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Chef fired for refusing to put pineapple on pizza

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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

1. PINEAPPLE ON PIZZA: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about pineapple on pizza. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

> chef / being fired / pineapple / pizza / toppings / tropical fruit / insult / culture / job / controversial / public opinion / pizza purists / menu staples / ingredients / heresy

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. A PIZZA NO-NO: Students A **strongly** believe putting pineapple on pizza is a culinary no-no; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. "CULINARY HERESIES": How bad are the possible "culinary heresies" in the table? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Possible culinary heresies	What You Think	Would It Taste Good?
Pineapple on pizza		
Mayonnaise on sushi		
Milk in green tea		
Spaghetti sandwiches		
Parmesan on seafood		
Eating hummus with a spoon		

5. PINEAPPLE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "pineapple". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

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

- Pineapple
- Anchovies
- Sweetcorn
- Grilled chicken
- Salami
- Chocolate
- Mushrooms
- Mashed potato

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	fired	a.	Money paid to someone for selling something.
2.	commission	b.	A rude or unkind thing said to someone.
3.	dismissal	c.	Made someone leave their job.
4.	insult	d.	Saying no to do something.
5.	claimed	e.	Said that something was true.
6.	refusing	f.	A written request for a job or place on a course.
7.	application	g.	The act of making someone leave their job.

Paragraph 2

8.	controversial	h.	Something that is strongly against accepted beliefs or ideas.
9.	purists	i.	A basic food that people eat often.
10.	aghast	j.	To say strongly that something must happen or be done.
11.	staple	k.	Causing people to have very different opinions.
12.	insist	l.	People who want something to be done only in the traditional way.
13.	culinary	m.	Related to cooking or food.
14.	heresy	n.	Very shocked or surprised.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261109-pineapple-on-pizza.html

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. A chef in Austria refused to put pineapple on pizzas in a restaurant. **T / F**
2. The chef said pineapple on pizza insulted his culture. **T / F**
3. The chef tried to get his job back at the restaurant. **T / F**
4. The chef has been unemployed since getting the sack. **T / F**
5. Pineapple on pizza is a controversial issue in the culinary world. **T / F**
6. Pizza lovers are aghast at the idea of putting pineapple on pizza. **T / F**
7. The restaurant owner would not turn his nose up at pineapple on pizza. **T / F**
8. The article says many Italians think pineapple on pizza is delicious. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1. fired (US)	a. shocked
2. dismissal	b. time limit
3. insult	c. turned down
4. rejected	d. cooking
5. deadline	e. firing
6. question	f. communicated
7. aghast	g. sacked (UK)
8. expressed	h. definite
9. absolute	i. issue
10. culinary	j. affront

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

1. failed to	a. heresy
2. an insult	b. found a job
3. the refusal was one of several	c. at the idea
4. it was submitted after	d. to his culture
5. The chef has since	e. toppings they choose
6. It continues to divide	f. the deadline
7. Pizza purists are aghast	g. up at it
8. he would not turn his nose	h. get his job back
9. enjoy whatever ingredients and	i. workplace issues
10. Italians regard it as culinary	j. public opinion

GAP FILL

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tropical

diners

since

insult

submitted

fired

dismissal

issues

The (9) _____ of whether pineapple belongs on pizza is a (10) _____ one. It continues to divide public opinion. Pizza purists are (11) _____ at the idea, but it is an established menu staple in many countries. The Hawaiian pizza was reportedly (12) _____ in Canada in 1962 after a chef used ham and pineapple as toppings. The restaurant owner (13) _____ his opinion on it. He admitted that while the pizza was not his "absolute favourite," he would not "turn his (14) _____ up at it". Many restaurateurs insist that customers should be free to enjoy whatever (15) _____ and toppings they choose. Although the Hawaiian pizza is popular internationally, many Italians regard it as "culinary (16) _____".

