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1 This sort of depends on what we mean by pizza. Historically, flat bread cooked in an oven has its origins in ancient times in the Middle East. 3 And we know that the Ancient Greeks and Romans also ate baked flat bread with oil and toppings. 4 But the modern concept of pizza is widely thought to be Italian, and the city of Naples is proud to claim itself as pizza's birthplace. 5 Recently, an Italian historian suggested that pizza might in fact have its origins almost 100km north of Naples, which caused a great dispute in the country.



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1 Americans love their pizza, but how exactly you make it divides people into two camps. New York-style pizza has a crispy, thin crust and is more like classic Italian pizza. 2 Contrast this to Chicago-style pizza, also called deep-dish pizza. 3 There is an intense rivalry between the two cities on this matter. 4 If you're a regular pizza eater, you're bound to prefer one over the other.



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1 If you've ever been with a group deciding what sort of pizza to order, you've probably had arguments about what should go on it. 2 Clearly, tomato sauce and cheese aren't controversial. 3 But what about anchovies? Or pineapple? There are also toppings that are just bizarre, like cheeseburger or kangaroo meat. 4 And you can now even get dessert pizzas covered in chocolate or marshmallows.

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1 Imagine a delicious pizza in front of you. Are you going to eat it with your hands or with a knife and fork? 3 Experts suggest that thin-crust pizza should be eaten with your hands, preferably folded in half.

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4 A knife and fork is often considered a big no-no. 5 Foolishly, some American politicians have made this mistake when eating pizza on the campaign trail. 6 Even more stupidly, in our opinion, they have been harshly criticised for being snobs.

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A pizza is not a pizza if it's not round, according to some people.² Square or rectangular pizzas are supposedly inauthentic and also unappealing. Really?³ Traditional pizza from Sicily in southern Italy is classically served as a rectangle.

⁴ And what about frozen pizza? A pizza purist would obviously argue that only a fresh pizza is the real thing.⁵ Frozen pizzas just don't taste the same and yet they are still very popular around the world.

⁶ Finally, there is the question of the crust. ⁷Theoretically, pizzas have a plain crust. ⁸The trend of filling them with another ingredient (cheese, for example) is clearly a crime. On the other hand, it does taste good!

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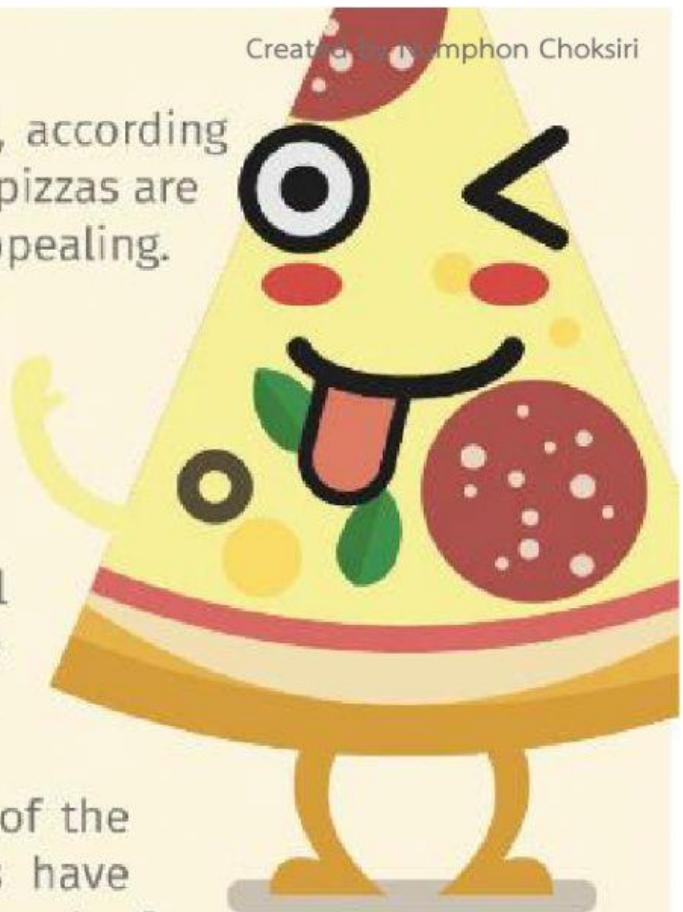
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2 a You are going to read an article called The Great Pizza Debate. Discuss with a partner how you think the words below might be connected to pizza.

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The origins

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3 Read the article again and find words that match the definitions.

- 1 something that is everywhere (*introduction*)
- 2 a situation where two groups are competing for something (*section 2*)
- 3 strange and unusual (*section 3*)
- 4 people who think they are better than other people (*section 4*)
- 5 not attractive (*section 5*)
- 6 someone who wants people to be correct and follow rules carefully (*section 5*)