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Australian wins at World Pizza Championship

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140415-world-pizza-championship.html>

An Australian chef has been crowned pizza king at the World Pizza Championship in Parma, Italy. Pizza maker Johnny Di Francesco, who runs an Italian pizzeria in Melbourne, Australia, scooped the award in the traditional Neapolitan pizza category. He fended off dozens of rivals from Italy and all over the world. Italians who might be shocked at the thought of an Australian (or indeed any non-Italian) winning the prize can take heart from the fact that Mr Di Francesco has firm roots in Italy. His family is from Naples, home of the legendary Neapolitan, and he trained at the city's prestigious culinary school, the Associazione Verace Pizza Napoletana.

The World Pizza Championship is an annual event held to determine the world's best pizza makers and artists. It began in 1991 and now attracts over 600 entrants. Pizzas are judged by discerning international experts, who look at preparation, taste, bake and presentation. There are also awards for the fastest pizza maker, freestyle acrobatics and the largest dough stretch. The judges at this year's contest restored Italian pride by announcing the winner of the best classic pizza was master chef Giulio Scialpi from the city of Bari, in south-east Italy. Mr Scialpi said it was the pinnacle of his career and had "craved" the prize since first entering the championship in 2000.

Sources: <http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/world/241499/aussie-beats-italians-to-pizza-prize>
<http://www.thelocal.it/20140411/australia-has-worlds-best-neapolitan-pizza>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Pizza_Championship

WARM-UPS

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

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

chef / king / championship / traditional / rivals / shocked / take heart / prestigious / event / pizza makers / judges / experts / preparation / taste / acrobatics / dough

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

3. THE BEST PIZZA: Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	It (they) needs (need) to be.....	Why?
Crust		
Size		
Depth		
Toppings		
Garnish		
Side dishes		

4. ITALIANS: Students A **strongly** believe Italians will always make the best pizza; Students B **strongly** believe this will change. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. TOPPINGS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best pizza toppings at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- anchovies
- olives
- onions
- jalapeno peppers
- pineapple
- sweet corn
- feta cheese
- salami

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140415-world-pizza-championship.html>

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The World Pizza Championships were held in Melbourne, Australia. | T / F |
| b. The Australian winner is a chef at one of Australia's leading hotels. | T / F |
| c. The Aussie chef won the award in the best Neapolitan pizza category. | T / F |
| d. The chef's family is from the home of the Neapolitan pizza. | T / F |
| e. The World Pizza Championship is over a century old. | T / F |
| f. Over 600 chefs entered the contest. | T / F |
| g. There is an award for who can stretch dough the longest. | T / F |
| h. The winner in the classic pizza category is from Rome. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. runs | a. won |
| 2. scooped | b. be comforted by |
| 3. take heart from | c. draws |
| 4. prestigious | d. yearly |
| 5. culinary | e. owns |
| 6. annual | f. honour |
| 7. attracts | g. cooking |
| 8. discerning | h. high point |
| 9. pride | i. respected |
| 10. pinnacle | j. sophisticated |

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

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. scooped | a. world's best |
| 2. He fended | b. from the fact |
| 3. take heart | c. event |
| 4. home of the | d. of his career |
| 5. he trained at the city's prestigious | e. off dozens of rivals |
| 6. an annual | f. international experts |
| 7. determine the | g. culinary school |
| 8. discerning | h. stretch |
| 9. the largest dough | i. the award |
| 10. it was the pinnacle | j. legendary Neapolitan |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140415-world-pizza-championship.html>

An Australian chef has been (1) _____ pizza king at the World Pizza Championship in Parma, Italy. Pizza maker Johnny Di Francesco, who (2) _____ an Italian pizzeria in Melbourne, Australia, scooped the award in the traditional Neapolitan pizza (3) _____. He fended off dozens of (4) _____ from Italy and all over the world. Italians who might be shocked at the thought of an Australian (or (5) _____ any non-Italian) winning the prize can take (6) _____ from the fact that Mr Di Francesco has firm (7) _____ in Italy. His family is from Naples, home of the legendary Neapolitan, and he trained at the city's prestigious (8) _____ school, the Associazione Verace Pizza Napoletana.

