

Milan wants to ban takeaway food after midnight

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The Italian city of Milan wants to introduce a law to ban the sale of takeaway food after midnight. The reason for this is to help local residents sleep. Many people have complained to the local government about the noise on the streets at night. There

are often large and noisy groups of late-night revellers in downtown Milan. Local officials have decided to ban all takeaway food and drink in 12 districts of the city. Some of these areas are well known for their "wild" nightlife. The takeaway ban means people would not be able to buy pizza or ice cream after 12:30 a.m. on weekdays and after 1:30 a.m. at weekends and on public holidays. It would come into effect from mid-May and last until November.

Milan's deputy mayor explained why the ban was important. He said: "The goal is to seek a balance between socialising and entertainment, and the peace and tranquillity of residents." However, there are also many people who oppose the ban. A spokesperson for an Italian retail association said the ban on post-midnight food and drink would not stop the noise. He said: "A rule banning people from drinking a bottle of water or eating an ice cream or pizza while taking a stroll...won't solve a thing, as people will still stay outside." He asked: "Do you think a 25-year-old is going to go home at the stroke of midnight simply because they can't get a takeout?" He added: "What about tourists who want to eat ice cream?"

Sources: sky.com / theguardian.com / lbc.co.uk

Writing

It is a great idea to ban takeaway food. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Milan / law / ban / takeaway food / midnight / noise / the streets at night / ice cream / balance / goal / socializing / entertainment / peace / tranquillity / pizza / tourists

True / False

- 1) Nobody can buy takeaway food in the Italian city of Milan. T / F
- 2) The article says there are many noisy groups of people in uptown Milan. T / F
- 3) The takeaway ban starts later at the weekends. T / F
- 4) The takeaway ban is for about six months of the year. T / F
- 5) The ban should be a balance between people having fun and sleeping. T / F
- 6) A retail spokesperson said the ban would definitely stop the noise. T / F
- 7) The spokesman said all 25-year-olds will go home after midnight. T / F
- 8) The spokesman said tourists might want to eat ice cream. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. introduce | a. be against |
| 2. residents | b. start |
| 3. officials | c. essential |
| 4. districts | d. just |
| 5. last | e. representatives |
| 6. important | f. continue |
| 7. seek | g. walk |
| 8. oppose | h. locals |
| 9. stroll | i. look for |
| 10. simply | j. areas |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) Should there be a balance between entertainment and tranquillity?
- c) Do you think the ban would stop the noise?
- d) How might the ban damage businesses in Milan?
- e) Do you think young people will go home at midnight?
- f) How unfair might the ban be to tourists in Milan?
- g) What takeaway food do you like most?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Milan's restaurant owners?

Phrase Match

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| 1. people have complained | a. districts of the city |
| 2. large and noisy groups of | b. to eat ice cream |
| 3. drink in 12 | c. residents |
| 4. at weekends and | d. late-night revellers |
| 5. It would come into effect | e. thing |
| 6. The goal is to seek a | f. on public holidays |
| 7. the peace and tranquillity of | g. of midnight |
| 8. taking a stroll won't solve a | h. from mid-May |
| 9. go home at the stroke | i. to the local government |
| 10. tourists who want | j. balance |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think of takeaway food?
- What do you think of the takeaway ban?
- What do you think of eating after midnight?
- Are there any food laws in your town?
- How noisy is it where you live?
- What do you think of late-night revellers?
- What kind of nightlife do you like?
- Should there be a ban on alcohol at certain times?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. b	2. h	3. e	4. j	5. f
6. c	7. i	8. a	9. g	10. d

Role Play

Role A – Pizza

You think pizza is the best midnight snack. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their snacks. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): fried chicken, a banana or curry.

Role B – Fried Chicken

You think fried chicken is the best midnight snack. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their snacks. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): pizza, a banana or curry.

Role C – A Banana

You think a banana is the best midnight snack. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their snacks. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): fried chicken, pizza or curry.

Role D – Curry

You think curry is the best midnight snack. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their snacks. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): fried chicken, a banana or pizza.

Speaking – Takeaway food

Rank these with your partner. Put the best midnight snacks at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Pizza | • Muesli |
| • Toast | • Bananas |
| • Peanuts | • Brownie |
| • Fried chicken | • Curry |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.