

Use of English

Vocabulary Practice. Test 4

Pasta has been a favourite family food for so long that many people often 1) _____ where exactly pasta came from. Pasta has been eaten by many different cultures through a large 2) _____ of time periods. Since water was not easily 3) _____ to the Arabs, they probably were the first to dry the pasta in the 9th century. Popular legend claims that Marco Polo 4) _____ pasta to Italy following his exploration of the Far East in the late 13th century. Pasta 5) _____ its way to the New World through the English, who discovered it while touring Italy. By the 18th century, pasta was 6) _____ produced throughout Italy. Whereas in Italy pasta was a 7) _____ for common people, in Europe it was consumed only during rich banquets at court. Today, pasta 8) _____ a family favourite and is produced in countless shapes and sizes. The reason why old-school 9) _____ are still used today is that it ensures a quicker cooking time, a better texture and better eating experience. Even more than sauce, it's pasta that is inseparably 10) _____ to Italy.