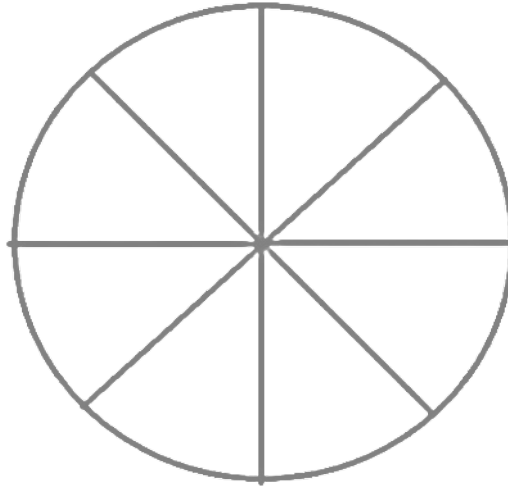


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1 Warmer

a. Draw your ideal pizza. You can use as many ingredients as you want.



2 Key words

a. Find the following words in the text. The paragraph numbers are given to help you.

bet

challenge

extend

flavours

1. To _____ is to challenge someone to do something. (paragraph 2)
2. A(n) _____ is a hard task that needs effort to solve but helps you become stronger. (paragraph 2)
3. If you _____ something, you make it longer or bigger. (paragraph 2)
4. _____ are the different tastes that different food or drinks have. (paragraph 3)

appreciate

concern

skinny

supportive

5. If someone is _____, they help and encourage you. (paragraph 4)
6. Someone who is _____ is very thin. (paragraph 7)
7. A(n) _____ is something that worries you. (paragraph 7)
8. If you _____ something, you value it. (paragraph 7)

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b. Use the words from task A to complete the following sentences.

1. Chocolate is my favourite ice cream _____.
2. She's been really _____, always helping and encouraging me when I needed it.
3. I really _____ your help with this task. I don't understand what I have to do.
4. This is definitely a(n) _____ but I'm sure we can do it!
5. I _____ she will be late again.

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- 1 There is nothing I like more in this world than pizza. For the last six years, I've eaten pizza every single day. Sometimes it might just be a slice, but most days I will get through a whole one.
- 2 My colleague and I used to be on the road all day, and the quickest thing for me to eat was a pizza. One day, he said: "I bet you couldn't eat it every day for a week," and I accepted the challenge. He then extended the bet to a month. By the end, I felt I could go for longer.
- 3 It's been six years. I love trying new flavours but prefer to keep my pizza simple. I can say with confidence that pineapple definitely doesn't go on pizza!
- 4 My wife is very supportive. My family does get tired of pizza, though. I usually have some for lunch so I can have the same meal as them in the evening.
- 5 A year ago, a pizza-box company saw my Instagram and asked me to work for them. I left my job to sell boxes to pizza stores full-time. It's the perfect job for me, as I can travel and try pizzas from all over the country. This spring, I had pizza in 10 different US states.
- 6 I love hearing people's stories about why they opened a pizzeria – often, the business has been passed down from their parents. People are surprised to discover I'm not interested in having my own. I see how hard these business owners work; I wouldn't want to be away from my family for that long.
- 7 I've only recently started showing my face on my Instagram. I used to only post pictures and videos of the pizzas I was eating because I'm quite shy, but I think people connect more when they see the person behind the account. Everyone thought I was a big guy, but I'm actually pretty skinny. Sometimes, people get in touch with concerns about my eating habits, but I'm fit and healthy. I appreciate people worrying, though, because it means they care.

- 8 People sometimes find it hard to understand why I do it and just how much I love pizza— but it's as simple as that!

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3 Comprehension check

a. Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

1. The writer usually **eats a slice of pizza** / **an entire pizza** / **half a pizza** per day.
2. A friend proposed the challenge and he accepted **immediately** / **after a week** / **a month later**.
3. His job allows him **to try** / **to make** / **to review** all sorts of pizzas.
4. He wouldn't like to **continue with this challenge** / **work for a pizza-box company** / **have his own pizzeria**.
5. Many people **think he is too thin** / **worry about his health** / **don't want him to continue**.

4 Key language

a. Complete the following sentences from the article using the correct connector.

1. Sometimes, it's just a slice, _____ most days, I finish a whole one.
a. and b. as c. but d. so
2. One day, he said: "I bet you couldn't eat it every day for a week," _____ I accepted the challenge.
a. and b. as c. but d. so
3. I love trying new flavours _____ prefer to keep my pizza simple.
a. and b. as c. but d. so
4. I usually have some for lunch, _____ I can have the same meal as them in the evening.
a. and b. as c. but d. so
5. It's the perfect job for me, _____ I can travel and try pizzas from all over the country.
a. and b. as c. but d. so

b. Answer the following questions using information from task A.

1. Which connector can you use to express result or consequence?
2. Which connector can you use to express a reason or cause for something to happen?
3. Which connector can you use to add similar ideas or items?
4. Which connector can you use to express contrasting ideas?

c. Complete the sentences using the connectors from task A.

1. I think Lisa is both clever _____ funny.
2. She liked the restaurant _____ said it was too expensive.
3. The trip was wonderful _____ a bit too long.

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4. He thought it was a great opportunity _____ he sent his CV.
5. She decided not to eat pizza, _____ she wasn't feeling well.

5 Discussion

a. Discuss these statements.

- "I'm confident in stating that pineapple definitely doesn't go on pizza."
- "People connect more when they see the person behind the (social media) account."
- The food I could eat every day for a long time is _____.

6 In your own words

a. With a partner, create a short survey (three to five questions) to learn about your classmates' eating habits.

b. Create an infographic to present the results of the survey and suggest changes your classmates should make in order to have a better, more balanced diet.