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Pie-eating contest ends because pies too big

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THE ARTICLE

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The annual World Pie Eating Championships in England ended in disaster on Friday because the pies were too big. A competition worker made a mistake and ordered pies that were the wrong size. In fact, the pies used in the contest were twice as big as the rules say they should be. The pies for the competition in Wigan, England, got delivered to a nearby divorce party. The competition was stopped when organisers said the rules had been broken. The competition pies should be a diameter of 12cm and a depth of 3.5cm. The meat and potatoes in the pies should be no more than cubes of 1cm. Barry Rigby, 37, a part-time fitness instructor, had set the fastest time of 42.6 seconds.

The annual World Pie Eating Championship is usually held at Harry's Bar in Wigan, England. It has been held since 1992. It started with competitors trying to eat meat and potato pies as fast as they could. However, in 2006, a vegetable pie was added after pressure from England's Vegetarian Society. The speed-eating competition has had a few problems in the past. In 2005, there were protests because the pies were not from Wigan. A year later, the competition had to change to meet government healthy-eating guidelines. Contestants then had to eat one pie as quickly as they could instead of as many pies as they could. And in 2007, disaster happened when the competition ran out of pies.

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WARM-UPS

1. SPEED EATING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about speed eating. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

disaster / mistake / wrong size / divorce / rules / meat / potatoes / cubes / fitness / annual / pressure / vegetarian / speed eating / problems / healthy eating / guidelines

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. PIES: Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What?	Why?
Best filling		
Best size		
Best pastry		
Best time to eat it		
Best food to eat it with		
Best sauce to put on top		

4. HEALTHY: Students A **strongly** believe pies are very healthy; Students B **strongly** believe they are not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. FILLINGS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best pi fillings at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- steak and kidney
- leek and onion
- pumpkin
- chicken
- apple
- fish
- blueberry
- pecan

6. DISASTER: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "disaster". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141223-pies.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The pie-eating contest happens every four years, like the Olympics. | T / F |
| b. A worker from the competition ordered the wrong size of pies. | T / F |
| c. The pies that were meant for the competition went to a divorce party. | T / F |
| d. The potatoes in the pie should be larger than cubes of 1cm. | T / F |
| e. The pie-eating competition started over 50 years ago in England. | T / F |
| f. A vegetarian pie was added to the competition in 2006. | T / F |
| g. In 2005, people were angry about where the pies were made. | T / F |
| h. In 2007, organisers got too many pies and hundreds were left over. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. ended | a. regulations |
| 2. mistake | b. yearly |
| 3. rules | c. complaints |
| 4. delivered | d. error |
| 5. fastest | e. competitors |
| 6. annual | f. quickest |
| 7. started | g. finished |
| 8. protests | h. recommendations |
| 9. guidelines | i. taken |
| 10. contestants | j. began |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. ended in | a. 3.5cm |
| 2. twice | b. of 1cm |
| 3. a depth of | c. of 42.6 seconds |
| 4. no more than cubes | d. eating guidelines |
| 5. set the fastest time | e. out of pies |
| 6. It has been held | f. quickly as they could |
| 7. The speed- | g. disaster |
| 8. meet government healthy- | h. since 1992 |
| 9. eat one pie as | i. eating competition |
| 10. the competition ran | j. as big |

GAP FILL

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The annual World Pie Eating Championships in England ended in (1) _____ on Friday because the pies were too big. A competition worker made a mistake and ordered pies that were the wrong (2) _____. In fact, the pies used in the contest were twice as big as the (3) _____ say they should be. The pies for the competition in Wigan, England, got delivered to a nearby (4) _____ party. The competition was stopped when organisers said the rules had been (5) _____. The competition pies should be a diameter of 12cm and a (6) _____ of 3.5cm. The meat and potatoes in the pies should be no more than (7) _____ of 1cm. Barry Rigby, 37, a part-time fitness instructor, had (8) _____ the fastest time of 42.6 seconds.

