



EXTENSION

Name:

1 The words below appear in the text in Exercise 2. Find the words and guess their meanings. Use a dictionary to check your guesses.

- 1. accidental
- 2. treat
- 3. flavoured
- 4. dough
- 5. wheat

2 Read the text and complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the Past Simple or Past Perfect Simple.

Delicious Accidental Inventions

Some inventions are the result of creating a solution to a specific problem. And some are accidental – including these very popular foods.

Crisps

These were meant to be a flop! Crisps were invented in a New York restaurant in 1853 when a customer wanted thinner, crispier fried potatoes than he was served. Although he was annoyed by the request, George Crum, the chef, prepared what the customer wanted. He cut the potatoes extremely thin, fried them, and put too much salt on them. He wanted the customer to hate them, but the man loved them. Crum’s new potatoes soon caught on!

The Ice-Lolly

This sweet treat of flavoured frozen water was invented in 1905 in California by 11-year-old Frank Epperson. After he had made a drink of fruit flavouring and water, he took it outside and forgot to bring it in. When Epperson went out the next morning, he saw that the drink had frozen during the night. He tasted it – and it was delicious! Epperson started to produce his frozen drinks for the public in the 1920s.

The Chocolate-Chip Cookies

These were invented in 1930 by Ruth Wakefield in her Massachusetts restaurant. Wakefield had planned to make chocolate cookies, but she didn’t have any of her usual chocolate. She came up with an ingenious solution: she added little pieces of a Nestlé chocolate bar to the cookie dough. Her customers loved the new dessert. Wakefield became famous after Nestlé had begun selling chocolate chips – with her recipe printed on the packet.

Cornflakes

William Kellogg and his brother John worked at a Michigan hospital. One day in the 1890s, the brothers were making a special kind of wheat dough for the patients. Something went wrong, and the dough started to break into pieces. The brothers baked these pieces, or “flakes”. The flakes tasted delicious, and became very popular with the patients. William Kellogg went on to create cornflakes and other breakfast cereals.

prepare ♦ break ♦ not plan ♦ complain ♦ bake ♦ find ♦ freeze ♦ start

- 1. After a customer about his potatoes, Chef Crum very thin crispy potatoes.
- 2. By the time Epperson his drink, it
- 3. Ruth Wakefield to make chocolate chip cookies before she baking.
- 4. William and John Kellogg the dough after it into pieces.

3 Answer the questions.

1. What is common to all the foods in the text?

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2. Why did Crum make such thin salty potatoes?

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3. Why did Epperson's drink freeze?

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4. Where did Wakefield's recipe appear?

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5. What did William Kellogg do after he saw that the patients liked the flakes?

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4 Imagine you are living in the year 2099. Write a brief description of a food or kitchen gadget you have invented.