

Potatoes



Potatoes came to us from Central and Southern America. When Spaniards came to America, they wondered that Indian tribes ate strange things like apples. Sailors brought them to Europe in the 16th century. First people tried to eat potatoes rare: they made salads of potato leaves but nobody liked the dishes. And people forgot potatoes.

Francis Drake, a well-known English sailor and traveler brought potatoes to Europe again at the end of the 16th century. In many European countries people tried to use potatoes again. In France, rich people liked white potato flowers, in Germany rich people liked the smell of potato flowers, in Poland people thought potatoes were herbs.

But poor people liked potatoes best of all. They called potatoes the second bread. In German town of Offenburg, there is a monument to Francis Drake with the following writing: "To Sir Francis Drake who spread potatoes in Europe 1580."

Some people in many countries like potatoes very much and cook many dishes of it. There are many sorts of potatoes in the world. In Ukraine, we prefer pink potatoes; in Germany and Poland, people prefer yellow potatoes. In England and the USA people like white potatoes. People do not only eat potatoes.

They can make many things from them.

Answer the questions

1. What came to us from America?
 - a) tomatoes
 - b) carrots
 - c) potatoes
2. Who brought potatoes to Europe?
 - a) drivers
 - b) sailors
 - c) doctors
3. What did people do with potatoes first?
 - a) They made salads of potato leaves
 - b) They fried potatoes
 - c) They made potato cakes
4. Who liked potatoes best of all?
 - a) rich people
 - b) poor people
 - c) small children
5. Where is a monument to Francis Drake situated?
 - a) In France
 - b) In Poland
 - c) In Germany
6. What potatoes do Ukrainian people like?
 - a) yellow potatoes
 - b) white potatoes
 - c) pink potatoes

Read and write True(T)/ False(F)

1. Spaniards thought that Indian tribes ate things like pears.
2. People made salads of potatoes leaves.
3. In France rich people like white potato flowers.
4. In Poland people thought potatoes were tasty.
5. There are many sorts of potatoes in the world.
6. In Ukraine people like purple potatoes.

Put sentences in the correct order

- a. In France, rich people liked white potato flowers.
- b. People can make many things from potatoes.
- c. Poor people were crazy about potatoes.
- d. Potatoes came to us from America.
- e. In Germany, wealthy people enjoyed the smell of potato flowers.
- f. First people didn't like potatoes.
- g. There are many sorts of potatoes in the world.
- h. In Poland, people thought potatoes were herbs.
- i. An English sailor brought potatoes to Europe at the end of the 16th century.
- j. There is a monument to a famous traveler in Germany.

Complete the sentences with the word from the box

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- 1. Potatoes _____ to us from America.
- 2. First people _____ to eat potatoes rare.
- 3. A sailor _____ potatoes to Europe again.
- 4. In Poland people _____ potatoes were herbs.
- 5. Poor people _____ potatoes the second bread.
- 6. In France rich people _____ white potato flowers.

Match words with pictures

dishes leaves smell tribes monument sailors potatoes herbs



Complete the sentences with the word

potatoes dishes herbal leaves smell tribes sailor monument

1. Ancient _____ believed time travel was possible.
2. The _____ told of his adventures on the sea.
3. I like the _____ of fresh bread.
4. I'd like to drink some _____ tea.
5. There is a beautiful _____ in the centre of the city.
6. Farmers grow _____ in their field.
7. The _____ turn red and yellow in autumn.
8. Her job is to wash the _____.