nose

invented

question

heresy

controversial

expressed

aghast

ingredients

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261109-pineapple-on-pizza.html

1) fired for refusing to put pineapple on pizzas, _____
   a. among other reason
   b. among other reasons
   c. among another reasons
   d. among others reasons
2) The chef stated that topping pizzas with the tropical fruit _____
   a. was an insulin
   b. was a non-salt
   c. was an insult
   d. was an in salt
3) after repeatedly refusing his boss's instructions to make pineapple and ham _____
   a. pizzas for diners
   b. pizzas for dines
   c. pizzas four diners
   d. pizzas ford dinners
4) His employer contended that the refusal was one of _____
   a. severe all workplace issues
   b. several workplace issue
   c. several works place issues
   d. several workplace issues
5) The commission rejected the chef's application because it was submitted _____
   a. utter the deadline
   b. afore the deadline
   c. after the deadly line
   d. after the deadline
6) The question of whether pineapple belongs on pizza is _____
   a. a controversy all one
   b. a controversial one
   c. a controversy one
   d. a controversially one
7) Pizza purists are aghast at the idea, but it is an _____
   a. established menu stable
   b. established menu's table
   c. established menu staple
   d. establish menu staple
8) while the pizza was not his "absolute favourite," he would not turn his nose _____
   a. up pat it
   b. uppity it
   c. up at it
   d. up at its
9) customers should be free to enjoy whatever ingredients and _____
   a. toppings they schmooze
   b. toppings they chews
   c. toppings they choice
   d. toppings they choose
10) Hawaiian pizza is popular internationally, many Italians regard it _____
   a. as culinary heresy
   b. as culinary hearsay
   c. as culinary heredity
   d. as culinary hereditary

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261109-pineapple-on-pizza.html

1. Where did the chef go to try to get his job back?

2. What did the chef say putting pineapple on pizza was?

3. How often did the chef refuse to put pineapple on pizzas?

4. How many issues did the chef's boss have with him?

5. Why was the chef's attempt to get his job back unsuccessful?

6. What kind of question is the issue of putting pineapple on pizzas?

7. How do pizza purists feel about the idea of pineapple on pizzas?

8. What was invented in 1962?

9. What do restaurateurs believe customers should be able to choose?

10. What do many Italians regard pineapple on pizzas as being?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261109-pineapple-on-pizza.html

1) Where did the chef go to try to get his job back?
a) the Fairy Work Commission
b) the Work Fair Commission
c) the For-work Commission
d) the Fair Work Commission

2) What did the chef say putting pineapple on pizza was?
a) too fruity
b) an insult to his culture
c) a tropical nightmare
d) the end of pizza

3) How often did the chef refuse to put pineapple on pizzas?
a) not that often
b) every now and then
c) several times a day
d) repeatedly

4) How many issues did the chef's boss have with him?
a) two
b) loads
c) several
d) countless issues

5) Why was the chef's attempt to get his job back unsuccessful?
a) He refused to consider pineapple as a topping.
b) Making pineapple pizza was in his contract.
c) He was replaced by another chef.
d) He missed the submission deadline.

6) What kind of question is the issue of putting pineapple on pizzas?
a) a tricky one
b) an easy one
c) a controversial one
d) a straightforward one

7) How do pizza purists feel about the idea of pineapple on pizzas?
a) They are aghast.
b) They are sad.
c) They are furious.
d) They are hurt.

8) What was invented in 1962?
a) a special pizza cutter
b) deep pan pizza
c) the Hawaiian pizza
d) a pineapple pizza oven

9) What do restaurateurs believe customers should be able to choose?
a) pineapple and mango
b) ingredients and toppings
c) ham and bacon
d) chocolate and marshmallow

10) What do many Italians regard pineapple on pizzas as being?
a) culinary heresy
b) plain wrong
c) disgusting
d) cultural appropriation

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Pineapple

You think pineapple is the biggest no-no for a pizza topping. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them which of their toppings is not so bad. Also, tell the others which might the tastiest of these (and why): sweetcorn, chocolate or mashed potato.

