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When Spanish explorers travelled deep into the New World, they discovered many things. None was as important as the potato. Today potatoes are found on menus everywhere in the world. It's hard to believe that this vegetable was only brought to Europe and then later to Asia just five hundred years ago.

When we think of a potato we are usually thinking of the part that grows below the ground — the tuber (клубень). There are about five thousand types of potatoes in the world. Potatoes come in many different colours, including orange, purple and pink, and in many sizes.

When the Spanish first brought potatoes in Europe, people were suspicious of the ugly tuber. But soon local farmers changed their minds, and potatoes became an important crop. In the 19th century, the European population grew quickly, and one reason is because of the potato, which became the primary food for many poor farmers and their families.

Potatoes are rich in many vitamins and minerals. In fact, a person could survive eating only potatoes and occasionally milk and butter (which have vitamins A and D, which potatoes don't have). Potatoes can be cooked in an almost infinite number of ways, including mashed, fried, baked, boiled, and steamed. Cooks put them in pancakes, pies, stews, and soups.

Potatoes can grow almost everywhere as long as the soil (почва) is cool and moist enough for the tubers. For this reason, they have become a popular agricultural crop almost everywhere.

34. How many years ago were potatoes brought to Europe?

- A) a hundred B) free hundred C) five hundred D) one hundred

35. How many thousand types of potatoes are there in the world?

- A) four B) three C) five D) a hundred

36. What did European farmers change?

- A) food B) menus C) potatoes D) minds

37. Which vitamins doesn't potatoes have?

- A) A and B B) A and C C) A and D D) D and B

38. What is important for growing potatoes?

- A) moisture B) soil C) air D) weather