Worksheet 1. Reading: The Invention of the Potato Chip

Read the passage about how a food was invented. Then answer the questions below.

The Invention of the Potato Chip

The potato chip was invented in 1853 by George Crum. Crum was a Native American/African American chef at the Moon Lake Lodge resort in Saratoga Springs, New York, USA.

At the time, French fried potatoes were popular all over the country. Chef Crum cooked French fries at the resort every night. One night a diner complained that the fries were too thick. So Crum cut the potatoes thinner and fried them perfectly, but the customer was still unsatisfied and grumpy.

Crum was annoyed by this grumpy customer, and so he did something to annoy him: he cut the potatoes very, very thin -- too thin to eat with a fork -- and fried them. Surprisingly, the customer was delighted with the very thin potatoes, and asked for seconds and even thirds! In this way, potato chips were invented ... and the rest is history.

Circle T if the statement is true or F if it is false according to the passage.

1. T / F George Crum invented the potato chip.
2. T / F The potato chip was invented about fifty years ago.
3. T / F Crum worked at a hotel in Africa.
4. T / F Crum had studied cooking in France.
5. T / F Many people all over the country liked French fried potatoes.
6. T / F One customer complained that the potatoes were too thick.
7. T / F The customer who complained was very pleasant.
8. T / F George Crum worked for many years to develop the potato chip.