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Fun facts

The sandwich success story

- Although the sandwich was invented in Britain, its potential was only fully realised in the USA. Today this country is the home of the multi-storeyed club sandwich and exotic sandwiches made to order in delicatessen stores with a wide range of ingredients and different kinds of bread.
- Subway™ sandwich bars are a familiar sight in many parts of the world and a sub is the name for a type of filled roll that looks like a submarine. Open sandwiches are a Scandinavian speciality that has spread to other parts of the world. Triangular Italian-style tramezzini, made with soft bread and with mouth-watering fillings, have become very popular in recent years. Austria wouldn't be the same without "Schnitzelsemmel".
- Favourite British sandwiches are bacon sandwiches (made with warm, fried bacon). A BLT is a bacon sandwich with lettuce and tomato. In some regions of England "sarnie" and "butty" are slang expressions for sandwich. Some people even eat potato chip butties! Very thin sandwiches filled with fine slices of cucumber are considered to be very upper class.
- The country where the sandwich was invented has a booming sandwich industry. Countless plastic-packed sandwiches are prepared for office workers at home and abroad. There are very successful UK sandwich chains like Pret-à-Manger. (Note the French name!)
- Today English sandwiches are exported all over the EU – you can buy them in European cities from Paris to Oporto. They may not be crunchy like French baguettes, but no-one finds the soft bread and the simple, neutral-tasting fillings a complete turn-off. And the sandwiches stay fresh for a long time!



PTO for a sandwich quiz..

Anyone for sandwiches?

Do the sandwich quiz with another student or a friend. Make up more questions as indicated. Try your new questions out on your classmates ...

- 1 When was the sandwich invented?
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- 2 Who was it named after?
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- 3 What is a sub?
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- 4 Which country exports sandwiches all over the EU?
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- 5?
- 6?
- 7?
- 8 How often do you eat sandwiches?
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- 9 What is your favourite kind?
.....?
- 10?

Choose a speciality you like to eat. See if you can find out something about its history and where it is eaten nowadays. Some ideas: Schnitzel (breaded scallop of pork / veal), doughnuts, croissants / Kipferl, dumplings, frankfurter sausages, fish fingers, spare ribs, cornflakes, Manner Schnitten etc.