



# GLOBALIZATION

## The Global Hamburger

<i>pickles</i>	<i>multiple</i>	<i>ingredients</i>	<i>culinary</i>	<i>social</i>
<i>beloved</i>	<i>icon</i>	<i>unanimous</i>	<i>ground</i>	<i>fame</i>

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### Discussion

1. Can you remember the first time you had a hamburger?
2. Which hamburger restaurant is your favorite?
3. Can you describe your favorite hamburger?
4. Have you ever tried to make your own hamburger?
5. Can you eat a triple burger and chips?
6. Do you prefer two small burgers rather than one huge burger?
7. How often do you have a hamburger and chips?
8. If you cannot have a hamburger and chips, what is your second choice of fast food?

## Teacher's Key

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One of today's most beloved and well-known meals, the hamburger, has a history dating back over a century. Originally just two slices of bread enclosing a piece of ground beef, the hamburger has added on its famous ingredients of lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, and sauces as the modern era swept in and the burger came into full force. While it can't be said with absolute certainty, it appears that the hamburger was created either in the USA – where its rise to fame started – or in the German city of Hamburg, where it gets its name from.

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