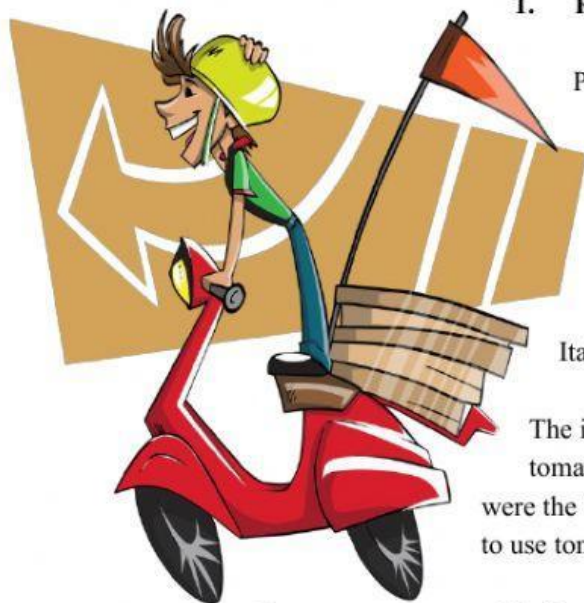


PIZZA

1. Read the article.



Pizza is the world's favorite fast food. We eat it everywhere – at home, in restaurants, on street corners. Some three billion pizzas are sold each year in the United States alone, an average of 46 slices per person.

First “pizzas” were baked on flat stones. These were large pieces of bread were called focaccia bread. Focaccia is still popular in Italy as an appetizer or snack. This snack is easy to make.

The innovation came when Europeans came to America and discovered tomatoes which they then took back to Europe. The people of Naples were the first to put tomatoes on focaccia bread. At first, people did not want to use tomatoes because they thought this vegetable was poisonous!

The world's first pizzeria in Port' Alba opened in 1830, but it was established in 1738. According to documents discovered by historian Antonio Mattozzi, in 1807 54 pizzerias existed. The first pizza delivery was in 1889 when an Italian restaurant owner was asked to create a special dish for the special guest - Queen Margherita. He wanted to use the colors of the Italian flag so he added tomatoes (red), mozzarella cheese (white), and basil (green) to focaccia bread.

In 1905, Gennaro Lombardi opened the first American pizzeria in New York City and it is still there today. Today, pizza is one of the most popular and delicious foods in the world!

2. Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a-g next to the numbers 1-7.

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| 1. fast food | a. a place where two streets meet |
| 2. corner | b. very harmful and able to cause illness or death |
| 3.appetizer | c. a herb with a sweet smell that is used to add flavour in cooking |
| 4. discover | d. the act of taking letters, parcels to people's houses |
| 5. poisonous | e. a small amount of food eaten before a meal |
| 6. delivery | f. to find information, a place, or an object |
| 7. basil | g. hot food that is quick to cook or is already cooked |

(Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_pizza)

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3. Are the sentences true or false?

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| 1. Some five billion pizzas are sold each year in the United States. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2. First “pizzas” were called focaccia bread. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3. Focaccia is still popular in Italy as a main course. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4. The people of Naples were the first to put basil on focaccia bread. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5. At first, people thought that tomato was poisonous. | ☐ | ☐ |

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| 6. The world's first pizzeria in Port' Alba opened in 1840. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 7. The first pizza delivery was in 1889. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 8. A Dutch restaurant owner was asked to create a special dish for the special guest. | ☐ | ☐ |

4. Answer the following questions:

1. Which is the world's favourite fast food?
 - a. bread
 - b. pizza
 - c. basil

2. How many pizzas are sold each year in the USA?
 - a. three billions
 - b. a million
 - c. a thousand

3. Where were the "first pizzas" baked?
 - a. in an oven
 - b. on flat stones
 - c. on a cooker

4. Who were the first who put tomatoes on focaccia bread?
 - a. Italian people
 - b. people of Naples
 - c. Gennaro Lombardi

5. Who opened the first American pizzeria in New York City?
 - a. Antonio Mattozzi
 - b. Queen Margherita
 - c. Gennaro Lombardi