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Level 1 – 21st July, 2018

World's oldest bread recipe found

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180721-bread-recipe-1.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180721-bread-recipe-1.html>

Researchers found 24 ancient breadcrumbs from the world's oldest bread. They found them on a dig in Jordan. They were burnt, which is how they have survived. The crumbs are about 14,000 years old. This means that Stone Age people who lived from 12,500 to 9,500 B.C. were baking bread. This is 4,000 years earlier than we thought. They were hunter-gatherers. The people lived thousands of years before humans became farmers.

The breadcrumbs were made from barley, wheat and oats. The bread took a long time to make. The ancient people made flour and mixed it with water. After that, they baked it in hot ashes or on a hot stone. The bread looked like flat pitta bread. Another researcher said the bread could be a reason why the agricultural revolution started. Stone Age people understood it was easier to farm the wheat instead of getting it from the wild.

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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180721-bread-recipe-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Researchers found 24 | a. have survived |
| 2. They found them on | b. of years before |
| 3. how they | c. ancient breadcrumbs |
| 4. Stone Age people who lived from | d. farmers |
| 5. This is 4,000 years earlier | e. gatherers |
| 6. They were hunter- | f. a dig in Jordan |
| 7. The people lived thousands | g. than we thought |
| 8. humans became | h. 12,500 to 9,500 B.C. |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The breadcrumbs were | a. it in hot ashes |
| 2. people made flour and mixed | b. be a reason |
| 3. they baked | c. wild |
| 4. The bread looked | d. it with water |
| 5. the bread could | e. farm the wheat |
| 6. why the agricultural | f. made from barley |
| 7. it was easier to | g. like flat pitta bread |
| 8. getting it from the | h. revolution started |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180721-bread-recipe-1.html>

Researchers (1) _____ breadcrumbs from the world's oldest bread. They found them (2) _____ in Jordan. They were burnt, (3) _____ they have survived. The crumbs are about 14,000 years old. This means that Stone Age people (4) _____ 12,500 to 9,500 B.C. were baking bread. This is 4,000 years earlier than we thought. They (5) _____. The people lived thousands (6) _____ humans became farmers.

The breadcrumbs (7) _____ barley, wheat and oats. The bread (8) _____ time to make. The ancient people made flour and mixed it with water. After that, they (9) _____ hot ashes or on a hot stone. The bread (10) _____ pitta bread. Another researcher said the bread (11) _____ reason why the agricultural revolution started. Stone Age people understood it was easier to farm the wheat (12) _____ it from the wild.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BREAD SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180721-bread-recipe-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about bread 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.

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) _____

