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P.4 English - Reading Skills Worksheet Read for the main idea (2)			
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Joe is reading an article. Read the article and choose the correct answers.

History of Potato Chips

Indians first grew potatoes. Spanish brought potatoes to Europe, and colonists brought them to America. Potatoes are fourth on the list of the world's food staples. Today, Americans consume about 140 pounds of potatoes per person every year while Europeans eat twice as many.

One of our favorite ways to eat potatoes is in the form of potato chips. While Benjamin Franklin was the US ambassador to France, he went to a banquet where potatoes were prepared in 20 different ways. Thomas Jefferson, who succeeded Franklin as our French ambassador, brought the recipe for thick-cut, French-fried potatoes to America. He served French fries to guests at the White House in 1802 and at his home, Monticello.

On August 24, 1853, a native-American chef named George Crum created the first potato chips. He became angry when a diner complained that his French fries were too thick, so he sliced the potatoes as thinly as possible making them too thin and crisp to eat with a fork. The diner loved them, and potato chips were born.

In the 1950s, in Ireland, Joe "Spud" Murphy and Seamus Burke, produced the world's first seasoned crisps, Cheese & Onion and Salt & Vinegar. In the United Kingdom and Ireland crisps are what we in the US call potato chips while chips refer to our French fries. Ketchup flavored chips are popular in the Mid-East and Canada. Seaweed is popular in the Asia, and Mexicans like chicken flavored chips.

About 27 pounds of potato chips are produced from 100 pounds of potatoes. Americans consume 2-4 billion pounds of potato chips every year, and spend more than \$7 billion a year on them.

1. What could be the title for the second paragraph?

- A. Our Favorite Foods
- B. Potatoes and Famous Americans
- C. How Potatoes Changed American History
- D. George Washington and Potatoes

2. What could be the title for the third paragraph?

- A. French Fries and American History
- B. The Birth of Potato Chips
- C. Different Kinds of French Fries
- D. The History of Potatoes

3. What is the main idea in the fourth paragraph?

- A. Seaweed is an Asian variety of potato chips
- B. Potato chips have different names all over the world
- C. Potato chips are enjoyed all over the world in many different varieties
- D. Potato chips have a Long and Interesting History

4. What does the last paragraph tell you about potato chips?

- A. Potato chips are popular all over the world
- B. Potato chips come in many different flavors
- C. Potato chips are very popular in America
- D. Potato chips are becoming more expensive