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Pie-eating contest ends because pies too big

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THE READING

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The World Pie Eating Championships ended in disaster on Friday because the pies were too big. A worker made a mistake and ordered pies that were the wrong size. The pies used in the contest were twice as big as they should be. The competition's pies got delivered to a nearby divorce party. The competition was stopped because the rules had been broken. The pies should be a diameter of 12cm and a depth of 3.5cm. The meat and potatoes should be no bigger than cubes of 1cm. A part-time fitness instructor had the fastest eating time of 42.6 seconds.

The World Pie Eating Championship has been held in Wigan, England, since 1992. It started with competitors trying to eat meat and potato pies as fast as they could. However, government healthy-eating guidelines changed that, so contestants now eat just one pie as quickly as they can and not as many pies as they can. In 2006, a vegetable pie was added after a request from the Vegetarian Society. In 2005, there were protests because the pies were not from Wigan, and in 2007, disaster happened when the competition ran out of pies.

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. A worker made | a. the wrong size |
| 2. pies that were | b. of 12cm |
| 3. twice as big | c. fitness instructor |
| 4. the rules had | d. a mistake |
| 5. a diameter | e. time of 42.6 seconds |
| 6. no bigger than | f. been broken |
| 7. A part-time | g. as they should be |
| 8. the fastest eating | h. cubes of 1cm |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. held in Wigan, England, | a. as quickly as they can |
| 2. meat | b. were protests |
| 3. government healthy- | c. was added |
| 4. contestants now eat just one pie | d. since 1992 |
| 5. In 2006, a vegetable pie | e. out of pies |
| 6. a request from the | f. and potato pies |
| 7. In 2005, there | g. eating guidelines |
| 8. the competition ran | h. Vegetarian Society |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The World Pie Eating Championships (1) _____ on Friday because the pies were too big. A worker made a mistake and ordered pies that were (2) _____. The pies used in the contest were (3) _____ they should be. The competition's pies got delivered to a nearby divorce party. The competition was stopped because the rules (4) _____. The pies should be a diameter of 12cm and a depth of 3.5cm. The meat and potatoes (5) _____ than cubes of 1cm. A part-time fitness instructor had the fastest eating time (6) _____.

The World Pie Eating Championship has been held in Wigan, England, since 1992. It started (7) _____ trying to eat meat and potato (8) _____ as they could. However, government healthy-eating guidelines changed that, so contestants (9) _____ pie as quickly as they can and not as many pies as they can. In 2006, (10) _____ added after a request from the Vegetarian Society. In 2005, there (11) _____ the pies were not from Wigan, and in 2007, disaster happened when the competition (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TheWorldPieEatingChampionshipsendedindisasteronFridaybecause thepiesweretoobig.Aworkermadeamistakeandorderedpiesthatwere thewrongsized.Thepiesusedinthecontestweretwiceasbigastheyshouldbe.Thecompetition'spiesgotdeliveredtoanearbydivorceparty.Thecompetitionwasstoppedbecausetheruleshadbeenbroken.Thepiesshouldbeadiameterof12cmdandadepthof3.5cm.Themeatandpotatoesshouldbenobiggerthancubesof1cm.Apart-timefitnessinstructorhadthefastesteatingtimeof42.6seconds.TheWorldPieEatingChampionshipshasbeenheldinWigan,England,since1992.Itstartedwithcompetitors tryingtoeatmeatandpotatopiesasfastastheycould.However,governmenthealthy-eatingguidelineschangedthat,socontestantsnoweatjustonepieasquicklyastheycanandnotasmanypiesastheycan.In2006,avegetablepiewasaddedafterarequestfromtheVegetarianSociety.In2005,therewereprotestsbecausethepieswerenotfromWigan,andin2007,disasterhappenedwhenthecompetitionranoutofpies.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
