

February 9th, National Pizza Day

Reading – read the article to yourself and then aloud. Try not to insert filler words such as "um", "ah," "like". Read the article aloud multiple times to increase fluency.

Pizza, that beloved culinary creation, has a day dedicated to its deliciousness: National Pizza Day. Originating from Italy, pizza has a rich history dating back centuries. Initially a simple dish consisting of flatbread topped with herbs, cheese, and oil, pizza has evolved into a worldwide phenomenon with countless variations.

Throughout its journey, pizza has undergone numerous transformations. From the traditional Neapolitan pizza to New York-style slices, and from Chicago deep-dish to gourmet toppings like truffles and caviar, there's a pizza for every palate. Innovations such as the introduction of delivery services, frozen pizzas, and even pizza vending machines have made this dish more accessible and convenient than ever.

National Pizza Day is not only a celebration of a beloved food but also a recognition of its cultural significance and adaptability. So, grab a slice, savor the flavors, and join in the festivities!



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Writing, spelling, & recall – Please read the questions and write the answers. You can refer to the article for help with recall and spelling as needed.

1. What is the origin of pizza?

2. How has pizza evolved over time?

3. What are some examples of pizza variations mentioned in the article? _____

4. What innovations have contributed to the accessibility of pizza? _____

5. Why is National Pizza Day celebrated?



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Sentence Completion & Naming to Description –

Please write the answer

1. What's the word for a round, flattened base of dough topped with sauce, cheese, and various ingredients?

2. This type of pizza originates from Chicago and is known for its _____-dish style.

3. When you order pizza and it arrives at your door, it's called _____.

4. What kind of sauce makes the base for most pizzas?

5. A convenient way to enjoy pizza without having to dine out or cook from scratch is by buying _____ pizza.



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* Word fluency challenge – What toppings do you like on your pizza? Have you tried it with different sauce bases? Different types of cheeses? Challenge yourself to name 10-15 toppings that might go on pizza.

You can use an alphabet board or even the internet to help with word-finding by typing the first letter(s) into your search engine.

You can also describe what you are thinking using Alexa, the microphone feature on a search engine, Microsoft Bing, or openai.com.



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Phonological Components Analysis – Please answer the following questions about the picture.

- What is this a picture of? _____
- What sound does the word start with? _____
- What are other words that begin with the same sound? _____

- What sound does the word end with? _____
- How many syllables are in the word? _____
- Can you segment the word into its separate sounds? _____
- What words rhyme with the pictured item? _____



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Semantic Feature Analysis

<u>What is it used for?</u>	<u>What does it look like?</u>
<u>Where do you find it?</u>	<u>What does it remind you of?</u>
<u>What does it do?</u>	<u>What category does it fall under?</u>

What is the item? _____



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