



PIZZA MARGHERITA - A ROYAL STORY

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Title: Pizza Margherita: A Royal Story – Reading & Comprehension

Level: Pre-Intermediate to Intermediate (A2–B1)

Time: 20–30 minutes



Vocabulary

| Word | Meaning | Sounds like |
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| royal | connected to a king or queen | ROY-ul |
| pizzaiolo | a person who makes pizza | peet-sah-YOH-lo |
| ingredients | the foods you need to make a dish | in-GREE-dee-ents |
| honor | to show respect or praise for someone | ON-er |
| symbol | something that represents an idea or country | SIM-bul |

Reading Passage

Pizza Margherita: A Royal Story

Pizza is one of the most popular foods in the world. But did you know that one of the most famous kinds of pizza has a royal story?

In 1889, Queen Margherita of Savoy visited the city of Naples in southern Italy. She was tired of eating French food every day and wanted to try something local. She asked a famous pizzaiolo named Raffaele Esposito to make her a special pizza.

Esposito created a pizza with three simple ingredients: red tomatoes, white mozzarella cheese, and green basil leaves. These colors — red, white, and green — were exactly the same as the colors of the Italian flag!

Queen Margherita loved the pizza so much that she sent a thank-you letter to the chef. After her visit, this new pizza became very popular. People started calling it **Pizza Margherita** in honor of the Queen.

Even though similar pizzas existed in Naples before, the Queen's visit helped make it famous all over Italy and later around the world.

Today, Pizza Margherita is a symbol of simple Italian cooking and national pride. The next time you eat a Margherita pizza, remember the royal story behind those beautiful red, white, and green colors!

Comprehension Questions

A. True or False

1. Queen Margherita visited Naples because she loved French food.
2. Raffaele Esposito made a pizza with the colors of the Italian flag.
3. The Queen did not like the pizza.
4. Pizza Margherita became popular after the Queen's visit.

B. Multiple Choice

1. What year did Queen Margherita visit Naples?
a) 1789 b) 1889 c) 1989
2. Why did Esposito choose red, white, and green ingredients?
a) Because they were cheap
b) Because they matched the Italian flag
c) Because the Queen asked for those colors

C. Short Answer

1. Who made the special pizza for the Queen?
2. What does "Pizza Margherita" honor?
3. Why is Pizza Margherita important to Italians?

Discussion Questions

1. Would you like to try the original Pizza Margherita? Why or why not?
2. What food from your country represents your national flag or colors?
3. Do you think royal visits can make ordinary things famous? Give examples.