

American diners

Read the text about diners. Then say if the following statements are true, false or not in the text.



Diners

Originally the word 'diners' comes from 'dining cars'. They were horse-drawn wagons that offered food to workers in factories. They were always on the move to different factories, day and night. The first roadside diner (1872), which was also horse-drawn, served food after all the restaurants in the town had closed for the night. Today's diners are no longer mobile. They are often made of stainless steel – sometimes looking like cars from trains. Such dining cars became the models

for many of today's diners. Today a diner can be any small restaurant, but a 'real' diner should at least have a long counter and a few booths (= Sitzecken). It serves home style meals at a good price. Diners are mostly run by private owners, but fast-food chains are often cheaper and more attractive, especially to young people. So maybe there won't be so many diners in a few years' time. The owners of diners are their own bosses, true, but would you like to work 16 hours a day with hardly any holiday at all?

	true	false	not in the text
1. The word 'diners' has to do with 'dining cars'	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The horses that drew the wagons with food were heavy Frisian horses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The first diner we know about is from 1872.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Later, the diners were so successful because they opened after the restaurants had closed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Today diners are no longer on wheels.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. All dining cars look like dining cars from trains.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Many diners have got open fires and armchairs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Most diners are in private hands.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. The difference between a fast-food restaurant and a diner is that diners belong to chains.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Young people prefer diners to a fast-food place.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. The owners of diners can't have a lot of employees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. The owner of a diner has to work many hours a day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dan's Diner

a) Read the menu and tell a friend who does not speak English, what he/she can eat at Dan's Diner.



b) Choose one of the dishes and explain to the friend who does not know the meals what he/she is going to eat.



TODAY'S MENU:

1. Cheeseburger with French fries
2. Home made crisp salad with slices of fried chicken
3. Pancakes (bacon; cheese 'n' onion; jam; syrup)
4. Sandwiches (cheese; salad; olives; tomatoes; scrambled egg; ham; bacon)
5. Crisps (cheese 'n' onion; salt 'n' vinegar; bacon)
6. Home made blueberry muffins; cheese cake