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**Level 2 – 21st July, 2018**

## World's oldest bread recipe found

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180721-bread-recipe-2.html>

Researchers have found the world's oldest example of bread. The researchers found 24 ancient breadcrumbs on an archaeological dig in Jordan. The breadcrumbs were burnt, which is how they survived for so long. The crumbs come from bread made about 14,000 years old. This means that Stone Age people were baking bread. This is 4,000 years earlier than scientists thought. The people who baked the bread lived in Jordan from 12,500 to 9,500 B.C. They were hunter-gatherers. They lived thousands of years before humans settled down to become farmers.

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

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. the world's oldest example | a. of years before        |
| 2. The researchers found 24   | b. so long                |
| 3. on an archaeological       | c. scientists thought     |
| 4. how they survived for      | d. down to become farmers |
| 5. 4,000 years earlier than   | e. of bread               |
| 6. The people who             | f. dig in Jordan          |
| 7. They lived thousands       | g. baked the bread        |
| 8. humans settled             | h. ancient breadcrumbs    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The breadcrumbs were made | a. wheat for bread    |
| 2. barley, wheat             | b. into flour         |
| 3. the bread took a          | c. the wild           |
| 4. ground the cereals        | d. revolution started |
| 5. they baked it             | e. from cereals       |
| 6. why the agricultural      | f. in hot ashes       |
| 7. it was easier to farm the | g. and oats           |
| 8. collecting it from        | h. long time to make  |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The breadcrumbs were made (7) \_\_\_\_\_ as barley, wheat and oats. The lead researcher said the bread (8) \_\_\_\_\_ time to make. The ancient people ground the cereals into flour and mixed it with water (9) \_\_\_\_\_. After that, they baked it in hot ashes or on a hot stone. The bread looked like the flat pitta bread (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Middle East. Another researcher said the bread could be (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the agricultural revolution started. Stone Age people understood it was easier to farm the wheat for bread instead of collecting it (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

