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McDonald's restaurant to offer all-you-can-eat fries

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A new McDonald's restaurant that will soon open in the USA will offer allyou-can-eat French fries. The new store in St. Joseph, Missouri, is set to open in July. The company has called it the restaurant "of

the future" because of the many features it will have. In addition to bottomless fries, the new location will have couches, armchairs and a large space for children to play in. Customers will also be able to sit at their table and order food from the waiting staff. There will also be a self-service kiosk where customers can personalise their orders by selecting the toppings or fillings they want. The restaurant owner said: "There really are hundreds of different choices to build the burger of your dreams."

The addition of all-you-can-eat fries to the menu is just one of many recent changes at McDonald's. New CEO Steve Easterbrook took over as boss last year and has been trying many new things since then. His job is to get the company to make more profit. Some of the changes include an all-day breakfast menu, touch-screen ordering and taking certain items off the menu. People have mixed views about McDonald's offering all-you-can-eat fries. Health campaigners say it will lead to a further rise in the levels of obesity. They say McDonald's should be offering healthier food. Many of the restaurant's customers say endless fries are a great idea. One said she couldn't wait and will be going to McDonald's more often.

Sources: inquisitr.com / dailydot.com / businessinsider.com

Writing

Governments should ban all-you-can-eat fries. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

restaurant / French fries / the future / location / armchairs / children / self service / menu / changes / profit / breakfast / touch screen / campaigners / obesity / great idea

True / False

- a) A new McDonald's in France will offer all-youcan-eat French fries. T / F
- b) McDonald's say the restaurant is the restaurant of the future. T / F
- c) Customers at the restaurant will be able to choose their own fillings. T / F
- d) McDonald's say you will be able to build your dream burger. T / F
- e) The new boss of McDonald's has made many changes. T / F
- f) The new boss of McDonald's took over this year T / F
- g) Campaigners say the all-you-can-eat fries will keep calories down. T / F
- h) A McDonald's customer said she would no longer eat there. T / F

Synonym Match

- 1.offera.factors2featuresb.opinions
- 3. location c. choosing
- 4. selecting d. head
- 5. build e. provide
- 6. recent f. create
- 7. boss g. unlimited
- 8. items h. place
- 9. views i. things
- 10. endless j. current

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do you think of McDonald's?
- c) What should a restaurant of the future be like?
- d) What do you think of all-you-can-eat fries?
- e) How popular do you think the all-you-can-eat fries will be?
- f) How important is having waiting staff in McDonald's?
- g) How important is it for customers to be able to personalize their burgers?
- h) What is the burger of your dreams?

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Phrase Match

- 1. In addition
- 2 order food from
- 3. customers can
- 4. hundreds of different
- 5. build the burger
- 6. just one of
- 7. make more
- 8. touch-
- 9. a further rise
- 10. One said she couldn't

Discussion – Student B

- a) What menu changes would you suggest to McDonald's?
- b) What do you think of the idea of an all-day breakfast?
- c) Should McDonald's think more about health?
- d) What is the best fast food restaurant in the world?
- e) What other all-you-can-eat restaurants would you like to see?
- f) What is your favourite restaurant and why?
- g) Is it possible for McDonald's to be McDonald's if they offer healthy food?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the boss of McDonald's?

Spelling

- 1. the restaurant "of the <u>urfuet</u>"
- 2. In oiadndit to bottomless fries
- 3. a large cpesa for children to play in
- 4. a self-service kskio
- 5. selecting the <u>sponipgt</u> or fillings they want
- 6. hundreds of different ioeccsh
- 7. one of many <u>ncerte</u> changes
- 8. make more ftproi
- 9. taking <u>craneti</u> items off the menu
- 10. People have mixed iwsve
- 11. a <u>efhtrur</u> rise in the levels of obesity
- 12. ihelherta food

Answers – Synonym Match

- a. the waiting staff
- b. profit
- c. choices
- d. many recent changes
- e. wait
- f. personalise their orders
- g. in the levels of obesity
- h. of your dreams
- i. screen ordering
- j. to bottomless fries

Role Play

Role A – French fries

You think French fries are the best fast food. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their fast foods. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): sandwiches, noodles or sushi.

Role B – Sandwiches

You think sandwiches are the best fast food. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their fast foods. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): French fries, noodles or sushi.

Role C – Noodles

You think noodles are the best fast food. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their fast foods. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): sandwiches, French fries or sushi.

Role D – Sushi

You think sushi is the best fast food. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their fast foods. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): sandwiches, noodles or French fries.

Speaking – Fast food

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- French fries noodles
- pizza
- tacossushi
- fried chicken
- shawarma

Answers – True False

sandwiches

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6. j	7. d	8. i	9. b	10. g	Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.													