indeed
rivals
runs
culinary
roots
crowned
heart
category

The World Pizza Championship is an (9) _____ event held to determine the world's best pizza makers and artists. It began in 1991 and now (10) _____ over 600 entrants. Pizzas are judged by (11) _____ international experts, who look at preparation, taste, (12) _____ and presentation. There are also awards for the fastest pizza maker, freestyle acrobatics and the largest (13) _____ stretch. The judges at this year's contest restored Italian (14) _____ by announcing the winner of the best classic pizza was master chef Giulio Scialpi from the city of Bari, in south-east Italy. Mr Scialpi said it was the (15) _____ of his career and had "(16) _____ " the prize since first entering the championship in 2000.

dough
discerning
pinnacle
annual
craved
attracts
bake
pride

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140415-world-pizza-championship.html>

- 1) An Australian chef has been _____
 - a. clowning pizza king
 - b. crowned pizza king
 - c. crowed pizza king
 - d. ground pizza king
- 2) scooped the award in the traditional Neapolitan _____
 - a. pizza categories
 - b. pizza categorise
 - c. pizza cat a gory
 - d. pizza category
- 3) take heart from the fact that Mr Di Francesco has _____
 - a. firm loots in Italy
 - b. firm boots in Italy
 - c. firm hoots in Italy
 - d. firm roots in Italy
- 4) His family is from Naples, home of the _____
 - a. legend airy Neapolitan
 - b. legendary Neapolitan
 - c. ledge and airy Neapolitan
 - d. legend array Neapolitan
- 5) he trained at the city's prestigious _____
 - a. cull in airy school
 - b. culling air school
 - c. culling array school
 - d. culinary school
- 6) The World Pizza Championship is an annual event held to _____ best
 - a. determined the world's
 - b. determinate the world's
 - c. determines the world's
 - d. determine the world's
- 7) It began in 1991 and now attracts _____
 - a. over 600 entrants
 - b. over 600 entrance
 - c. over 600 entranced
 - d. over 600 entries
- 8) Pizzas are judged by discerning _____
 - a. international expats
 - b. international experts
 - c. international expertise
 - d. international exerts
- 9) awards for the fastest pizza maker, freestyle acrobatics and the _____
 - a. largest bough stretch
 - b. largest cough stretch
 - c. largest dough stretch
 - d. largest rough stretch
- 10) Mr Scialpi said it was the _____ career
 - a. pin up of his
 - b. pin a call of his
 - c. pinner call of his
 - d. pinnacle of his

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140415-world-pizza-championship.html>

An Australian chef (1) _____ pizza king at the World Pizza Championship in Parma, Italy. Pizza maker Johnny Di Francesco, who runs an Italian pizzeria in Melbourne, Australia, (2) _____ in the traditional Neapolitan pizza category. He (3) _____ of rivals from Italy and all over the world. Italians who might be shocked at the thought of an Australian (or indeed any non-Italian) winning the prize can (4) _____ fact that Mr Di Francesco has firm roots in Italy. His family is from Naples, (5) _____ Neapolitan, and he trained at the (6) _____ school, the Associazione Verace Pizza Napoletana.

The World Pizza Championship is an annual (7) _____ the world's best pizza makers and artists. It began in 1991 and now attracts (8) _____. Pizzas are judged by discerning international experts, who look at preparation, taste, bake and presentation. There are (9) _____ fastest pizza maker, freestyle acrobatics and the (10) _____. The judges at this year's contest restored Italian pride by announcing the winner of the best classic pizza was master chef Giulio Scialpi from the city of Bari, in south-east Italy. Mr Scialpi said it was the (11) _____ and had (12) _____ first entering the championship in 2000.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140415-world-pizza-championship.html>

1. In which Italian city was the World Pizza Championship held?

2. What does the winner Johnny Di Francesco run?

3. Who did Johnny Di Francesco beat?

4. Where are Johnny Di Francesco's roots?

5. What kind of school did Johnny Di Francesco train at?

6. How often is the World Pizza Championship held?

7. When did the championship start?

8. What award is there that concerns the pizza dough?

9. What is the nationality of the winner in the best classic pizza category?

10. When did the winner of the best classic pizza first enter the contest?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140415-world-pizza-championship.html>

