

The Hamburger

Why do people love hamburgers? Well, they're delicious! Americans ate eight billion burgers in 2004. And seven billion of those were eaten in fast food restaurants.

- In the 1800s, German immigrants in New York introduced the "Hamburg Style Steak": a cooked version of the steak tartar. Nobody is sure who first put a hamburger in a bun¹.
5 Legend says it was Frank Menches of Ohio in 1904.

At the same time in the US, cars were becoming popular. The combination of cars and hamburgers inspired the drive-in restaurant in the 1930s! The typical menu at a drive-in was a hamburger, French fries and a milkshake.

- In 1940, Ray Kroc changed hamburger history when he met Maurice and Richard, the
10 McDonald brothers. Kroc liked their restaurant in California: it was clean and quick. Kroc offered to open McDonald's restaurants for them. He opened the first one in Illinois. The brothers sold him their rights² in 1961.

Today McDonald's is the biggest fast food company in the world. There are 31,000 McDonald's restaurants in 121 countries.

- 15 Hamburgers are not considered a healthy³ food because they have a lot of fat, cholesterol, salt and sugar. Now many fast food restaurants have introduced chicken burgers, vegetarian burgers and salads.

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¹ bun : petit pain

² rights : droits

³ healthy : sain, bon pour la santé

I – Compréhension du texte (6 points)

A - Compréhension globale (1 point)

Entourez la lettre qui correspond à la bonne réponse.

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| 1) The document is | a) an extract from a novel
b) a letter
c) a magazine article. | 0.5 pt |
| 2) The hamburger was introduced by | a) Americans
b) Germans
c) Italians. | 0.5 pt |

B - Compréhension détaillée (5 points)

Ces affirmations sont-elles vraies (right) ou fausses (wrong) ?
Cochez la case R ou W et justifiez en citant le texte.

1. The Hamburger is very popular in the States. 1 pt
R
W
2. Fast food restaurants now propose healthier products. 1 pt
R
W
3. We don't definitely know who made the first hamburger. 1 pt
R
W

4. The McDonald brothers opened the first fast food restaurant in Illinois. 1 pt

R

W

5. A new type of restaurant was created in the 30's.

1 pt

R

W

II – Compétence linguistique (5 points)

A - Classez les mots de la liste dans le tableau ci-dessous selon la prononciation de la partie soulignée : (1 point)

introduced – changed – liked – offered

4 x 0,25 p

[d]	[t]	[id]

B - Ecrivez ces deux dates en toutes lettres en anglais : (1 point)

1. 1940 : 0,5 pt

2. 2004 : 0,5 pt

C - Recopiez les phrases en mettant le verbe au temps qui convient : (1,5 point)

1. Many Americans (eat) hamburgers in 2004. 0,5 pt

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2. The average American (buy) about three hamburgers every week. 0,5 pt

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3. McDonald's (sell) 12 hamburgers for every person in the world since its creation. 0,5 pt

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D - Retrouvez les questions qui portent sur les mots soulignés : (1 point)

1. The hamburger was invented 100 years ago. 0,5 pt

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2. Americans ate 8 billion hamburgers in 2004. 0,5 pt

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E - Faites une comparaison en utilisant l'adjectif entre parenthèses : (0,5pt)

Salads/hamburgers (good) 0.5 pt

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