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**TOPIC: READING COMPREHENSION 1**

**WORKSHEET-1**

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**Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

**The History of Pizza**

You probably think that pizza comes from Italy, but it actually originated in ancient Greece. The early Greeks baked large, flat, round bread to which they added toppings like oil, herbs, spices, and dates. It was this idea of flat bread which made its way to Italy by the 18th century, where it was first called “pizza.” This early Italian pizza would look unfamiliar to us, though, since it had no toppings. Inexpensive to make, tasty, and filling, “pizza” was a popular food among Italy’s poor.

Pizza began to resemble the meal we know by that name today when tomatoes were introduced to and accepted by the people of Naples. But pizza really started to be pizza in 1889 when Queen Margherita and her husband, Umberto I, toured her Italian Kingdom. Intrigued by the flat bread she saw being

enjoyed by the peasants, the Queen requested that her guards bring her one of the breads. She discovered that it was delicious, and after that, when she was out among the people, she would often enjoy a meal of the flat bread. There were some who thought that the Queen should not be seen eating anything so common, but she loved the bread so much that she asked Chef Raffaele Esposito to come from his pizzeria to the royal palace to bake her pizza.

Chef Raffaele wanted to make Queen Margherita something very special, so he topped her pizza with tomatoes, Mozzarella Cheese, and fresh Basil. The pizza — red, white, and green — had the same colors as the Italian flag. It became the Queen’s favourite, and her love for pizza made her even more popular with her subjects. To this day, people in Naples and all over the world still eat the Pizza Margherita, prepared exactly as Chef Raffaele first prepared it for its namesake. The creation of that pizza inspired people to experiment with many different kinds of toppings, and the modern idea of pizza was born.

**Follow the instructions for each question.**

**1. The earliest pizzas were \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. covered with toppings
- B. large, round, flat bread topped with oil, herbs, spices, and dates
- C. flat breads without toppings
- D. topped with tomatoes

**2. In which country did pizzas begin to resemble the meal we know by that name today?**

- A. Greece
- B. Italy
- C. U.S.

**3. TRUE OR FALSE:**

The first "modern" pizza was made to please an Italian queen. \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Tick the statement that is true:**

- A. The first modern pizza resembled the Italian flag.
- B. Queen Margherita refused to eat pizza with the peasants
- C. People all over the world still eat the Pizza Margherita that Chef Raffaele made for the Queen.

**5. When did Pizza really start to be Pizza? Why?**

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**6. Why did Queen Margherita call Chef Raffaele Esposito to her palace?**

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**7. Describe Pizza Margherita as Chef Raffaele had prepared it.**

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