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THE INVENTION OF POPSICLE



Eleven-year-olds should be playing video games and making silly jokes. Eleven-year-olds shouldn't be revolutionizing our summer snacking. Frank Epperson, however, wasn't a typical kid. In 1905 he accidentally invented everyone's favorite frozen summer **snack**[1], the Popsicle.

Iced treats are nothing new. A millennium ago, Cleopatra supposedly served Mark Antony a semi-frozen slushy and Nero dispatched slaves to get snow from nearby mountains simply to make a sorbet-like **dessert**[2]. Along with silk, Marco Polo brought back **recipes**[3] for frozen desserts from the Far East. Frank Epperson though did something that no one **had thought** of before him—he put a **stick**[4] in it.

In 1905, eleven-year-old Frank Epperson of Oakland, California **was playing** with a wooden stick, a glass filled with water and powdered soda mix. Later that day, he was called in for dinner, but accidentally left the liquid-filled glass **outside**[5] for the evening. It **got** atypically cold (the temperature was only that cold three times in 1905) that evening and when Epperson returned to the glass in the morning, he found the mixture frozen and the wooden stick stuck inside. Licking his way through the delicious treat, even at a young age, Frank Epperson knew what he had just done. He had made frozen refreshment portable.

1. Match the words **in boldface** on the text to their definitions**.** Use the context to help.

a. A usually sweet dish eaten after meals._____
b. Food eaten between meals._____
c. External._____
d. A woody piece._____
e. A formula or instructions to prepare something._____

2. According to the text:

a. Frank Epperson was the first person to freeze a dessert.
b. Frank Epperson was the first person to use a stick in a frozen drink.
c. Frank Epperson had prepared desserts before.
d. It was commonly cold in Oakland.
e. Frank's parents discovered his invention in the next morning

3. How was the Popsicle invented?

a. Frank was experimenting different recipes.
b. Frank was playing with water, a stick and soda mix and forgot the mix outside his home.
c. Cleopatra had invented it centuries ago.
d. Marco Polo had found recipes of Popsicle in the East.
e. Frank accidentally invented it while playing with friends.

4. On the lines 7, 8 and 10, the verbs "had thought", "was playing" and "got" in what tenses?

a. Past Perfect - Present Continuous- Simple Past
b. Future Perfect- Past Continuous- Simple Present
c. Past Perfect- Past Continuous – Simple Past
d. Present Perfect- Present Continuous- Simple Present

5. Use the Simple Past or Past Perfect to fill in the following sentences.

Frank's parents *had called* before he _____ the drink outside.

a. was forgetting
b. is forgetting
c. forgot
d. forgets

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e. will be forgetting

The drink_____before Frank found it on the next day.

a. will be freezing
b. was freezing
c. is freezing
d. had frozen
e. freezes

6. Fill in the sentences bellow using *"a little", "little", "a few" or "few"*.

a. We have _____ ideas for this project. They are great!
b. There is _____ space in this room. I can't walk.
c. I cannot be a teacher. I have _____patience.
d. Can you give that plant _____ water?
e. _____ houses have central heating here. It is not so common.

7. Fill in the text bellow using *"a little", "little", "a few" or "few"*.

With _____ patient, anything can be possible. Lucy had always had the dream of travelling around the world, but she had _____ money. It was not sufficient to make this dream come true. Therefore, one day, she had the fantastic idea of selling cupcakes. It was simple to bake them as she needed _____ ingredients and she had _____of them in her home. In the beginning, _____ people bought her cupcakes; however, they became famous on Instagram. Nowadays, her products are sold in many cities and she could finally travel abroad.

8. Read the sentences and number them 1, 2, 3 or 4 according to its idea.

1- Demonstrative Pronoun - in Portuguese "*aquilo*".
2- Conjunction (joining sentences), can be omitted.
3- Relative Pronoun (giving more info).
4- "Not very"

a. _____ The popsicle invention was not **that** important.
b. _____ **That** stick inside the glass was decisive for the invention.
c. _____ Frank was excited about the dessert **that** he had invented.
d. _____Frank Epperson is the boy **that** invented the Popsicle.
e. _____ This the woman **that** helped me finish the project.

9. Read the sentences bellow and choose the correct answer.

I. Frank's parents called him in for dinner, and ***so*** he forgot the glass outside.
II. That day was ***so*** cold that it froze the liquid in the glass.

a. In both sentences **so** carries an idea of *intensity*.
b. In both sentences **so** carries an idea of *opposition*.
c. In the second sentence **so** carries an idea of *conclusion* and in the first and idea of *intensity*.
d. In the second sentence **so** carries an idea of *conclusion*.
e. In the first sentence **so** carries an idea of *conclusion* and in the second an idea of *intensity*.

10. On the line 17, the word "accidentally" is formed by:

a. Suffix meaning an occupation.
b. Prefix meaning a manner.
c. Suffix meaning an ideology.
d. Suffix meaning an activity.

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