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Tasty Mistakes



Read the text and match 11-16 to (A-H). There are 2 extra options you don't need to use.

11_____ Crêpes

Crêpes come from Brittany, a region in northwest France. The first crêpe was created by accident when thin porridge spilled onto a hot cooking stone. The mixture cooked quickly and formed a thin, soft pancake. People discovered it was delicious and started making it on purpose. Crêpes are now a traditional French dish, often served during holidays like Candlemas. Although crêpes are widely seen as a sweet dish today, the earliest versions were savory and made from buckwheat flour. Sweet crêpes using white flour only became popular after white flour became more accessible in the 20th century.

12_____ Tea

Tea was first discovered in China around 2737 BC. According to historical accounts, Chinese Emperor Shen Nong was boiling water when leaves from a nearby tea plant accidentally fell into the pot. The emperor tried the drink and enjoyed its taste. Tea soon became popular for its calming and health-giving properties. While China is credited with the origin of tea, tea culture developed independently in Japan and India. The British role in expanding tea consumption globally was closely tied to colonial trade, which influenced international relations.

13_____Potato Chips

Potato chips were invented in Saratoga Springs, New York, in 1853. A chef named George Crum created them after a customer kept returning his fried potatoes, saying they were too thick. Crum sliced the potatoes very thin, fried them until they were crispy, and added salt. The customer liked them, and they quickly became a popular item. Potato chips are now a global snack, made in many flavors and styles.

14_____ Jerky

Jerky is dried meat that was originally made as a way to preserve food without refrigeration. Indigenous people in the Americas, like the Quechua and Native North American tribes, developed methods for cutting meat into thin strips, salting it, and drying it in the sun or over smoke. This kept the meat edible for long periods. Today, jerky is still used as a high-protein snack, often made from beef, turkey, or game meat.

15_____ Chocolate Chip Cookies

Chocolate chip cookies were invented in the 1930s by Ruth Wakefield, the owner of the Toll House Inn in Massachusetts, USA. She was baking butter cookies when she ran out of baker's chocolate. Instead, she broke a bar of Nestlé chocolate into small pieces and added them to the dough, expecting them to melt. But the chocolate pieces stayed solid and soft, creating a brand-new texture and taste. The cookies became very popular, and Nestlé later made a deal with Ruth to print her recipe on their chocolate packaging. In return, she received a lifetime supply of chocolate.

16 _____ Coca-Cola

Coca-Cola was invented in 1886 by Dr. John Stith Pemberton, a pharmacist in Atlanta, Georgia. He originally created it as a medicinal drink to treat headaches and fatigue. The original formula included coca leaf extract and kola nut, both natural stimulants. A local soda fountain accidentally mixed the syrup with carbonated water, creating a refreshing fizzy drink. Coca-Cola was later marketed as a soft drink and became a global brand. Coca-Cola's original formula contained a small amount of cocaine from coca leaf extract, which was legal at the time. It was removed by 1929 due to public health concerns and legal changes, though the brand name remained unchanged.

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Which food/drink:

A *was banned in several countries due to containing a drug?*

B *evolved as a specific ingredient became more available?*

C *was created in response to a guest's complaint?*

D *started as a local discovery and later became popular worldwide?*

E *was designed as a remedy for physical tiredness?*

F *led to a major business deal for its inventor?*

G *originated in Great Britain as a savory meal?*

H *is a protein source designed to last in hot conditions?*