

Pizza

Gap fill

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks.

Many people think pizza _____ in Italy. That's part of the story, but it's not the _____ story.

The history of pizza begins _____ of years ago. Ancient people collected wheat and _____ it into small pieces. They added water and cooked it on a hot _____. That was flatbread.

Around _____ BC, the Greeks discovered new ways to _____ and cook flatbread. They made it round and added an _____ edge. Oil, onions and garlic were added before cooking. They also used yeast to make the _____ easy to eat. The Romans came up with several _____, like adding cheese and meat. They also made a _____ crust cooked in a wood-burning oven. Ten _____ later, tomato sauce was finally added to flatbread. The tomato first _____ in Europe in the _____, but it was rarely used. Many thought it was _____.

The people of Naples, Italy were perhaps the first to cook with this round, red _____. By the 1750s, flatbread with tomato sauce was an _____ part of the diet in Naples. By the _____, the streets in busy neighbourhoods were _____ with food stands selling low-cost pizza. When visiting Naples, everybody wanted to eat the _____ dish. In _____, the first pizza restaurant opened. That restaurant is _____ open today.

In _____, pizza became popular in Italy. That's when the King and Queen _____ Naples. The queen loved pizza with red _____, white cheese and green herbs; the same colours as the Italian flag. After the visit, Italy experienced a pizza _____.

The rest of the world didn't experience pizza until after the _____. Following World War 2, millions of Italians moved abroad. When they moved, they brought their food _____ with them.

Pizza shops _____ up everywhere. People around the world _____ in love with pizza, a food that was started in _____ times, improved by the Greeks and Romans, and _____ in Naples.

Synonym match

Match the words or phrases.

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| 1. pound | a. infrequently |
| 2. rarely | b. appear |
| 3. stand | c. thump |
| 4. pop up | d. emigrate |
| 5. move abroad | e. cart |

True or false

Choose the correct answer.

1. Pizza was invented thousands of years ago. T or F
2. The ancient Greeks made flatbread with cheese. T or F
3. Naples is the home of modern pizza. T or F
4. Before WW2, pizza was popular around the globe. T or F
5. The first pizza restaurant opened in 1930. T or F

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Anagrams

Move letters. Make a new word.

NATIECN

REACZ

UCESA

TUCRS

BHSER

ETSYA

ESL discussion questions

Talk about the story

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1. What is a pizza?
 2. Did you like pizza? What are your favorite toppings?
 3. What do you think about pineapple or anchovies on pizza?
 4. Summarize the evolution of the pizza.
 5. Based on the information in the story, is pizza an Italian food?
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Writing practice

Put the words in the correct order.

1. 1889 / in / pizza / popular / became / In / Italy
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2. rock / cooked / hot / They / added / a / it / on / and / water
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3. Ten / was / finally / sauce / later / flatbread / to / centuries / tomato / added
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4. flatbread / Naples / 1750s / part / the / sauce / was / in / essential / of / an / tomato / diet / the / with / By
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5. they / moved / their / culture / When / food / with / brought / them / they
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