Role B – Sweetcorn

You think sweetcorn is the biggest no-no for a pizza topping. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them which of their toppings is not so bad. Also, tell the others which might the tastiest of these (and why): pineapple, chocolate or mashed potato.

Role C – Chocolate

You think chocolate is the biggest no-no for a pizza topping. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them which of their toppings is not so bad. Also, tell the others which might the tastiest of these (and why): sweetcorn, pineapple or mashed potato.

Role D – Mashed Potato

You think mashed potato is the biggest no-no for a pizza topping. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them which of their toppings is not so bad. Also, tell the others which might the tastiest of these (and why): sweetcorn, chocolate or pineapple.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261109-pineapple-on-pizza.html

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for… the words 'pineapple' and 'pizza'.

pineapple	**pizza**

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning…?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

• refusing • fight • insult • diners • several • since	• question • divide • menu • opinion • free • popular

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.

PINEAPPLE ON PIZZA DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'pineapple'?
3. What do you think of pizza?
4. What do you think of pineapple as a pizza topping?
5. Should the chef have lost his job?
6. How proud of your country's cuisine are you?
7. What things would be an insult to your country's food culture?
8. Is Italian cuisine the best in the world?
9. What is the best Italian dish?
10. What are the best pizza toppings?

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PINEAPPLE ON PIZZA DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'pizza'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What controversies are there about food in your country?
15. Why is pizza so popular around the world?
16. What do you think of sweetcorn as a pizza topping?
17. Are you a purist about any kind of food?
18. What do you think of mayonnaise on French fries?
19. When was the last time you turned your nose up at food?
20. What questions would you like to ask a pizza expert?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

1.	(a)	fiery	(b)	fired	(c)	fried	(d)	fared
2.	(a)	another	(b)	the others	(c)	others	(d)	other
3.	(a)	of	(b)	to	(c)	by	(d)	at
4.	(a)	repeats	(b)	repetitive	(c)	repeatedly	(d)	repetition
5.	(a)	that	(b)	to	(c)	what	(d)	on
6.	(a)	since	(b)	that	(c)	thus	(d)	present
7.	(a)	being	(b)	answer	(c)	ask	(d)	one
8.	(a)	purists	(b)	police	(c)	clerics	(d)	jurists
9.	(a)	was	(b)	as	(c)	that's	(d)	has
10.	(a)	in	(b)	at	(c)	on	(d)	to
11.	(a)	what	(b)	thus	(c)	that	(d)	which
12.	(a)	hearsay	(b)	heresy	(c)	horsey	(d)	hearses

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. fight his misssdlia

2. ocaiprlt fruit

3. his boss's otcniunstsri

4. the refslua was one of several

5. rejected the chef's nppitioalac

6. it was tstubdiem after the deadline

Paragraph 2

7. a costarilrnveo one

8. Pizza purists are tshaga at the idea

9. an established menu asplet

10. ataesturrerus insist that

11. dsenrgteiin and toppings

12. culinary ryshee

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

(***1***) An Italian chef in Brisbane, Australia, has been fired for refusing to put pineapple on pizzas, among other

( ) and pineapple as toppings. The restaurant owner expressed his opinion on it. He admitted that while the pizza

( ) back. The chef stated that topping pizzas with the tropical fruit was an "insult to his

( ) be free to enjoy whatever ingredients and toppings they choose. Although the Hawaiian pizza

( ) countries. The Hawaiian pizza was reportedly invented in Canada in 1962 after a chef used ham

( ) culture". He claimed he was sacked from a restaurant in May after repeatedly refusing his boss's

( ) deadline. The chef has since found a job at another Italian restaurant.

( ) instructions to make pineapple and ham pizzas for diners. His employer contended that the refusal was one of

( ) is popular internationally, many Italians regard it as "culinary heresy".

