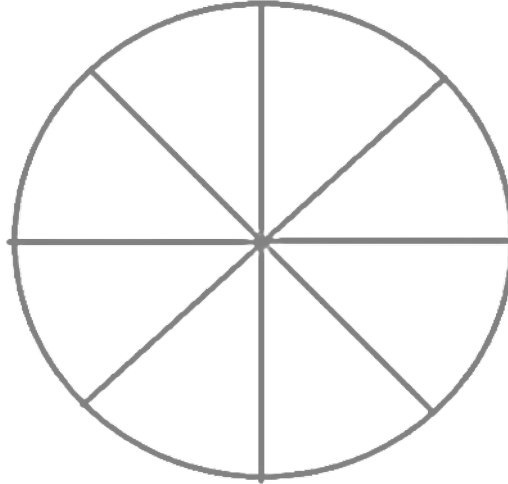


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1 Warmer

- a. What are your favourite pizza toppings? Draw your ideal pizza in the space below. You can use as many toppings as you'd like.



2 Key words

- a. Match the words in the box to their definitions. Then, find and highlight them in the text to read them in context.

assume

bite

grab

healthiness

leftovers

slice

stating

streak

supportive

though

1. a, usually thin, piece of food that has been cut from a larger piece _____
2. take something quickly _____
3. expressing something clearly in speech or writing _____
4. food that has not been eaten at the end of a meal _____
5. showing empathy and encouragement _____
6. accept something as true without questioning or having evidence _____
7. having good health and not being likely to become ill _____
8. despite the fact that; although _____
9. period of time during which an event repeats itself or continues to happen

10. a tiny portion of food _____

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b. Use some of the key words above to complete these sentences. You may need to change the form of the word.

1. Would you like another _____ of cake?
2. This is a perfect place to _____ something to eat if you go on a trip to the beach.
3. Are there any _____ from last night? I'm starving!
4. She's been super _____, always offering help and encouragement when I needed it most.
5. I _____ she enjoyed comedy films, but I was wrong.
6. Fruits and vegetables contribute to the _____ of your diet.
7. I enjoyed the film, _____ some parts were a bit confusing.
8. Our team is currently on a winning _____, with seven consecutive victories.

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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 would be on the road all day, and the quickest thing for me to grab to eat was a pizza. One day, he said: "I bet you couldn't eat it every day for a week." I rose to the challenge with ease. He then extended the bet to a month. By the end, I felt I could go for longer.
- 3 I set up a social media account to document my progress, and six years on, I'm still going strong. I love comparing versions of the same flavour by different chefs, and trying new flavours. Peanut butter and bacon, and beefaroni and caviar are some of the wildest combinations I've had, though I prefer to keep my pizza simple. I'm confident in stating that pineapple definitely doesn't go on pizza.
- 4 I'll keep up my habit during the holidays, even when businesses are closed. For example, I always buy enough pizzas on Christmas Eve so that there are leftovers for Christmas Day. On our wedding day, my wife and I ordered cheese pizzas for guests at the end of the evening.
- 5 My wife is very supportive and often brings slices home. My family does get tired of pizza, though. I usually try to get my fix during lunch breaks, so I can have the same meal as them in the evening. But I've always got room for leftover slices after dinner.
- 6 Just over a year ago, a pizza-box company saw my Instagram and asked if I'd be interested in working 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.
- 7 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 that I'm not interested in opening up my own. I see how hard these business owners work; I wouldn't want to be away from my family for that long.
- 8 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 assumed I was a big guy, but I'm actually pretty skinny. Sometimes people will get in touch with concerns about the healthiness of my habit, but I'm fit and healthy. I appreciate people worrying, though, because it means they care.
- 9 I still see the colleague who originally challenged me. He laughs and calls me crazy but is impressed that I've kept it up all these years. I think people find it hard to understand why I do it, and just how much I love pizza – but it's as simple as that. I'll continue my streak as long as I'm still excited about pizza, and I'm happy to enjoy my delicious journey, one bite at a time.

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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. He shares **the pizzas he makes** / **his progress** / **his preferences** on social media.
4. When restaurants are closed, he **doesn't eat pizza** / **cooks his own pizza** / **eats pizza anyway**.
5. His current job allows him **to try** / **to make** / **to review** all sorts of pizzas.
6. He makes it clear he wouldn't like to **continue with this challenge** / **work for a pizza-box company** / **have his own pizzeria**.

4 Key language

a. Look at the sentences below. What concept does each sentence express?

1. For the last six years, I've eaten pizza every single day.
a. habit in the past b. completed action in the past c. action that began in the past and continues
2. My colleague and I would be on the road all day.
a. habit in the past b. completed action in the past c. action that began in the past and continues
3. I set up a social media account to document my progress.
a. habit in the past b. completed action in the past c. action that began in the past and continues
4. A pizza company saw my Instagram and asked if I'd be interested in working for them.
a. habit in the past b. completed action in the past c. action that began in the past and continues
5. I used to only post videos of the pizzas.
a. habit in the past b. completed action in the past c. action that began in the past and continues

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

1. What tenses can be used to talk about completed actions in the past?
2. What tense can be used to talk about actions that began in the past and continue in the present?
3. What auxiliaries can be used to talk about habits in the past?

c. Write three sentences about some habits you had when you were younger using *used to* or *would*.

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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 (five to seven 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.