

READING SUCCESS

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⁶ **Mongols** the fighting Mongolian army that traveled with Genghis Khan

⁹ **pressed** pushed hard into or under something

⁹ **saddle** a special seat for riding on a horse

⁹ **raw** not cooked

¹³ **port** a town on the edge of the water that has parking for ships and boats

The Hamburger



The hamburger does not contain ham. The name comes from a town, Hamburg, in Germany. A hamburger is cooked, chopped meat, usually beef, pressed between two halves of a bun.

⁵ The first such food was probably eaten during the time of Genghis Khan (1167–1227). He was the leader of the **Mongols**. They were fast-moving soldiers who stayed on their horses, often for many days without getting off them. They had no time to stop to eat, so they carried meat **pressed** beneath their **saddles**, and ate it **raw**.

¹⁰ When Genghis Khan's grandson, Kublai Khan (1215–1294) invaded Moscow, he took with him this diet. Russian cooks added chopped onions and sometimes eggs. Many years later ships from the German **port** of Hamburg began visiting Russia. The sailors brought away with them this kind of meat which they called
¹⁵ "Hamburg steak."

When Germans went to live in the United States they took with them their favorite foods, one of which was Hamburg Steak. It soon became popular with Americans because it was cheap and easy to make. Nowadays there are thousands of places throughout the
²⁰ world where people can buy a cheap, quick meal of a hamburger, often with chipped potatoes and salad.

Reading time _____ minutes _____ seconds 203 words



Vocabulary Review

■ Match each word with its meaning.

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|------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. raw | • | • a. the kinds of food that we eat |
| 2. diet | • | • b. to enter with an army |
| 3. invaded | • | • c. food that has not been cooked |

Reading Comprehension

■ Choose the best answer.

- Which of the following statements is true?
 - There is ham in a hamburger.
 - A hamburger has steak in it.
 - A hamburger has chipped potatoes or steak in it.
 - Hamburgers are full of raw meat.
- The first hamburgers were eaten by _____.

a. Genghis Khan's horsemen	b. Russian sailors
c. Americans	d. Germans
- The hamburgers we eat today are _____.

a. raw steak and onions	b. ham and chipped potatoes
c. beef between two halves of a bun	d. ham and eggs and a bun
- What does 'chopped' mean?

a. Deep fried	b. Cut into small pieces
c. Cut into thin slices	d. Eaten between buns

Summary

■ Fill in each blank with the correct word.

food

added

cooked

hamburger

pressed

The first kind of 1 _____ meat was eaten by the Mongols, who ate it raw. The Russians then 2 _____ onions and sometimes eggs to the meat. The Germans 3 _____ the meat and ate it with a bun. This was the kind of 4 _____ they took to America and which became the 5 _____.