( ) opinion. Pizza purists are aghast at the idea, but it is an established menu staple in many

( ) reasons. He went to the Fair Work Commission to fight his dismissal, but failed to get his job

( ) several workplace issues. The commission rejected the chef's application because it was submitted after the

( ) The question of whether pineapple belongs on pizza is a controversial one. It continues to divide public

( ) was not his "absolute favourite," he would not "turn his nose up at it". Many restaurateurs insist that customers should

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. Fired for pineapple pizzas put refusing to .

2. Topping pizzas fruit insult an tropical was with .

3. Refusing his instructions make pineapple pizzas boss's to .

4. The refusal issues was workplace several of one .

5. The chef job another has since found .

6. Pizza purists idea aghast are the at .

7. It's an established staple menu countries in many .

8. The restaurant owner opinion expressed his on it .

9. He wouldn't nose turn his it up at .

10. Many Italians culinary regard heresy as it .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261109-pineapple-on-pizza.html

An Italian chef in Brisbane, Australia, has been *fired / firing* for refusing to put pineapple on pizzas, among *another / other* reasons. He went to the Fair Work Commission to fight his dismissal, but *failed / foiled* to get his job back. The chef stated that *topped / topping* pizzas with the tropical fruit was an "insult to his culture". He claimed he was *sacked / stacked* from a restaurant in May *after / behind* repeatedly refusing his boss's instructions *to / for* make pineapple and ham pizzas for diners. His employer contended that the *refusal / refuse* was one of several workplace issues. The commission rejected the chef's application because it was *submission / submitted* after the deadline. The chef has *thus / since* found a job at another Italian restaurant.

The question of whether pineapple *belongings / belongs* on pizza is a controversial one. It continues *on / to* divide public opinion. Pizza purists are *aghast / against* at the idea, but it is an established menu *stable / staple* in many countries. The Hawaiian pizza was reportedly *inverted / invented* in Canada in 1962 after a chef used ham and pineapple *as / was* toppings. The restaurant owner expressed his opinion *on / in* it. He admitted that while the pizza was not his "absolute favourite," he would not "turn his *lip / nose* up at it". Many restaurateurs insist that customers should be *freedom / free* to enjoy whatever ingredients and toppings they choose. Although the Hawaiian pizza is popular internationally, many Italians regard it as "culinary *hearsay / heresy*".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_n _t_l__n ch_f _n Br_sb_n_, __str_l__, h_s b__n f_r_d f_r r_f_s_ng t_ p_t p_n__ppl_ _n p_zz_s, _m_ng _th_r r__s_ns. H_ w_nt t_ th_ F__r W_rk C_mm_ss__n t_ f_ght h_s d_sm_ss_l, b_t f__l_d t_ g_t h_s j_b b_ck. Th_ ch_f st_t_d th_t t_pp_ng p_zz_s w_th th_ tr_p_c_l fr__t w_s _n "_ns_lt t_ h_s c_lt_r_". H_ cl__m_d h_ w_s s_ck_d fr_m _ r_st__r_nt _n M_y _ft_r r_p__t_dly r_f_s_ng h_s b_ss's _nstr_ct__ns t_ m_k_ p_n__ppl_ _nd h_m p_zz_s f_r d_n_rs. H_s _mpl_y_r c_nt_nd_d th_t th_ r_f_s_l w_s _n_ _f s_v_r_l w_rkpl_c_ _ss__s. Th_ c_mm_ss__n r_j_ct_d th_ ch_f's _ppl_c_t__n b_c__s_ _t w_s s_bm_tt_d _ft_r th_ d__dl_n_. Th_ ch_f h_s s_nc_ f__nd _ j_b _t _n_th_r _t_l__n r_st__r_nt.