broken
disaster
rules
depth
size
set
cubes
divorce

The annual World Pie Eating Championship is usually (9) _____ at Harry's Bar in Wigan, England. It has been held (10) _____ 1992. It started with competitors trying to eat meat and potato pies as (11) _____ as they could. However, in 2006, a vegetable pie was added after (12) _____ from England's Vegetarian Society. The speed-eating competition has had a few problems in the (13) _____. In 2005, there were (14) _____ because the pies were not from Wigan. A year later, the competition had to change to meet government healthy-eating guidelines. Contestants then had to eat one pie as quickly as they could (15) _____ of as many pies as they could. And in 2007, disaster happened when the competition (16) _____ out of pies.

fast
held
instead
since
past
ran
pressure
protests

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LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The annual World Pie Eating Championships in England _____
 - a. ended in disaster
 - b. ended on disaster
 - c. ended at disaster
 - d. ended by disaster
- 2) A competition worker made a mistake and ordered pies that were _____
 - a. the wrong sized
 - b. the wrong sizing
 - c. the wrong seize
 - d. the wrong size
- 3) the pies used in the contest were twice as big as the _____ should be
 - a. rules speak they
 - b. rules talk they
 - c. rules say they
 - d. rules voice they
- 4) The competition was stopped when organisers said the rules _____
 - a. had being broken
 - b. have been broken
 - c. had been broken
 - d. have being broken
- 5) The meat and potatoes in the pies should be no more than _____
 - a. cubes of 1cm
 - b. cubs of 1cm
 - c. clubs of 1cm
 - d. crumbs of 1cm
- 6) The annual World Pie Eating Championship is usually _____
 - a. held to Harry's Bar
 - b. held at Harry's Bar
 - c. held on Harry's Bar
 - d. held for Harry's Bar
- 7) The speed-eating competition has had a few problems _____
 - a. in the past
 - b. in the passed
 - c. in the parsed
 - d. in the paste
- 8) A year later, the competition had to change to meet government _____
 - a. healthier-eating guidelines
 - b. health-eaten guidelines
 - c. healthy-eaten guidelines
 - d. healthy-eating guidelines
- 9) Contestants then had to eat one pie as quickly _____
 - a. as they would
 - b. as they can
 - c. as they could
 - d. as they cold
- 10) And in 2007, disaster happened when the competition _____
 - a. ran cut of pies
 - b. ran in of pies
 - c. ran up of pies
 - d. ran out of pies

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141223-pies.html>

The annual World Pie Eating Championships in England (1) _____ Friday because the pies were too big. A competition worker made a mistake (2) _____ that were the wrong size. In fact, the pies used in the contest (3) _____ as the rules say they should be. The pies for the competition in Wigan, England, got delivered to a (4) _____. The competition was stopped when organisers said the rules (5) _____. The competition pies should be a diameter of 12cm and a depth of 3.5cm. The meat and potatoes in the pies should be no more than cubes of 1cm. Barry Rigby, 37, a part-time fitness instructor, (6) _____ time of 42.6 seconds.

The annual World Pie Eating Championship (7) _____ at Harry's Bar in Wigan, England. It has been held since 1992. It started with competitors (8) _____ and potato pies as fast as they could. However, in 2006, a vegetable (9) _____ pressure from England's Vegetarian Society. The speed-eating competition has had a few (10) _____. In 2005, there were protests because the pies were not from Wigan. A year later, the competition had to change to meet government (11) _____. Contestants then had to eat one pie as quickly as they could instead of as many pies as they could. And in 2007, disaster happened when the (12) _____ of pies.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141223-pies.html>

