

Read the following text about the invention of crisps (or *chips* in American English). For gaps 1–8, choose the correct answer A–D.

THE ORIGIN OF **CRISPS**

CRISPS HAVE BEEN GREAT FAVOURITES WITH MANY OF US
1 ____ YEARS. WHO 2 ____ ENJOY NIBBLING THIN ROUND
PIECES OF FRIED POTATOES IN FRONT OF THE TV OR AS
A SNACK TO GO WITH A DRINK AT A PARTY? ONE WOULD
THINK THAT SUCH A POPULAR FOOD WAS BORN FROM AN
IDEA THAT CAME TO ONE OF THE TOP CHEFS OF AMERICA
AT A MOMENT OF GREAT INSPIRATION, BUT THE TRUTH IS
QUITE DIFFERENT.

One day in 1853 in a restaurant a choosy customer
complained to the waitress 3 ____ the quality of his chips,
saying that they were 4 ____ thick and oily. When the
cook heard about this, he became very angry. He made
some paper-thin slices of potatoes, fried them until they
were brown and 5 ____ a rather generous amount of salt.
Finally, he 6 ____ his crisps to the dissatisfied customer in
person and literally dumped them in front of him. The
customer tried one, liked the taste, and went on to eat
7 ____ all. Today, according 8 ____ statistics, an American
eats an average of six pounds of crisps each year.

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| 1 A many | B since | C from | D for |
| 2 A isn't | B doesn't | C hasn't | D wasn't |
| 3 A on | B that | C for | D about |
| 4 A enough | B more | C too | D so |
| 5 A mixed | B added | C put | D did |
| 6 A served | B gave | C sold | D fried |
| 7 A them | B it | C this | D that |
| 8 A to | B with | C by | D on |

Read and complete the text below. For each of the empty spaces (1—12) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on answer sheet A.

FOOD

Visitors to the US think either that there is no real American food, only (1) _____ borrowed from other countries, or else that the Americans eat only “fast food”. While there is some truth in both these impressions, real American food does exist.

The British also have a poor (2) _____ for food. Visitors to Britain often (3) _____ that food in restaurants is badly presented, overdone and has no taste. But the best English food is not generally found in restaurants but in people’s homes. Certain foods are considered essential to traditional British cooking and form the basis of most meals. These (4) _____ bread, pastry and (5) _____ products such as milk, cheese and eggs. Potatoes, especially chips, are eaten at lunch or dinner. A (6) _____ potato (a potato baked whole in its skin) with cheese is a popular “pub lunch”. Good (7) _____ home cooking, i.e. food prepared without spicy or creamy sauces, is something the British are proud of. People’s interest in trying new recipes is encouraged by the many cookery programs on TV. Famous TV (8) _____ include Della Smith and Ainsley Harriott. They give advice about healthy eating. The main idea is to (9) _____ the amount of fatty foods and sugar and to (10) _____ people to eat more fruit and vegetables.

When British and American people (11) _____ they can choose from a wide range of eating places: burger bars, pizzerias, fast food outlets. They seem to be (12) _____ a battle between what they want to eat and what is good for them.

1	A courses	B meals	C dishes	D stuff
2	A taste	B status	C experience	D reputation
3	A complain	B argue	C discuss	D persuade
4	A have	B include	C consist	D mean
5	A dairy	B organic	C fatty	D vegetarian
6	A coat	B dressed	C jacket	D peeled
7	A easy	B simple	C ordinary	D plain
8	A chefs	B bosses	C chiefs	D directors
9	A ignore	B miss	C reduce	D neglect
10	A encourage	B help	C convince	D assure
11	A take out	B eat out	C get out	D stay out
12	A playing	B fighting	C struggling	D combating