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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 because the pies were too big. A worker ordered pies that were the wrong size. They were twice as big as they should be. The competition stopped because the rules were broken. The pies should be a diameter of 12cm and a depth of 3.5cm. The meat and potatoes should be no bigger than 1cm. A fitness instructor had the fastest eating time of 42.6 seconds before the contest ended.

The World Pie Eating Championship has been held since 1992. It started with people eating pies as fast as they could. Healthy-eating guidelines changed that, so people 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. In 2005, people were angry because the pies were not from the competition's town. In 2007, the competition ran out of pies.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--|----------------------|
| 1. ended in | a. rules were broken |
| 2. the pies were | b. they should be |
| 3. A worker ordered | c. of 12cm |
| 4. the wrong | d. pies |
| 5. They were twice as big as | e. disaster |
| 6. The competition stopped because the | f. size |
| 7. a diameter | g. the contest ended |
| 8. 42.6 seconds before | h. too big |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. held since | a. pies as they can |
| 2. It started with people | b. pie was added |
| 3. Healthy- | c. eating pies |
| 4. eople now eat just one pie | d. competition's town |
| 5. as many | e. out of pies |
| 6. In 2006, a vegetable | f. eating guidelines |
| 7. the pies were not from the | g. 1992 |
| 8. the competition ran | h. as quickly as they can |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The World Pie Eating Championships (1) _____ because the pies (2) _____. A worker ordered pies that were the wrong size. They (3) _____ as they should be. The competition stopped because the rules were broken. The pies should be (4) _____ and a depth of 3.5cm. The meat and potatoes (5) _____ than 1cm. A fitness instructor had the fastest eating time of 42.6 seconds (6) _____ ended.

The World Pie Eating Championship (7) _____ 1992. It started (8) _____ pies as fast as they could. Healthy-eating (9) _____ that, so people now eat just one (10) _____ they can and not as many pies as they can. In 2006, (11) _____ was added. In 2005, people were angry because the pies were not from the competition's town. In 2007, (12) _____ out of pies.

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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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)
