

THE HISTORY OF ICE CREAM – Comprehension with questions

1. What is sweet and creamy and melts in your mouth? You guessed it! ...ice cream! Have you ever thought about where ice cream comes from?
 1. Believe it or not, ice cream comes from China. Over 4,000 years ago the Chinese mixed sweet syrups with snow and created an icy dessert. It wasn't very creamy but it was cold and delicious. They showed this trick to Arab traders who taught it to the Romans.
 2. During the years 64 to 68, Rome ruled the Roman Empire. At that time, the Romans mixed soft fruit with honey and snow. Rome was very hot and loved to eat this delicious dessert. He loved it so much that he built special rooms under his palace to store snow.
 3. In the 1600s Catherine de Medici brought the idea of ice cream to the French. They soon improved the recipe. In 1776, the French created a special machine that mixed cream with ice and made ice cream that is similar to what we eat today.
 4. The idea of the ice cream machine traveled as far as America but for many years, people only made ice cream at home. Then an American called Jacob Fussell came up with the great idea of opening an ice cream factory. The rest is history!!!

Circle the correct word to complete each sentence. Then number the sentences in the correct order according to the text.

- A. The French created a (machine / factory) that mixed cream with ice.
- B. The Romans got the idea of ice cream from (Arabs / Chinese) traders.
- C. The Chinese created an icy (dessert / syrup).
- D. Jacob Fussell, an American, opened an ice cream (store / factory).
- E. Catherine de Medici introduced (a recipe / ice cream) to the French.

Match the words to their definitions.

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| 1. delicious | a. put away |
| 2. improve | b. very tasty |
| 3. create | c. almost the same |
| 4. store | d. make, build |
| 5. similar | e. make better |