1. How often do the World Pie Eating Championships take place?

2. Who made a mistake and ordered pies that were the wrong size?

3. Where did the competition pies go to?

4. How deep should the competition pies be?

5. What is the job of the man with the quickest time?

6. When was the first World Pie Eating Championships?

7. When did the competition add a vegetarian pie?

8. What happened in 2005?

9. When did the competition change to meet healthy-eating guidelines?

10. What disaster happened in 2007?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141223-pies.html>

1. How often do the World Pie Eating Championships take place?
 - a) every four years
 - b) every year
 - c) every two years
 - d) every three years
2. Who made a mistake and ordered pies that were the wrong size?
 - a) a hotel
 - b) a speed eater
 - c) a competition worker
 - d) a chef
3. Where did the competition pies go to?
 - a) a bakery
 - b) a supermarket
 - c) a wedding party
 - d) a divorce party
4. How deep should the competition pies be?
 - a) 4cm
 - b) 3.5cm
 - c) 3cm
 - d) 2.75cm
5. What is the job of the man with the quickest time?
 - a) fitness instructor
 - b) chef
 - c) baker
 - d) farmer
6. When was the first World Pie Eating Championships?
 - a) 1992
 - b) 1982
 - c) 1972
 - d) 1962
7. When did the competition add a vegetarian pie?
 - a) 2008
 - b) 2005
 - c) 2007
 - d) 2006
8. What happened in 2005?
 - a) food poisoning
 - b) price rises
 - c) protests
 - d) health scare
9. When did the competition change to meet healthy-eating guidelines?
 - a) 2003
 - b) 2004
 - c) 2005
 - d) 2006
10. What disaster happened in 2007?
 - a) no one entered the competition
 - b) they ran out of pies
 - c) a fire
 - d) mad cow disease

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141223-pies.html>

Role A – Meat pie

You think meat pie is the tastiest kind of pie. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so tasty. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): potato pie, apple pie or ice cream pie.

Role B – Potato pie

You think potato pie is the tastiest kind of pie. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so tasty. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): meat pie, apple pie or ice cream pie.

Role C – Apple pie

You think apple pie is the tastiest kind of pie. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so tasty. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): potato pie, meat pie or ice cream pie.

Role D – Ice cream pie

You think ice cream pie is the tastiest kind of pie. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so tasty. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): potato pie, apple pie or meat pie.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141223-pies.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'meat' and 'potato'.

meat	potato
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ended• mistake• twice• nearby• rules• set	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• held• trying• pressure• few• later• 2007
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PIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about pies in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

PIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'pie'?
- 3) What kind of pies do you like?
- 4) How would you do in a pie-eating competition?
- 5) Is a pie-eating competition a waste of food?
- 6) Why are there things like pie-eating competitions?
- 7) What do you think about what you read?
- 8) Should the competition have continued with the larger pies?
- 9) How quickly could you eat a 12cm pie?
- 10) What kind of training do champion pie-eaters need to do?

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PIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) Would you like to take part in or look at this competition?
- 13) What do you think the rules are for this competition?
- 14) What do you think of speed-eating contests?
- 15) What things can you eat very quickly?
- 16) Is it unfair that some contestants can have vegetable pies?
- 17) Where are the best pies in the world from?
- 18) What kind of pies are there in your country's cuisine?
- 19) What fillings would you like to put in a pie?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the organisers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141223-pies.html>

The annual World Pie Eating Championships in England ended (1) _____ disaster on Friday because the pies were too big. A competition worker (2) _____ a mistake and ordered pies that were the wrong size. In fact, the pies used in the contest were (3) _____ as big as the rules say they should be. The pies for the competition in Wigan, England, (4) _____ delivered to a nearby divorce party. The competition was stopped when organisers said the rules had been broken. The competition pies should be a diameter of 12cm and a (5) _____ of 3.5cm. The meat and potatoes in the pies should be no more than cubes of 1cm. Barry Rigby, 37, a part-time fitness instructor, had (6) _____ the fastest time of 42.6 seconds.