1. In which Italian city was the World Pizza Championship held?
 - a) Milan
 - b) Bari
 - c) Naples
 - d) Parma
2. What does the winner Johnny Di Francesco run?
 - a) pizza-eating competitions
 - b) a pizzeria
 - c) a culinary arts school
 - d) a website about pizza
3. Who did Johnny Di Francesco beat?
 - a) Claudio Benetti
 - b) Pizza Hut
 - c) the champion for the past 8 years
 - d) dozens of rivals
4. Where are Johnny Di Francesco's roots?
 - a) in his garden
 - b) Sicily
 - c) Naples
 - d) New York
5. What kind of school did Johnny Di Francesco train at?
 - a) a rough one
 - b) the Pizza University
 - c) a normal one
 - d) a prestigious culinary school
6. How often is the World Pizza Championship held?
 - a) triannually
 - b) every four years
 - c) annually
 - d) biannually
7. When did the championship start?
 - a) 1991
 - b) 3pm
 - c) after the ovens were hot
 - d) when the town mayor arrived
8. What award is there that concerns the pizza dough?
 - a) the smoothest
 - b) the fewest air pockets
 - c) the longest
 - d) the whitest
9. What is the nationality of the winner in the best classic pizza category?
 - a) Swiss
 - b) Italian
 - c) Greek
 - d) French
10. When did the winner of the best classic pizza first enter the contest?
 - a) 2000
 - b) 2001
 - c) 2002
 - d) 2003

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140415-world-pizza-championship.html>

Role A – The crust

You think the crust is the most important part of a pizza. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so important about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the thickness, the tomato base or the toppings.

Role B – The thickness

You think the thickness is the most important part of a pizza. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so important about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the crust, the tomato base or the toppings.

Role C – The tomato base

You think the tomato base is the most important part of a pizza. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so important about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the thickness, the crust or the toppings.

Role D – The toppings

You think the toppings are the most important part of a pizza. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so important about their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the thickness, the tomato base or the crust.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140415-world-pizza-championship.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'annual' and 'event'.

annual	event

- 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:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• king• runs• dozens• indeed• heart• trained	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• annual• 600• taste• dough• classic• craved
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PIZZA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about 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.

PIZZA DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'pizza'?
- c) Why is pizza so popular throughout the world?
- d) Is it good an Australian beat many Italians for this prize?
- e) How difficult do you think it is to make a great pizza?
- f) What is a great pizza?
- g) How important is pizza in your life?
- h) Is pizza the best food from Italy?
- i) How good or bad is pizza for you?
- j) Would you like to study the art of pizza making?

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PIZZA DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What do you think of pizza?
- c) What are the three most important things for a pizza to have?
- d) Do you think you would be a good pizza judge?
- e) What's the worst pizza you've eaten?
- f) What's your favourite pizza restaurant, and why?
- g) What do you think of frozen or microwave pizza?
- h) What food do you get a craving for?
- i) What kind of pizza toppings do you think are not good?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the winner?

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) cloned | (b) crowned | (c) clowned | (d) crowning |
| 2. | (a) trains | (b) runs | (c) mixes | (d) bakes |
| 3. | (a) escaped | (b) scarpered | (c) scraped | (d) scooped |
| 4. | (a) indebted | (b) indeed | (c) indelible | (d) inedible |
| 5. | (a) back | (b) stomach | (c) head | (d) heart |
| 6. | (a) equine | (b) logistics | (c) culinary | (d) anatomical |
| 7. | (a) determine | (b) undermine | (c) mine | (d) gold mine |
| 8. | (a) expats | (b) expects | (c) experts | (d) ex-porters |
| 9. | (a) ingredients | (b) base | (c) crust | (d) dough |
| 10. | (a) pride | (b) parsley | (c) Parmesan | (d) poultry |
| 11. | (a) pinnacle | (b) scale | (c) ascent | (d) reach |
| 12. | (a) craved | (b) carved | (c) cavorted | (d) caved |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. woncrde pizza king
2. the traditional Neapolitan pizza cgerytao
3. He fended off nedosz of rivals
4. shocked at the httuhog
5. home of the ardlgyeen Neapolitan
6. the city's sepgiuosit culinary school

