



## 8th grade online lesson: Snacks

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### Reading

Potato chips are a very popular snack in the U.S. and come in a lot of different varieties. But who first had the idea for potato chips? The answer lies in a restaurant in Saratoga Springs, U.S.

It was 1853 and George Crum was the cook in the restaurant. A customer sent his fried potatoes back to the kitchen because he wasn't happy with them. Crum became very angry and decided to ruin the customer's meal. He cut the potatoes into paper-thin slices, added a lot of salt and fried them again before returning them to the customer. But the customer thought they were delicious, and so the potato chip was born! Soon more customers wanted to try the potato chips, and Crum's new invention appeared on the menu as Saratoga chips. But when did they move from restaurants to supermarkets and food stores, where people usually buy them today?

This happened in 1895. William Tappendon, of Cleveland, Ohio started to sell the potato chips to food stores. In the 1920s and 1930s, famous companies like Lays appeared, whose potato chips are very popular in stores today.

In the 1950s, a few of the first types of flavored potato chip arrived in stores. Flavors like cheese and onion, and salt and vinegar, were the idea



of Joe Murphy, the owner of a potato chip company in Ireland. Today you can find any kind flavor you want, from cream cheese to pizza to chicken!



So, next time you eat a potato chip, think about its beginnings. It isn't only a piece of potato in your mouth. It's a piece of history!

### 1 Match 1–3 with a–c.

- 1 George Crum \_\_\_\_
  - 2 William Tappendon \_\_\_\_
  - 3 Joe Murphy \_\_\_\_
- a made potato chips taste more interesting.
  - b made the first potato chips.
  - c made potato chips for food stores.

### 2 Answer the questions.

Where can you buy potato chips?

You can buy them in supermarkets and food stores.

- 1 In which country did potato chips first appear?  
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- 2 What was George Crum's job?  
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- 3 Who did George Crum get angry with?  
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- 4 What did the customer think of the paper-thin potatoes?  
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- 5 What did Crum call his potato chips?  
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- 6 When did William Tappendon take his potato chips to food stores?  
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- 7 What flavors did Joe Murphy create for potato chips?  
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- 8 Where was his company?  
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### Writing

### 3 Which are the most popular snacks in your family? Write a description of the snacks. Think about the questions below and remember to use apostrophes.

What are the snacks?

Who eats them?

How much / How many of the snacks do they eat?

What do the snacks contain? Sugar, salt, etc.

Do you think the snacks are healthy?