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# READING: 2,000-Year-Old Butter

## Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|---------------------|----------|---|
| 1. refrigerator     | <u>E</u> | A. a kind of box  |
| 2. come across (v.) | _____    | B. a later time; in the future                          |
| 3. carton           | _____    | C. a person who cooks in a restaurant                   |
| 4. bury (v.)        | _____    | D. to find unexpectedly                                 |
| 5. deep             | _____    | E. a kind of large box used to keep food cold and fresh |
| 6. a later date     | _____    | F. people who know a lot about something                |
| 7. chef             | _____    | G. to put something into the ground                     |
| 8. experts          | _____    | H. far below or under                                   |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use Past Tense when necessary.

1. Tommy loves to cook. He might be a chef when he grows up.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ a great cook book at the bookstore, so I bought it.
3. How much does a \_\_\_\_\_ of orange juice cost?
4. Javier and Maria know everything about paintings. They're \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Some fish live \_\_\_\_\_ in the ocean.
6. Don't forget to put the butter back into the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I was sick, so I decided to travel at \_\_\_\_\_.
8. My dog \_\_\_\_\_ a bone in our yard yesterday.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Topic: Food

# 2,000-Year-Old Butter



Does this ever happen to you? You are cleaning your **refrigerator** and you **come across** a **carton** of milk. You check the date and you see that you bought it last month. Then, for some strange reason, you hold the carton up to your nose ... ugh! Now, can you imagine that you found a package of butter in your refrigerator that was 2,000 years old? That's almost what happened in June, 2016. In Ireland, Jack Conway found a 22 pound (10 kilogram) block of butter **buried** 12 feet (4 meters) in the ground while he was working outside. This is not the first time that someone found butter **deep** in the ground. In Scotland and Ireland, the ground is usually cold and wet, and so people long ago often **buried** it to keep it fresh and eat at a **later date**. The butter, which now smells like cheese, is about 2,000 years old. Is it possible to eat butter this old? Yes! One **chef**, Kevin Thornton, said he tasted butter that was thousands of years old. Most **experts**, however, say that it's probably better not to eat it. The butter is now in a museum.

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### Grammar Practice

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Does this ever (1)\_\_\_\_\_ to you? You are (2)\_\_\_\_\_ your refrigerator and you come across a carton of milk. You check the date and you see that you (3)\_\_\_\_\_ it last month. Then, for some strange reason, you hold the carton up to (4)\_\_\_\_\_ nose ... ugh! Now, can you (5)\_\_\_\_\_ that you found a package of butter in your refrigerator that was 2,000 years old? That's almost what happened in June, 2016. In Ireland, Jack Conway (6)\_\_\_\_\_ a 22 pound (10 kilogram) block of butter buried 12 feet (4 meters) in the ground while he was (7)\_\_\_\_\_ outside. This is not the first time that butter has been (8)\_\_\_\_\_ buried deep in the ground. In Scotland and Ireland, the ground is usually (9)\_\_\_\_\_ and wet, and so people long ago often buried it to (10)\_\_\_\_\_ it fresh and eat at a later date. The butter, which now smells like cheese, is about 2,000 years old. Is it possible to eat butter this old? Yes! One chef, Kevin Thornton, said he tasted butter that was thousands (11)\_\_\_\_\_ years old. Most experts, however, say that it's probably better not to (12)\_\_\_\_\_ it. The butter is now in a museum.

1.  
(A) happen  
(B) happened  
(C) happens

2.  
(A) cleaning  
(B) cleaned  
(C) cleans

3.  
(A) bought  
(B) buys  
(C) buy

4.  
(A) you're  
(B) you  
(C) your

5.  
(A) imagine  
(B) imagining  
(C) imagined

6.  
(A) finds  
(B) found  
(C) find

7.  
(A) works  
(B) worked  
(C) working

8.  
(A) finds  
(B) finding  
(C) found

9.  
(A) cold  
(B) coldly  
(C) colds

10.  
(A) kept  
(B) keep  
(C) keeps

11.  
(A) to  
(B) of  
(C) on

12.  
(A) eaten  
(B) ate  
(C) eat

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## How Much Do You Understand?

● *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The news story says that refrigerators were made 2,000 years ago.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Thornton found the butter while he was working outside.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ The butter weighed more than 20 pounds.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ The butter was discovered in Scotland.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ The butter tastes like cheese.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Jack Conway decided not to keep the butter.

## Discuss

● *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. Have you or a friend ever found anything strange? What?

2. Would you like to taste the 2,000-year-old butter? Why? / Why not?

3. What unusual foods do you like?

## Write

● *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*

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**Lesson "2,000-Year-Old Butter"**

**Grammar Focus** Mixed (includes Present Simple and Past Simple)

**Vocabulary** 196 words  
**A1** words-71% / **A2** words-13% / **B1** words-6% / **B2** words-1%  
**AWL** Words in this text: *experts*  
 Vocabulary Analysis by: vocabkitchen.com

**Level** Elementary to Pre-Intermediate (CEFR A2)

**ANSWER KEY Page 1**

*My Notes*



● **Vocabulary Preview**

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|------|-----------------|
| 1. E | 1. chef         |
| 2. D | 2. came across  |
| 3. A | 3. carton       |
| 4. G | 4. experts      |
| 5. B | 5. deep         |
| 6. H | 6. refrigerator |
| 7. C | 7. a later date |
| 8. F | 8. buried       |

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**ANSWER KEY Page 4**

● **Grammar (Article)**

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|------|-------|
| 1. A | 7. C  |
| 2. A | 8. C  |
| 3. A | 9. A  |
| 4. C | 10. B |
| 5. A | 11. B |
| 6. B | 12. C |

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. F (*The butter was buried 2,000 years ago.*)
2. F (*Jack Conway found the butter.*)
3. T
4. F (*The butter was discovered in Ireland.*)
5. F (*It says the butter smells like cheese.*)
6. T

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