Th_ q__st__n _f wh_th_r p_n__ppl_ b_l_ngs _n p_zz_ _s _ c_ntr_v_rs__l _n_. _t c_nt_n__s t_ d_v_d_ p_bl_c _p_n__n. P_zz_ p_r_sts _r_ _gh_st _t th_ _d__, b_t _t _s _n _st_bl_sh_d m_n_ st_pl_ _n m_ny c__ntr__s. Th_ H_w____n p_zz_ w_s r_p_rt_dly _nv_nt_d _n C_n_d_ _n 1962 _ft_r _ ch_f _s_d h_m _nd p_n__ppl_ _s t_pp_ngs. Th_ r_st__r_nt _wn_r _xpr_ss_d h_s _p_n__n _n _t. H_ _dm_tt_d th_t wh_l_ th_ p_zz_ w_s n_t h_s "_bs_l_t_ f_v__r_t_," h_ w__ld n_t "t_rn h_s n_s_ _p _t _t". M_ny r_st__r_t__rs _ns_st th_t c_st_m_rs sh__ld b_ fr__ t_ _nj_y wh_t_v_r _ngr_d__nts _nd t_pp_ngs th_y ch__s_. _lth__gh th_ H_w____n p_zz_ _s p_p_l_r _nt_rn_t__n_lly, m_ny _t_l__ns r_g_rd _t _s "c_l_n_ry h_r_sy".

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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an italian chef in brisbane australia has been fired for refusing to put pineapple on pizzas among other reasons he went to the fair work commission to fight his dismissal but failed to get his job back the chef stated that topping pizzas with the tropical fruit was an insult to his culture he claimed he was sacked from a restaurant in may after repeatedly refusing his boss's instructions to make pineapple and ham pizzas for diners his employer contended that the refusal was one of several workplace issues the commission rejected the chef's application because it was submitted after the deadline the chef has since found a job at another italian restaurant

the question of whether pineapple belongs on pizza is a controversial one it continues to divide public opinion pizza purists are aghast at the idea but it is an established menu staple in many countries the hawaiian pizza was reportedly invented in canada in 1962 after a chef used ham and pineapple as toppings the restaurant owner expressed his opinion on it he admitted that while the pizza was not his absolute favourite he would not turn his nose up at it many restaurateurs insist that customers should be free to enjoy whatever ingredients and toppings they choose although the hawaiian pizza is popular internationally many italians regard it as culinary heresy

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261109-pineapple-on-pizza.html

Write about **pineapple on pizza** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261109-pineapple-on-pizza.html

Pineapple should never be used as a pizza topping. Discuss.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. PINEAPPLE ON PIZZA: Make a poster about pineapple on pizza. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. INGREDIENTS: Write a magazine article about chefs being allowed to experiment with the ingredients of any dish. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on pizza. Ask him/her three questions about pineapple on pizza. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1.	c	2.	a	3.	g	4.	b	5.	e	6.	d	7.	f
8.	k	9.	l	10.	n	11.	i	12.	j	13.	m	14.	h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

1	F	2	T	3	T	4	F	5	T	6	T	7	T	8	F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. e	3. j	4. c	5. b
6. i	7. a	8. f	9. h	10. d

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The Fair Work Commission
2. An insult to his culture
3. Many times (repeatedly)
4. Several
5. He missed the submission deadline.
6. A controversial one
7. They are aghast.
8. The Hawaiian pizza
9. Ingredients and toppings
10. Culinary heresy

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Fired for refusing to put pineapple on pizzas.
2. Topping pizzas with tropical fruit was an insult.
3. Refusing his boss's instructions to make pineapple pizzas.
4. The refusal was one of several workplace issues.
5. The chef has since found another job.
6. Pizza purists are aghast at the idea.
7. It's an established menu staple in many countries.
8. The restaurant owner expressed his opinion on it.
9. He wouldn't turn his nose up at it.
10. Many Italians regard it as culinary heresy.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1.	d	2.	b	3.	d	4.	c	5.	d	6.	c	7.	a	8.	c	9.	b	10.	a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)