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But people in Europe did not like this strange vegetable. Some people thought that if you ate potatoes, your skin would look like the skin of a potato. Other people could not believe that you ate the underground part of the plant, so they ate the leaves **instead**. This made them sick because there is **poison** in the leaves. Others grew potatoes for their flowers. At one time in France, potato flowers were one of the most expensive flowers. Marie Antoinette, the wife of King Louis XVI, wore potato flowers in her hair.

4: What does ***"this strange vegetable"*** (paragraph 2 line 4) refer to?

A:

5: What does ***"they"*** (paragraph 2 line 6) refer to?

A:

6: What does ***"this"*** (paragraph 2 line 7) refer to?

A:

7: What does ***"them"*** (paragraph 2 line 7) refer to?

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8: What does ***"others"*** (paragraph 2 line 7) refer to?

A:

Read paragraph 2 and answer the question below.

9: Why were potatoes not always popular in the past?

A :

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3 Around 1780, the people of Ireland started to eat potatoes. They found that potatoes had many **advantages**. The potato grew on poor land, and it grew well in their cold and rainy climate. It gave more food than any other plant, and it needed little work. All farmers had to do was to plant the potatoes, and then they could do other work on the farm. On a small piece of land, a farmer could grow enough potatoes to feed his family. A person could eat 8 to 10 pounds (3.62 to 4.53 kilograms) of potatoes a day, with some milk or cheese, and be very healthy. Soon, potatoes became the main food in Ireland. Then, in 1845, a **disease** killed all the potatoes in Ireland. Two million people died of hunger.[1] Many Irish who did not die came to the United States at this time. Over a million Irish came to America; one of them was the great-grandfather of John F. Kennedy.

Read paragraph 3 and answer the question below.

10: Why did Irish eat potatoes as the main food?

A:

4 In other parts of Europe, people did not want to change their old food habits. Some preferred to die of hunger rather than eat potatoes. In 1774, King Frederick of Germany wanted to stop his people from dying of hunger. He understood that potatoes were a good food, so he told the people to plant and eat potatoes or else his men would cut off their noses. The people were not happy, but they had no choice, and so they started to eat potatoes. Today, people in Germany eat more potatoes than people in any other nation. Each person eats about 250 pounds (113 kilograms) of potatoes every year!

5 Today, many countries have their own potato **dishes**. Germans eat potato salad, and the United States has the **baked** potato. And, of course, the French **invented** french fries. Now french fries are popular all over the world. The English eat them with salt and vinegar, the French eat them with salt and pepper, the Belgians eat them with mayonnaise, and the Americans eat them with ketchup.

Read paragraph 4-5 and answer the question below.

11: Why are potatoes very popular today?

A:

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