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Level 4 – 12th February 2024

Pizza to help relationship break-ups on Valentine's Day

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Valentine's Day makes us think of romance, red roses, pink hearts and candlelit dinners. We rarely think about breaking up with a partner. Pizza Hut is selling a Valentine's pizza for those who want to break up with their partner. The name of your soon-to-be ex will be written on the box. Customers can also visit a Pizza Hut website to send a break-up message, and a link for the "future-ex" to receive a complimentary pizza.

Pizza Hut said: "We are bringing that perfect blend of sweet and heat...to real life. We are delivering spicy news in the sweetest way for Valentine's Day." It said break-ups were "awkward," so delivery drivers "will deliver the bad news in the best way". It added: "We'll generate an expertly crafted, carefully curated, and potentially plausible break-up excuse for you." Around 45 per cent of people believe it is best to end a relationship before February 14.

Sources: <https://www.restaurantbusinessonline.com/marketing/restaurants-embrace-darker-side-valentines-day>
<https://nypost.com/2024/02/07/news/pizza-hut-offering-goodbye-pies-to-help-couples-break-up-for-valentines-day/>
<https://goodbyepies.com/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Valentine's Day makes us | a. message |
| 2. candlelit | b. with a partner |
| 3. breaking up | c. pizza |
| 4. The name of your soon- | d. on the box |
| 5. written | e. think of romance |
| 6. send a break-up | f. to-be ex |
| 7. a link for | g. dinners |
| 8. receive a complimentary | h. the "future-ex" |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. that perfect blend | a. it is best |
| 2. delivering spicy news in | b. of sweet and heat |
| 3. It said break-ups were | c. crafted |
| 4. deliver the bad news | d. a relationship |
| 5. expertly | e. awkward |
| 6. plausible break-up | f. the sweetest way |
| 7. people believe | g. excuse |
| 8. end | h. in the best way |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Valentine's Day makes us (1) _____, red roses, pink hearts (2) _____. We rarely think about breaking up with a partner. Pizza Hut is selling a Valentine's pizza for those who want to break up (3) _____. The name of your soon-to-be ex will be written on the box. Customers (4) _____ a Pizza Hut (5) _____ a break-up message, and a link for the "future-ex" to (6) _____ pizza.

Pizza Hut said: "We are bringing (7) _____ of sweet and heat...to real life. We are (8) _____ in the sweetest way for Valentine's Day." It said (9) _____, so delivery drivers "will deliver the bad news in the best way". It added: "We'll (10) _____ crafted, carefully curated, and potentially (11) _____ for you." Around 45 per cent of people believe it is (12) _____ a relationship before February 14.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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VALENTINE'S DAY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Valentine's Day 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) _____

