

# Story 9

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Some form of pizza has been one of the world's favorite foods for hundreds of years. Everywhere you go, it's a little bit different, but the basics of pizza stay the same. It all starts with a bread-like crust that is topped with some sort of sauce. A layer of cheese usually finishes off a pizza before it's popped into an oven.

The kind of pizza you eat also depends on where you live. Chicago is famous for its deep-dish pizza. Chicago pizza has a very thick crust, tons of sauce and toppings, and a thick layer of cheese. Pizza in New York is the complete opposite. New Yorkers liked thin, crunchy crust with sauce, a thin layer of cheese, and often nothing else. In Chicago, people sit down to eat a whole pizza together. A New Yorker is more likely to grab a single slice on the go.

New York and Chicago are two places that have very different versions of pizza, but other cities and towns have their own styles too.

## Main Idea and Details

1. What would be a good title for this story?
  - a. Chicago Is a Thick Pizza Town
  - b. Cheese Tops Every Pizza
  - c. Different Pizzas for Different Places
  
2. Which three ingredients do most pizzas have?
  - a. bread, sauce, and cheese
  - b. crust, sauce, and cheese
  - c. crust, mushrooms, and sausage
  
3. Which city isn't mentioned in the story?
  - a. Baltimore
  - b. Chicago
  - c. New York

## Vocabulary and Semantics

4. A pizza is popped into an oven. What does **popped** mean?
  - a. removed
  - b. exploded
  - c. placed
  
5. New York pizzas have a crunchy crust. What word means the opposite of **crunchy**?
  - a. crispy
  - b. chewy
  - c. chunky

## Paraphrasing and Summarizing

6. The story says **the basics of pizza stay the same**. What is another way to say that?
  - a. Most pizza contains tomato sauce.
  - b. Pizza is usually made from the same basic ingredients.
  - c. Every city has its own style of pizza.
  
7. Which sentence best describes a typical New York pizza?
  - a. It has a thin crust, sauce, and cheese.
  - b. It has a thick crust, sausage, and cheese.
  - c. New York pizza is usually very large.
  
8. Which sentence summarizes the basic difference between New York and Chicago pizza?
  - a. New Yorkers eat more pizza than people in Chicago do.
  - b. New York pizza has thin crust and Chicago pizza has thick crust.
  - c. People enjoy pizza from both New York and Chicago.

## Asking Questions

Ask a question about making a pizza.

### Writing and Discussion Prompt .....

Design “the world’s weirdest pizza.” What ingredients would you include? How would you prepare the pizza? Write a complete recipe for your weird pizza.