Paragraph 2

7. an lunaan event
8. erteinemd the world's best pizza makers
9. judged by sneclirng international experts
10. the largest hdoug stretch
11. it was the enlancip of his career
12. vedacr the prize

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () culinary school, the Associazione Verace Pizza Napoletana.
- () maker Johnny Di Francesco, who runs an Italian pizzeria in Melbourne, Australia, scooped
- () chef Giulio Scialpi from the city of Bari, in south-east Italy. Mr Scialpi said it was the pinnacle of
- () acrobatics and the largest dough stretch. The judges at this year's contest restored Italian pride
- () the award in the traditional Neapolitan pizza category. He fended off dozens of rivals from Italy and all
- () heart from the fact that Mr Di Francesco has firm roots in Italy. His family is from Naples, home
- () experts, who look at preparation, taste, bake and presentation. There are also awards for the fastest pizza maker, freestyle
- () The World Pizza Championship is an annual event held to determine the world's best pizza makers
- () over the world. Italians who might be shocked at the thought of an Australian (or indeed any non-Italian) winning the prize can take
- () and artists. It began in 1991 and now attracts over 600 entrants. Pizzas are judged by discerning international
- () by announcing the winner of the best classic pizza was master
- (**1**) An Australian chef has been crowned pizza king at the World Pizza Championship in Parma, Italy. Pizza
- () of the legendary Neapolitan, and he trained at the city's prestigious
- () his career and had "craved" the prize since first entering the championship in 2000.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. pizza chef king has been An crowned Australian.

2. category the traditional The Neapolitan award pizza in.

3. rivals fended from off Italy dozens of He.

4. an at Australian the winning thought of Shocked.

5. culinary at school the city's He prestigious trained.

6. pizza An annual event held to determine the world's best.

7. Pizzas experts international discerning by judged are.

8. pizza There awards fastest also the maker are for.

9. judges year's Italian The this restored at contest pride.

10. Scialpi said it was the pinnacle of his career Mr.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140415-world-pizza-championship.html>

An Australian chef has been *crowning* / *crowned* pizza king at the World Pizza Championship in Parma, Italy. Pizza maker Johnny Di Francesco, who *runs* / *running* an Italian pizzeria in Melbourne, Australia, *scraped* / *scooped* the award in the traditional Neapolitan pizza category. He fended *off* / *out* dozens of *rivals* / *rivalries* from Italy and all over the world. Italians who might be shocked *at* / *for* the thought of an Australian (or *deeds* / *indeed* any non-Italian) winning the prize can take *heart* / *head* from the fact that Mr Di Francesco has firm *boots* / *roots* in Italy. His family is from Naples, home of the legendary Neapolitan, and he trained at the city's *prestige* / *prestigious* culinary school, the Associazione Verace Pizza Napoletana.

The World Pizza Championship is an *annually* / *annual* event held to determine the world's best pizza *markers* / *makers* and artists. It began in 1991 and now *attractive* / *attracts* over 600 entrants. Pizzas are judged by discerning international *experts* / *expats*, who look at preparation, taste, *cake* / *bake* and presentation. There are also awards for the fastest pizza maker, freestyle *aerobics* / *acrobatics* and the largest *dough* / *bough* stretch. The judges at this year's contest *restored* / *restoration* Italian pride by announcing the winner of the best classic pizza was *master* / *mister* chef Giulio Scialpi from the city of Bari, in south-east Italy. Mr Scialpi said it was the pinnacle of his career and had "*carved*" / "*craved*" the prize since first entering the championship in 2000.

