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Level 1 McDonald's says no GM French fries

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THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1411/141117-french-fries-1.html

The U.S.A. said a new GM potato is OK to eat. McDonald's will not use it for French fries. A potato company said it changed the DNA of potatoes so they have less sugar. They also have fewer things that give people cancer. It said the potatoes are stronger. McDonald's said: "McDonald's USA does not source GMO potatoes, nor do we have current plans to change [that]." The company did not say anything about McDonald's decision.

French fries are very popular around the world, especially in fast food restaurants. French fried potatoes were in a cookery book in 1856. A little later, 'French fried' meant 'deep-fried'. People say French fries come from Belgium and not France. Belgians say the word 'French fries' is popular because France has an image for good food. Some people think the word 'French' was used after U.S. soldiers went to Europe during World War I.

Sources: http://www.**foodworldnews**.com/articles/8918/20141115/what-does-mcdonalds-say-to-gmopotatoes.htm http://www.**nbcnews**.com/news/us-news/not-lovin-it-mcdonalds-says-no-simplots-gmo-potaton249391 http://en.**wikipedia**.org/wiki/French_fries

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	it changed the DNA	a.	plans to change
2	they have less	b.	say anything
3.	fewer things that give	c.	sugar
4.	It said the potatoes	d.	decision
5.	source GMO	e.	of potatoes
6.	nor do we have current	f.	potatoes
7.	The company did not	g.	are stronger
8.	about McDonald's	h.	people cancer

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	French fries are	a.	come from Belgium
2	around the	b.	book
3.	especially in fast	с.	'deep-fried'
4.	a cookery	d.	world
5.	French fried' meant	e.	for good food
6.	People say French fries	f.	food restaurants
7.	France has an image	g.	during World War I
8.	soldiers went to Europe	h.	very popular

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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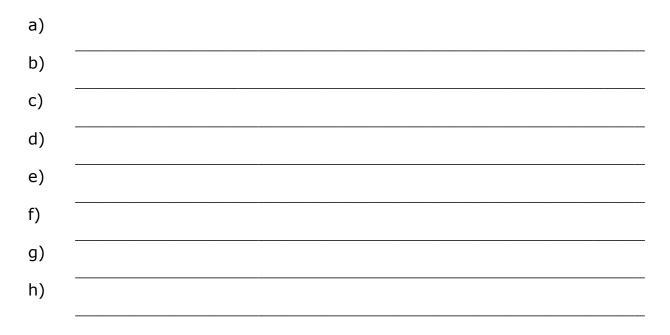
WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

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WRITING

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Write about **French fries** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.