The annual World Pie Eating Championship is usually (7) _____ at Harry's Bar in Wigan, England. It has been held since 1992. It started with competitors trying to eat meat and potato pies as fast (8) _____ they could. However, in 2006, a vegetable pie was added (9) _____ pressure from England's Vegetarian Society. The speed-eating competition has had a few problems in the past. In 2005, there were protests (10) _____ the pies were not from Wigan. A year later, the competition had to change to (11) _____ government healthy-eating guidelines. Contestants then had to eat one pie as quickly as they could instead of as many pies as they could. And in 2007, disaster happened when the competition (12) _____ out of pies.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) at | (d) of |
| 2. | (a) baked | (b) did | (c) made | (d) too |
| 3. | (a) double | (b) two | (c) twice | (d) twos |
| 4. | (a) had | (b) did | (c) went | (d) got |
| 5. | (a) deep | (b) deeps | (c) depth | (d) depend |
| 6. | (a) let | (b) set | (c) get | (d) pet |
| 7. | (a) holding | (b) held | (c) holds | (d) hold |
| 8. | (a) has | (b) as | (c) is | (d) was |
| 9. | (a) from | (b) so | (c) after | (d) when |
| 10. | (a) however | (b) although | (c) so | (d) because |
| 11. | (a) meter | (b) mete | (c) meat | (d) meet |
| 12. | (a) jogged | (b) paced | (c) walked | (d) ran |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The nnlaau World Pie Eating Championships
2. ended in tareids
3. got viddleree
4. a nearby eidorc party
5. a pthde of 3.5cm
6. a part-time fitness crstnuitro

Paragraph 2

7. asululy held at Harry's Bar
8. after rrsuepse from England's Vegetarian Society
9. In 2005, there were srspetto
10. meet government healthy-eating unseedligi
11. tsatsontenc then had to eat one pie
12. etniasd of as many pies as they could

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () 37, a part-time fitness instructor, had set the fastest time of 42.6 seconds.
- () The annual World Pie Eating Championships in England ended in disaster on Friday because the pies were too
- () of 3.5cm. The meat and potatoes in the pies should be no more than cubes of 1cm. Barry Rigby,
- () as they could. And in 2007, disaster happened when the competition ran out of pies.
- () held since 1992. It started with competitors trying to eat meat and potato pies as fast as they
- () competition in Wigan, England, got delivered to a nearby divorce party. The competition was stopped when
- () could. However, in 2006, a vegetable pie was added after pressure from England's Vegetarian Society. The speed-
- () eating guidelines. Contestants then had to eat one pie as quickly as they could instead of as many pies
- () eating competition has had a few problems in the past. In 2005, there were protests because
- () the pies were not from Wigan. A year later, the competition had to change to meet government healthy-
- () big. A competition worker made a mistake and ordered pies that were the wrong
- () organisers said the rules had been broken. The competition pies should be a diameter of 12cm and a depth
- (**1**) The annual World Pie Eating Championship is usually held at Harry's Bar in Wigan, England. It has been
- () size. In fact, the pies used in the contest were twice as big as the rules say they should be. The pies for the

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. the wrong size Ordered . pies that were

2. the contest were twice as big The pies used in.

3. of The should diameter pies a 12cm competition be.

4. than pies more the 1cm no in of be meat cubes should The.

5. seconds 42.6 of time fastest the set had Rigby.

6. started eat with meat competitors trying It to.

7. vegetable pie was added However , in 2006 , a.

8. pies were Protests not because from the Wigan.

9. healthy Change - to eating meet guidelines government.

10. happened competition of Disaster the out when ran pies.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141223-pies.html>

The *annual / annually* World Pie Eating Championships in England ended *on / in* disaster on Friday because the pies were too big. A competition *working / worker* made a mistake and ordered pies that were the wrong size. In *facts / fact*, the pies *used / useful* in the contest were twice as big as the rules say they should be. The pies for the competition in Wigan, England, got *delivered / delivery* to a nearby *divorce / divorced* party. The competition was stopped when organisers said the rules had been *broke / broken*. The competition pies should be a diameter of 12cm and a *depth / deep* of 3.5cm. The meat and potatoes in the pies should be no more than *cubs / cubes* of 1cm. Barry Rigby, 37, a part-time fitness instructor, had set the fastest time of 42.6 seconds.