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

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

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_ n _ _ str_l _ _ n ch_f h_s b _ _ n cr_wn_d p_zz_ k_ng _ t th_ W_rld P_zz_ Ch_mp_ _ nsh_p _ n P_rm_ , _ t_ly. P_zz_ m_k_r J_hnny D_ Fr_nc_sc_ , wh_ r_ns _ n _ t_l_ _ n p_zz_r_ _ n M_lb_ _ rn_ , _ _ str_l_ _ , sc_ _ p_d th_ _ w_rld _ n th_ tr_d_t_ _ n_l N_ p_l_t_n p_zz_ c_t_g_ry. H_ f_nd_d _ ff_d_z_ns _ f_r_v_ls fr_m _ t_ly _ nd _ ll_v_r th_ w_rld. _ t_l_ _ ns wh_ m_gh_t b_ sh_ck_d _ t th_ th_gh_t _ f_ n _ _ str_l_ _ n (_ r_ nd_ _ d_ ny n_n- _ t_l_ _ n) w_nn_ng th_ pr_z_ c_n t_k_ h_ _ rt fr_m th_ f_ct th_t Mr D_ Fr_nc_sc_ h_s f_rm r_ _ ts _ n _ t_ly. H_s f_m_ly _ s fr_m N_pl_s, h_m_ _ f th_ l_g_nd_ry N_ p_l_t_n, _ nd h_ tr_ _ n_d _ t th_ c_ty's pr_st_g_ _ _ s c_l_n_ry sch_ _ l, th_ _ ss_c_ _ z_ _ n V_r_c_ P_zz_ N_p_l_t_n_ .

Th_ W_rld P_zz_ Ch_mp_ _ nsh_p _ s _ n _ nn_ _ l _ v_nt h_ld t_ d_t_rm_n_ th_ w_rld's b_st p_zz_ m_k_rs _ nd _ rt_sts. _ t b_g_n _ n 1991 _ nd n_w _ ttr_cts _ v_r 600 _ ntr_nts. P_zz_s _ r_ _ j_dg_d _ by _ d_sc_rn_ng _ nt_rn_t_ _ n_l _ xp_rts, wh_ l_ _ k_ _ t pr_p_r_t_ _ n, t_st_ , b_k_ _ nd pr_s_nt_t_ _ n. Th_r_ _ r_ _ ls _ _ w_rds f_r th_ f_st_st p_zz_ m_k_r, fr_ _ styl_ _ _ cr_b_t_cs _ nd th_ l_rg_st d_gh str_tch. Th_ j_dg_s _ t th_s y_ _ r's c_nt_st r_st_r_d _ t_l_ _ n pr_d_ _ by _ nn_ _ nc_ng th_ w_nn_r _ f th_ b_st cl_ss_c p_zz_ w_s m_st_r ch_f G_ _ l_ _ Sc_ _ lp_ fr_m th_ c_ty _ f B_r_ , _ n s_ _ th_ _ st _ t_ly. Mr Sc_ _ lp_ s_ _ d _ t w_s th_ p_nn_cl_ _ f h_s c_r_ _ r _ nd h_d "cr_v_d" th_ pr_z_ s_nc_ f_rst _ nt_r_ng th_ ch_mp_ _ nsh_p _ n 2000.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the world pizza championship is an annual event held to determine the world's best pizza makers and artists it began in 1991 and now attracts over 600 entrants pizzas are judged by discerning international experts who look at preparation taste bake and presentation there are also awards for the fastest pizza maker freestyle acrobatics and the largest dough stretch the judges at this year's contest restored italian pride by announcing the winner of the best classic pizza was master chef giulio scialpi from the city of bari in south-east italy mr scialpi said it was the pinnacle of his career and had "craved" the prize since first entering the championship in 2000

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 pizza. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. WORLD PIZZA CHAMPIONSHIP: Write a magazine article about the championship. Include imaginary interviews with pizza makers, freestyle pizza acrobats and dough stretchers.

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 a pizza expert. Ask him/her three questions about 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

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c T d T e F f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. runs | a. won |
| 2. scooped | b. be comforted by |
| 3. take heart from | c. draws |
| 4. prestigious | d. yearly |
| 5. culinary | e. owns |
| 6. annual | f. honour |
| 7. attracts | g. cooking |
| 8. discerning | h. high point |
| 9. pride | i. respected |
| 10. pinnacle | j. sophisticated |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Bari
2. A pizzeria
3. Dozens of rivals
4. Naples
5. A prestigious culinary school
6. Yearly
7. 1991
8. The longest stretch
9. Italian
10. 2000

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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 ;-)