

Spotlight 8. Module 2

Name _____

1 Reading

Read the text and mark the sentences 1-7 T (true), F (false) or DS (doesn't say).

Fast Food

When people all over the world are looking for a quick, easy meal, fast food is the most common choice. With good service, low prices and a relaxed atmosphere, fast food looks like the ideal choice. In fact, over 25 per cent of Europeans eat fast food every day. Fries and hamburgers are sold everywhere: in big cities, small towns, shopping malls, airports, bus stations, schools, and even hospitals!

However, fast food companies make clients eat more. They offer over-sized burgers, extra-large French fries, and big portions of Coke. What's more, these "large versions" are usually cheaper. The products have lots of calories, sugar and fat. A typical hamburger at a fast food restaurant weighs 170 grams. In 1957, it was just 50 grams. According to scientists, your fast food meal is like three ordinary meals.

Fast food doesn't spoil. This is because it has lots of "special" ingredients. There's a video on YouTube that illustrates this. It is based on a true story. In 1991, an engineer from the USA, Tom Scarvell, met with friends for New Year's Eve. They stopped at McDonald's on the way home. He bought some cheeseburgers, ate one and put the other in his coat pocket. Then he forgot about it. A year later, he took the coat out of the wardrobe, put it on and discovered the cheeseburger in his pocket from New Year's Eve. It looked exactly the same. He was absolutely shocked. He told his friends and family but nobody believed him. So he decided to start a "burger museum" to show everyone that these cheeseburgers and hamburgers don't decompose.

He started collecting burgers, one every year. He kept them on bookshelves in his living room in the open air. These burgers looked exactly the same, the bun, the meat,

the cheese, the special sauce, the cucumber, even the lettuce. They all kept their shape and colour for over five years!

It is surprising that although most people don't think that fast food is the best choice they can't stop going to fast food restaurants, like McDonald's. The chain has healthy dishes on the menu, such as fruit and vegetables. Why not order them? But you don't go to McDonald's for a green salad or a yoghurt! The unhealthy hamburgers, French fries and milkshakes are more common and attractive and to many people they are tastier than low calorie dishes.

There is no problem with eating fast food from time to time. If you really are dreaming about a hamburger, go and get it. But if you're having a stressful day, remember that lunch in a fast food restaurant is not a good choice. Doctors strongly recommend avoiding all fast food and takeaways these days. You can occasionally allow yourself a fast food meal. However, if you are eating it more than once a week, think of giving up.

Fast food should play a small role in your life. If you don't have a way out, have a fast food meal in one of McDonald's restaurants but choose the healthier dishes. You should be aware of what you eat and try to develop healthy eating habits.

1. Fast food is more popular with people in their 30s than with modern teenagers.
2. Nowadays fast food portions are getting smaller.
3. Tom Scarvell kept his collection of burgers in a large fridge.
4. Burgers from Tom Scarvell's collection looked the same for years.
5. It's possible to find some healthy food in McDonald's.
6. Fast food dishes can help when you feel stressed out.
7. McDonald's is cheaper than other fast food restaurants.

2. Fill in the gaps with *a*, *an* or *the* if necessary.

1. There was ____ knock on ____ door. I opened it and found ____ small dark man in ____ blue coat and ____ woolen cap.
2. Peter thinks that this is quite ____ cheap restaurant.
3. He first went to ____ Red Sea in ____ Swedish ship, so as well as learning ____ navigation he had to learn ____ Swedish language.
4. Emma dreams of going to China and see ____ Great Wall.
5. John works for ____ IBM. He used to work for ____ BP.

3. Complete the sentences with the correct form in brackets. Use Present Perfect or Present Perfect Continuous.

1. I _____ (already run) 10 kilometres, but I still have 5 kilometres to go.
2. She _____ (stand) in the queue since the morning.
3. Why _____ (they / not / clean) their face?
4. Look, he _____ (stand) at the railway station for ages!
5. You _____ (buy) a new car.

4. Choose suitable form of the verbs. In some cases both answers are correct.

1. She's *been knowing* / *known* her best friend for 5 years.
2. You've *seen* / *been seeing* me for a quite a long time.
3. He's *been forgetting* / *forgotten* to take his umbrella.
4. My eyes are so red because I've *been sitting* / *sat* in front of the computer all day.
5. They've *lived* / *been living* in Paris since they were born.
6. How long has he *worked* / *been working* in the same company?