

Read the article "Pasta Comes to America" before answering Numbers 6 through 10.

Pasta Comes to America

Many Americans like pasta. They enjoy making and eating pasta dishes. Pasta can be long and thin. It can be short and thick. It can even come in shapes like wheels or stars. The names of different types of pasta often describe the way the noodle looks. For example, the word *spaghetti* means "little strings" in Italian. Some people eat pasta with cheese sauce or tomato sauce. Others love it with meat sauce or even just a little oil.

People who like pasta can thank Italian Americans. They helped bring pasta to America. Italians first came to America more than one hundred years ago. Many Italians came to live in the big cities in America. Often they would live together in their own neighborhoods. That is why many big cities today have a neighborhood called "Little Italy."

Italians loved many things about America. But they did not always like the food in their new country. They missed the food from Italy. They especially missed pasta. They liked the hard cheeses that they could cook with pasta. They grew vegetables and spices in their gardens. They would add fresh vegetables and spices to their sauces and pasta. They also liked fruit. They would eat it with pasta.

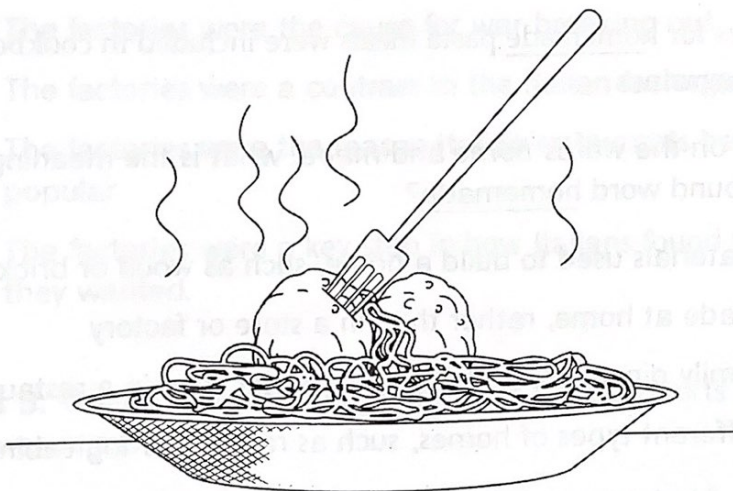
This was a different way of eating than most Americans were used to. They did not often use fresh fruits and vegetables in their cooking. And pasta was new to them, too.

Italian Americans found ways to get the foods they liked. First, they planted vegetables and spices in their own gardens. Then, they bought cheeses and pasta that came from faraway Italy.

Then war broke out. Pasta and cheese could not be shipped all the way from Italy. Pasta factories began to open in America. They could make the pasta that Italians wanted.

As a result, there was a lot of pasta being made in America. It did not cost much money to buy. Then it was discovered that pasta was healthy. Recipes for homemade pasta meals were included in cookbooks and magazines. Americans began to eat pasta at mealtimes in their homes. Spaghetti and meatballs became a favorite meal.

Italian Americans started to open pasta restaurants. They called them spaghetti houses. Italian restaurants soon became very popular restaurants. People liked these restaurants. It made them feel like they were in Italy. Even today, Americans enjoy eating at Italian restaurants.



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Now answer Numbers 6 through 10. Base your answers on "Pasta Comes to America."

- 6 How does the author organize "Pasta Comes to America"?
- (A) by comparing Italian foods to other foods
 - (B) by describing the foods Italian Americans enjoyed
 - (C) by listing the order of events that led to Italian food's popularity
 - (D) by explaining how Italian Americans were able to find the food they wanted

- 7 Read the sentence from the article.

Recipes for homemade pasta meals were included in cookbooks and magazines.

Based on the words *home* and *made*, what is the meaning of the compound word homemade?

- (A) materials used to build a home, such as wood or brick
- (B) made at home, rather than in a store or factory
- (C) family dinners served at home, rather than in a restaurant
- (D) different types of homes, such as ranches or log cabins

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8 How does the author help the reader understand how Americans came to love pasta?

- ☐ (A) by comparing Italian food to American food
- ☐ (B) by giving the reasons why Italians eat pasta
- ☐ (C) by explaining how eating pasta helped Americans
- ☐ (D) by telling what happened once Italians moved to America

9 This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

Part A: How does the author explain the opening of American pasta factories?

- ☐ (A) The factories were the cause for war breaking out.
- ☐ (B) The factories were a contrast to the Italian factories.
- ☐ (C) The factories were the reason Italian restaurants became popular.
- ☐ (D) The factories were a key step in how Italians found the food they wanted.

Part B: Which sentence from the article **best** supports your answer in part A?

- ☐ (A) "They could make the pasta that Italians wanted."
- ☐ (B) "Then it was discovered that pasta was healthy."
- ☐ (C) "Italian Americans started to open pasta restaurants."
- ☐ (D) "Then, they bought cheeses and pasta that came from faraway Italy."

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10 Which **three** words from the article are compound words?

- ☐ (A) vegetables
- ☐ (B) cookbooks
- ☐ (C) factories
- ☐ (D) gardens
- ☐ (E) mealtimes
- ☐ (F) meatballs

