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Level 0

Pie-eating contest ends because pies too big

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THE READING

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The World Pie Eating Championships ended because the pies were too big. A worker ordered the wrong size of pies. They were two times bigger than normal. The pies should be 12cm across and 3.5cm deep. The meat and potatoes should be less than than 1cm. The fastest eating time before the contest ended was 42.6 seconds.

The World Pie Eating Championship started with people eating pies as fast as they could. That changed, so people now eat just one pie as quickly as they can. In 2006, a vegetable pie was added. In 2005, people were angry because the pies were from a different town. In 2007, they ran out of pies.

Sources: <http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/world-pie-eating-championships-declared-8313400>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| 1. The World Pie Eating | a. eating time |
| 2. the pies were | b. size of pies |
| 3. A worker ordered the wrong | c. too big |
| 4. two times bigger | d. than than 1cm |
| 5. The pies should be 12cm | e. Championships |
| 6. The meat and potatoes should be less | f. ended |
| 7. The fastest | g. than normal |
| 8. before the contest | h. across |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. started with people | a. angry |
| 2. as fast as | b. just one pie |
| 3. people now eat | c. of pies |
| 4. as quickly as | d. pie was added |
| 5. a vegetable | e. different town |
| 6. people were | f. eating pies |
| 7. from a | g. they can |
| 8. they ran out | h. they could |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The World Pie Eating Championships (1) _____

pies were too big. A worker (2) _____ size of

pies. They (3) _____ bigger than normal. The

pies should be 12cm across (4) _____.

The meat and potatoes (5) _____ than than 1cm.

The fastest eating time before the contest ended

(6) _____.

The World Pie Eating Championship (7) _____

eating (8) _____ they could. That changed, so

people (9) _____ pie as quickly as they can. In

2006, a vegetable (10) _____. In 2005, people

were angry because (11) _____ a different

town. In 2007, they (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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normal.Thepiesshouldbe12cmacrossand3.5cmdeep.Themeatandp
otatoesshouldbelessthanthan1cm.Thefastesteatingtimebeforethec
ontestendedwas42.6seconds.TheWorldPieEatingChampionshipstar
tedwithpeopleeatingpiesasfastastheycould.Thatchanged,sopeople
noweatjustonepieasquicklyastheycan.In2006,avegetablepiewasad
ded.In2005,peoplewereangrybecausethepieswerefromadifferen
ttown.In2007,theyranoutofpies.

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) _____

