Reading

1. **Read the text about pizzas. Choose the cities and countries in the text.**

New York	Tokyo	Naples	the UK	
Milan	Italy	Colombia	the USA	Japan

2. **Complete the definitions with the words in *bold italics* from the text.**

1. A _____ is a kind of sea animal.

2. Pieces of pizza, cake or bread are_____ .

3. _____are small plants that you put in food and you can eat.

4. If I need_____ two things, I need two things or more.

5. We say there are many_____ of pizzas when there are many different pizzas.

6. A _____ is food on a pizza.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT PIZZA?

Pizza is a delicious food you can eat all over the world. Here are some pizza facts.

- Pizza comes from Naples in southern Italy and is ***at least*** 200 years old. The Margherita pizza, with a ***topping*** of tomato, mozzarella cheese and ***herbs,*** is red, white and green - the same colours as the Italian flag!
- The first pizzeria in the United States, Lombardi's in Manhattan, New York, is 110 years old. Now there are 61,269 pizzerias in the USA.
- Pizza is a very popular takeaway food in the USA. 94% of Americans eat pizza regularly - and they buy three billion pizzas every year! That's 350 ***slices*** of pizza every second!
- A popular pizza topping in Japan is ***squid*** and a popular topping in Colombia is avocado.
- A lot of men like meat toppings and women eat more vegetables. Chicken is the most popular meat topping for a pizza.
- There are a lot of ***varieties,*** so you can always find a topping you like. What's your favourite?







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3. **Read the text again and answer the questions.**

1.How old is pizza in Naples?
At least 200 years old.

2.What is the topping of a Margherita pizza?
_____.

3.What colour is the Italian flag?
_____.

4.Where is the first pizzeria in the USA?
_____.

5.How many pizzerias are there in the USA now?
_____.

6.How many Americans don't eat pizza regularly?
_____.

7.How many slices of pizza do people in the USA eat every second?
_____.

8.What is a popular pizza topping in Colombia?
_____.

4. Read the information in the text again. Are these sentences TRUE or FALSE?

1	We know where pizzas come from.	TRUE	FALSE
2	The Margherita pizza has tomato, meat and herbs on it.	TRUE	FALSE
3	Lombardi's pizzeria is in New York.	TRUE	FALSE
4	Americans like pizzas and they eat a lot of it.	TRUE	FALSE
5	People in different countries like different kinds of pizzas.	TRUE	FALSE

5. Why is pizza popular? Find ideas in the text and write your own ideas.

!!! READING TIP

You do not need to understand every word in a text. It is more important to understand the main message in the reading.

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