

## APPLE PIE. Reading

“As American as apple pie”. Every American knows this phrase. But did you know that apple pie is really a British creation? **In fact**, before 1620 there weren't any apples in America. In that year, settlers brought the first apple seed to the New World. Today, there are 2,500 varieties of apples in America and each variety has got its own story.



One interesting story is about the apples in the Pacific Northwest area.

**According to** this story, Captain Simpson brought the seeds of an apple to the area in 1824.

**Apparently**, Captain Simpson had a farewell party before he left England. A lady at the party gave him the middle of her apple and told him to plant the seeds in America. The lady was joking, but the captain took the apple to the Pacific Northwest and gave it to a man called Dr McLoughlin. Dr McLoughlin was very happy with the present and told his gardeners to plant the seeds. One tree grew from the seeds and in the first year, only one apple grew on the tree. But in the second year there were hundreds of apples on the tree and an industry was born.



**Read the text. Then mark the sentences below T (True) or F (false)**

1. Apple pie comes from America.
2. The first apple came to America in 1620.
3. There is just one variety of apple in America at this moment.
4. "As American as an apple pie" is a phrase.
5. In 1620, settlers brought the first apple seeds to America.
  
6. There are stories for every kind of apple.
7. The story about apples in the Pacific Northwest area is very boring.
8. This story is about a doctor and some seeds of an apple.
9. This story happened in 1824.
10. The story started in England.
  
11. A lady gave Captain Simpson five apples in a basket.
12. The lady asked Captain Simpson to plant the seeds in America.
13. The lady at the party really wanted the Captain to plant the seeds.
14. The Captain planted the seeds himself.
15. The Captain gave the seeds to a doctor.
  
16. Dr McLoughlin liked the present.
17. The doctor's gardener planted the apple seeds.
18. Three apple trees grew the first year.
19. There was only an apple the first year.
20. There were many apples the second year.