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Level 0

McDonald's says no GM French fries

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THE READING

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The U.S.A. said a new GM potato is OK to eat. McDonald's will not use it. A potato company said the new potatoes have less sugar. They also have fewer things that give people cancer. McDonald's said it will not buy the new potatoes. The potato company did not say anything about McDonald's.

French fries are popular around the world, especially in fast food restaurants. French fried potatoes started in 1856. A little later, 'French fried' meant 'deep-fried'. People say French fries come from Belgium. Some people think the word 'French' was used after U.S. soldiers went to Europe during World War I.

Sources: <http://www.foodworldnews.com/articles/8918/20141115/what-does-mcdonalds-say-to-gmo-potatoes.htm>
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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_fries

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The U.S.A. said a new GM | a. cancer |
| 2. McDonald's will | b. not say |
| 3. the new potatoes have | c. potato is OK to eat |
| 4. They also have fewer | d. about McDonald's |
| 5. give people | e. less sugar |
| 6. it will not buy | f. things |
| 7. The potato company did | g. not use it |
| 8. anything | h. the new potatoes |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. French fries are | a. from Belgium |
| 2. around the | b. food restaurants |
| 3. especially in fast | c. later |
| 4. French fried potatoes started | d. 'deep-fried' |
| 5. A little | e. popular |
| 6. 'French fried' meant | f. in 1856 |
| 7. French fries come | g. during World War I |
| 8. soldiers went to Europe | h. world |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The U.S.A. (1) _____ potato is OK to eat.

McDonald's (2) _____. A potato company said

the new potatoes (3) _____. They also have

fewer things that (4) _____. McDonald's said it

will not buy the new potatoes. The potato company did not

(5) _____ McDonald's.

French fries (6) _____ the world, especially in

fast food restaurants. French (7) _____ started

in 1856. A little later, 'French fried' (8) _____.

People say French fries come from Belgium.

(9) _____ the word 'French' was used after U.S.

(10) _____ Europe during World War I.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

