



### Unit 16 In a café

#### Before you read

Think about these questions. Do you like pizza? What are your favorite pizza toppings?

#### Read the story

##### Pizza: The Real Story

<sup>1</sup> Do you know how to make pizza? One of the world's best-loved snacks begins with just three simple ingredients. It's true. All you need to make pizza dough is some flour, water, and yeast.

<sup>2</sup> The word *pizza* was first used long ago, in the year 997 in Italy. But pizza at that time looked very different. People shaped the dough into circles and then put some onions, garlic, olive oil, and vinegar on them. They cooked these disks on hot stones. In the 18th century tomatoes were added to pizzas. Now we usually think of pizza as baked dough with tomato sauce and cheese. People have tried different kinds of toppings—from traditional pepperoni or olives to crazier ideas like peanut butter and jelly and bacon and eggs!

<sup>3</sup> In 1889, the first pizza was delivered. The king and queen of Italy were touring Naples and wanted to try the famous food they had heard so much about. An Italian baker delivered three types of pizzas and Queen Margherita selected the one with tomatoes, mozzarella cheese, and fresh basil—still known as pizza Margherita today. Modern technology offers the opportunity to order your pizza online from your local pizza place and have it delivered. And now no place is too far away for delivery! Pizza Hut, the biggest pizza restaurant company in the world, recently delivered the first pizza in outer space—to happy astronauts living on the International Space Station.

<sup>4</sup> Pizza can be found all over the world. Over 5 billion pizzas are sold worldwide each year. Americans eat approximately 350 slices per second. It's popular with both adults and children. According to a recent survey, kids between the ages of 3 and 11 like pizza more than any other food for lunch and dinner.

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### Check your comprehension

Read the story again. Circle the letter of the answer that completes each sentence.

- To make pizza, you start with \_\_\_\_\_ ingredients.  
 a. three                      b. thirteen                      c. thirty
- People in Italy started using the word pizza \_\_\_\_\_ years ago.  
 a. less than 100                      b. more than 1000                      c. just 97
- These days people make pizza \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. the same way as always      b. without water                      c. in many different ways
- Now you can even have pizza delivered to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. Naples, Italy                      b. outer space                      c. different countries
- Pizza is a popular food for \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. kids and adults                      b. children only                      c. adults only

### Build your reading skills: Locating examples

Write the sentence and the number of the paragraph in the story that gives an example for each statement.

- Pizza was originally made with only a few simple ingredients.  
People shaped the dough into circles and then put some onions, garlic, olive oil, and  
vinegar on them. Paragraph 2
- These days, people add many different kinds of toppings to their pizza.  
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- You can use the Internet to order your pizza.  
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- Pizza is delivered to unusual places.  
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- Pizza is one of the most popular foods for children.  
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