The annual World Pie Eating Championship is usually *held / holding* at Harry's Bar in Wigan, England. It has been held *since / for* 1992. It started with competitors *trying / tried* to eat meat and potato pies as fast as they could. However, in 2006, a vegetable pie was *plus / added* after pressure from England's Vegetarian Society. The speed-eating competition has had a few problems in the *passed / past*. In 2005, there were protests *so / because* the pies were not from Wigan. A *year / yearly* later, the competition had to change to meet government healthy-eating *gridlines / guidelines*. Contestants then had to eat one pie as quickly as they could *rather / instead* of as many pies as they could. And in 2007, disaster *happened / happening* when the competition ran out of pies.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141223-pies.html>

The annual World Pie-eating Championships in England and Scotland started in Friday because the pies were too big. Competitors in Warwick made most kinds of pies that were the wrong size. In fact, the pies served in the contest were twice as big as the rules say they should be. The pies for the competitors in Wagon, England, got delivered to nearby delivery party. The competitors were stopped when organizers said the rules had been broken. The competitors pies should be no more than 12cm in diameter and 3.5cm deep. The most popular pies in the past should be no more than 1cm. Barry R. Goby, 37, a part-time fitness instructor, had set the fastest time of 42.6 seconds.

The annual World Pie-eating Championships usually held at Harry's Bar in Wagon, England. It has been held since 1992. It started with competitors trying to eat the most popular pies as fast as they could. However, in 2006, a vegetable pie was added for press from England's Vegetarian Society. The speed-eating competitors had few problems in the past. In 2005, there were protests because the pies were not from Wagon. As a result, the competitors had to change the menu government healthy-eating guidelines. Contestants then had to eat the pies quickly as they could instead of many pies as they could. In 2007, the start happened when the competitors ran out of pies.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the annual world pie eating championships in england ended in disaster on friday because the pies were too big a competition worker made a mistake and ordered pies that were the wrong size in fact the pies used in the contest were twice as big as the rules say they should be the pies for the competition in wigan england got delivered to a nearby divorce party the competition was stopped when organisers said the rules had been broken the competition pies should be a diameter of 12cm and a depth of 35cm the meat and potatoes in the pies should be no more than cubes of 1cm barry rigby 37 a part-time fitness instructor had set the fastest time of 426 seconds

the annual world pie eating championship is usually held at harry's bar in wigan england it has been held since 1992 it started with competitors trying to eat meat and potato pies as fast as they could however in 2006 a vegetable pie was added after pressure from england's vegetarian society the speed-eating competition has had a few problems in the past in 2005 there were protests because the pies were not from wigan a year later the competition had to change to meet government healthy-eating guidelines contestants then had to eat one pie as quickly as they could instead of as many pies as they could and in 2007 disaster happened when the competition ran out of pies

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141223-pies.html>

The annual World Pie Eating Championships in England ended in disaster on Friday because the pies were too big. A competition worker made a mistake and ordered pies that were the wrong size. In fact, the pies used in the contest were twice as big as the rules say they should be. The pies for the competition in Wigan, England, got delivered to a nearby divorce party. The competition was stopped when organisers said the rules had been broken. The competition pies should be a diameter of 12 cm and a depth of 3.5 cm. The meat and potatoes in the pies should be no more than cubes of 1 cm. Barry Rigby, 37, a part-time fitness instructor, had set the fastest time of 42.6 seconds. The annual World Pie Eating Championship is usually held at Harry's Bar in Wigan, England. It has been held since 1992. It started with competitors trying to eat meat and potato pies as fast as they could. However, in 2006, a vegetable pie was added after pressure from England's Vegetarian Society. The speed-eating competition has had a few problems in the past. In 2005, there were protests because the pies were not from Wigan. A year later, the competition had to change to meet government healthy-eating guidelines. Contestants then had to eat one pie as quickly as they could instead of as many pies as they could. And in 2007, disaster happened when the competition ran out of pies.

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1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about speed-eating competitions. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. PIES: Make a poster about pies. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SPEED EATING: Write a magazine article about speed eating competitions. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on pies. Ask him/her three questions about pies. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d F e F f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. ended | a. finished |
| 2. mistake | b. error |
| 3. rules | c. regulations |
| 4. delivered | d. taken |
| 5. fastest | e. quickest |
| 6. annual | f. yearly |
| 7. started | g. began |
| 8. protests | h. complaints |
| 9. guidelines | i. recommendations |
| 10. contestants | j. competitors |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Every year
2. A competition worker
3. A divorce party
4. 3.5cm
5. A fitness instructor
6. 1992
7. 2006
8. There were protests
9. 2006
10. The competition ran out of pies

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. a 7. d 8. c 9. d 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)