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McDonald's says no GM French fries

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THE READING

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The U.S.A. has said a new GM potato is OK to eat, but McDonald's will not use it for French fries or hash browns. A potato company said it changed the DNA of potatoes to make them better. The new potato has less sugar and fewer things that can give people cancer. It also said the potatoes are stronger. It said people would buy the new potato in supermarkets. McDonald's said: "McDonald's USA does not source GMO potatoes, nor do we have current plans to change our [sources]." The company did not say what it thought of McDonald's decision.

French fries are one of the most popular foods in the world, especially in fast food restaurants. The expression 'French Fried Potatoes' was first used in a cookery book in 1856. In the early 20th century, 'French fried' was used to mean 'deep-fried'. People say French fries come from Belgium and not France. Both countries say they were the first country to cook French fries. Belgians say the word 'French fries' is used because France has an image for good food. Some people think the term 'French' was used when U.S. soldiers went to Europe during World War I.

Sources: <http://www.foodworldnews.com/articles/8918/20141115/what-does-mcdonalds-say-to-gmo-potatoes.htm>
<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/not-lovin-it-mcdonalds-says-no-simplots-gmo-potato-n249391>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The U.S.A. has said a new GM | a. sugar |
| 2. it changed the | b. not say |
| 3. The new potato has less | c. give people cancer |
| 4. fewer things that can | d. of McDonald's decision |
| 5. the potatoes | e. DNA of potatoes |
| 6. nor do we have current | f. potato is OK to eat |
| 7. The company did | g. are stronger |
| 8. what it thought | h. plans to change |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. one of the most popular | a. French fries |
| 2. especially in fast | b. century |
| 3. used in a cookery | c. during World War I |
| 4. In the early 20th | d. foods in the world |
| 5. 'French fried' was used to | e. for good food |
| 6. the first country to cook | f. mean 'deep-fried' |
| 7. France has an image | g. food restaurants |
| 8. soldiers went to Europe | h. book |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The U.S.A. has (1) _____ potato is OK to eat, but McDonald's will not use it for French (2) _____. A potato company said it changed the DNA of potatoes to make them better. The new potato (3) _____ fewer things that can give people cancer. It also said the potatoes are stronger. It said people would buy the new potato in supermarkets. McDonald's said: "McDonald's USA (4) _____ GMO potatoes, nor do we (5) _____ to change our [sources]." The company did not say (6) _____ McDonald's decision.

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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

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