobble up in large quantities.

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A. Say if the following sentences are true (T) or false (F). Correct the false ones.

1. The hamburger is originally American.

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2. The hamburger got its name from the word "ham".

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3. The first McDonald's opened in the American state of Florida.

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4. People can eat hamburgers everywhere around the world.

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5. Parents don't approve of fast food because their children don't like it.

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