



Worksheet 1. Reading: *The Invention of the Potato Chip*

Read the passage about how a food was invented. Then answer the questions below.



The Invention of the Potato Chip

The **potato chip** was **invented** in 1853 by George Crum. Crum was a Native American/African American chef at the Moon Lake Lodge **resort** in Saratoga Springs, New York, USA.

At the time, French fried potatoes were popular all over the country. **Chef** Crum cooked French fries at the resort every night. One night a **diner** **complained** that the fries were too **thick**. So Crum cut the potatoes **thinner** and fried them perfectly, but the customer was still unsatisfied and **grumpy**.

Crum was annoyed by this grumpy customer, and so he did something to annoy him: he cut the potatoes very, very thin -- too thin to eat with a fork -- and fried them. Surprisingly, the customer was **delighted** with the very thin potatoes, and asked for **seconds** and even thirds! In this way, potato chips were invented ... and the rest is history.

Circle **T** if the statement is true or **F** if it is false according to the passage.

1. T / F George Crum invented the potato chip.
2. T / F The potato chip was invented about fifty years ago.
3. T / F Crum worked at a hotel in Africa.
4. T / F Crum had studied cooking in France.
5. T / F Many people all over the country liked French fried potatoes.
6. T / F One customer complained that the potatoes were too thick.
7. T / F The customer who complained was very pleasant.
8. T / F George Crum worked for many years to develop the potato chip.