



WHY FRENCH FRIES AREN'T FRENCH

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1. Speaking Warm-up	2. Pair Work – True or False?
Discuss the questions with a partner or small group. 1. Do you like French fries?  How often do you eat them? 2. Where do you usually eat the best fries? 3. Do you prefer thin fries or thick fries? 4. Which country do you think makes the best fries? Why?	Student A reads the statements below. Student B says if they are True or False. Then, switch roles.  1. French fries were invented in France. T / F 2. People fried small fish in winter. T / F 3. The Belgian word for fries is “frites.” T / F 4. American soldiers called them “Belgian fries.” T / F 5. French fries are popular all over the world. T / F

3. Debate Time!

Work in groups. Discuss the question below.

Should we still call them “French fries”?

Or should we call them “Belgian fries”?

Think about:

- history and facts
- traditions and names
- how people understand them today

Choose a side and **prepare 2–3 reasons**.

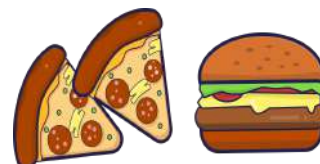
Then, have a class debate!



4. Food Origins Quiz

Match each food with the country it really comes from.

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| 1. Pizza _____ | A. China |
| 2. Sushi _____ | B. Mexico |
| 3. Tacos _____ | C. France |
| 4. Croissants _____ | D. Italy |
| 5. Tea _____ | E. Japan |
| 6. Chocolate _____ | F. Ancient Mesoamerica |
| 7. Ice cream _____ | G. Persia / India |
| | H. (Extra) Italy |



5. Role-Play – At a Restaurant

Work with a partner. Read the situation and act it out.

Situation: You are **tourists in Belgium**.

You are in a restaurant and want to order food.

- Ask about the fries.
- Ask if they are really Belgian.
- Talk about your favorite foods.

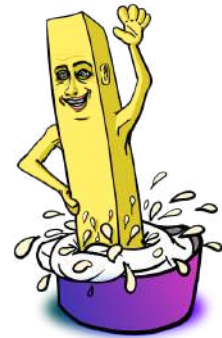


6. Creative Activity

Invent your own new potato snack! Give it a name, ingredients, and a slogan.

Draw a picture and present it to the class.

- **Name:** _____
- **Ingredients:** _____
- **Slogan:** _____



7. Discussion – Your Opinion

Discuss in small groups.

1. Why do you think the name “French fries” became so popular?
2. Are there any foods in your country that other countries have the wrong name for?
3. Do names of foods really matter? Why or why not?



One More Interesting Fact!

Belgium has a **French Fry Museum** where visitors can learn all about the history of fries!

Teacher's Key

2. Pair Work – True or False? Answers

1. **F** (They were likely born in Belgium)
2. **T**
3. **T**
4. **F** (They called them "French fries")
5. **T**

4. Food Origins Quiz Answers

1. **D** (Italy) *or H*
2. **E** (Japan)
3. **B** (Mexico)
4. **C** (France) (Note: Historically originated in Austria, but commonly associated with France as modernly known)
5. **A** (China)
6. **F** (Ancient Mesoamerica)
7. **G** (Persia / India) (Early historical roots of frozen desserts)