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Use Your Noodle!

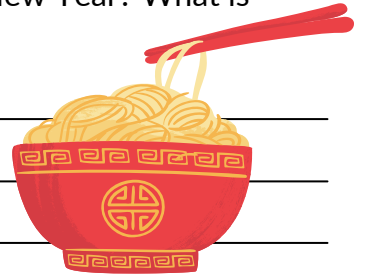
1. What were two reasons given in the podcast for why noodles are so popular?

- ☐ They fill you up.
- ☐ They're made with wheat, which is easy to grow.
- ☐ They're eaten a lot in China, and China has a huge population.
- ☐ They're fairly cheap.
- ☐ They can be combined with lots of sauces and flavours.
- ☐ They only take two minutes to cook.

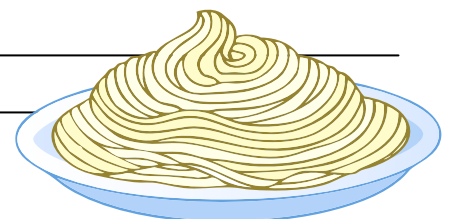
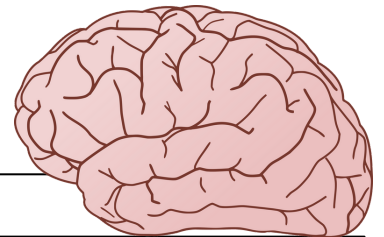
2. What is the word for someone who studies human history by examining ancient objects and artifacts?

- ☐ Archaeologist
- ☐ Architect
- ☐ Archaic

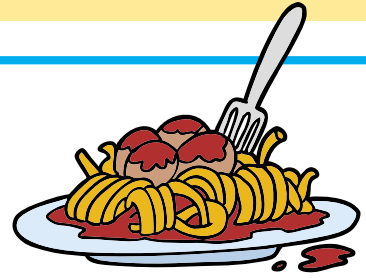
3. Why is it okay to slurp up *yi mein* noodles when celebrating Chinese New Year? What is the goal?



4. Have you heard the phrase "Use your noodle!" before? It's used when someone is being a bit silly and needs to think. Where do you think it might come from?



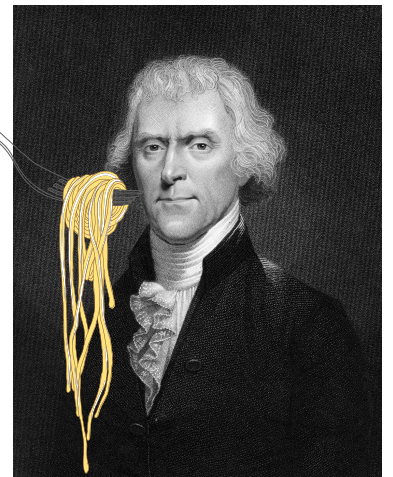
5. How is it that the topping on the plate of Italian noodles in the picture was invented in America? Include as much detail as you remember.



6. Why are rice noodles more common in Southeast Asia? (Hint: it's a very tropical climate)

Did You Know?

The first pasta machine in the United States wasn't brought over by those Italian immigrants in the late 19th century. It arrived much earlier, in the luggage of Thomas Jefferson. He'd been in Europe as America's ambassador to France, and had fallen in love with Italy's noodles. When he was elected US President in 1801, he often served pasta with cheese at official White House dinners.



7. Compare the reactions of guests in 1801 with guests in 2021, if they were served mac & cheese at an official White House dinner. Why do you think they might be different?