

LESEVERSTEHEN

1 Potato chips

The following text is from an Internet site about the history of different food.

Read the texts and then complete the sentences below using 1–5 words.

Potato chips (the British call them “crisps”) were invented in 1853 by accident¹. Moon Lake House in Saratoga Springs, New York, was a popular, expensive restaurant. A cook called
5 George Crum worked in the kitchen there.

One day a customer ordered some fried² potatoes with his meal. But he sent back his plate three times. He asked for the potatoes to be cut thinner and fried longer. Crum was
10 angry because someone criticized his cooking. So he cut the potatoes very thin, fried them until they were crispy³, and put lots of salt on them. Crum was sure the guest would hate them. The potatoes were taken back to the
15 table and, to everyone’s surprise, the customer was very happy and asked for more!

Soon these crispy potatoes were known as Saratoga chips, named after the town where

they were invented. When George Crum opened his own restaurant in 1860, he put
20 large baskets of the chips on every table. Over thirty years later the first potato chips were sold in shops. In 1895 William Tappenden began to produce potato chips and deliver
them to shops near his home in Cleveland, 25 Ohio.

Today potato chips are America’s number one snack food. More than 400 kilograms of potato chips are eaten in the United States each year. 2003 was the 150th birthday of the potato chip
30 and it was celebrated all over the United States. (236 words)

- 1 *by accident* zufällig
2 *fried* gebraten, frittiert
3 *crispy* knusprig

- 1 In 1853 George Crum _____ accident.
- 2 The guest wanted the potatoes _____ and fried longer.
- 3 Everyone _____ when the customer asked for more.
- 4 In 1860 Crum _____.
- 5 In 2003 people in the United States _____ of the potato chip.

2 Signs and short texts (1)

Read the signs and short texts. Then decide if the statements (1–7) below are true, false or not given in the text. Tick (✓) the correct box.



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- | | true | false | not given |
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| 1 You can go bowling at Megabowl on Sundays. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Mike and Linda's cat is five years old. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 All the things in the sale at the clothes shop are half price. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 You can sit around a campfire and sing songs at the camping ground. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 You can eat a meal at Megabowl after your game. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 If you have information about Mike and Linda's cat, you should fax them. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 You are allowed to drink wine and beer at the camping ground. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |