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Level 4 – 9th November 2026

Chef fired for refusing to put pineapple on pizza

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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An Italian chef in Australia has been fired for refusing to put ham and pineapple on pizzas. He tried to get his job back, but he failed. The chef said topping pizzas with pineapple was an "insult to his culture". His employer stated that the chef's refusal was just one of several workplace issues. The chef did not get his job back because he submitted the paperwork after the deadline. The chef has since found a job at a different Italian restaurant.

The Hawaiian pizza was reportedly created in Canada in 1962 after a chef used ham and pineapple as toppings. The issue of pineapple on pizza has divided public opinion since then. Pizza lovers are shocked at the idea. The restaurant owner in Australia said pineapple was not his "absolute favourite" topping, but he would not "turn his nose up at it". Many restaurant owners say customers should be able to choose whatever toppings they like.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. an Italian	a. workplace issues
2. put ham and pineapple	b. after the deadline
3. He tried to get his job back,	c. to his culture
4. pineapple was an insult	d. but he failed
5. just one of several	e. chef
6. the chef did not	f. found a job
7. he submitted the paperwork	g. on pizzas
8. the chef has since	h. get his job back

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. Hawaiian pizza was reportedly	a. nose up at it
2. used ham and pineapple as	b. opinion
3. public	c. favourite
4. Pizza lovers are shocked	d. toppings they like
5. pineapple was not his absolute	e. created in Canada
6. he would not turn his	f. at the idea
7. customers should be	g. toppings
8. choose whatever	h. able to

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An Italian chef in Australia has been (1) _____ to put ham and pineapple on pizzas. He tried to get (2) _____, but he failed. The chef said topping pizzas with pineapple (3) _____ to his culture". His employer stated that the (4) _____ just one of several workplace issues. The chef did not get his job back because he (5) _____ after the deadline. The chef (6) _____ a job at a different Italian restaurant.

The Hawaiian pizza (7) _____ in Canada in 1962 after (8) _____ ham and pineapple as toppings. The issue of pineapple on pizza has (9) _____ since then. Pizza lovers are (10) _____ idea. The restaurant owner in Australia said pineapple was not his "absolute favourite" topping, but he would not "turn his (11) _____ it". Many restaurant owners say customers should be able (12) _____ toppings they like.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PINEAPPLE ON PIZZA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about pineapple on pizza 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **pineapple on pizza** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.