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## McDonald's India opens vegetarian restaurants

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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The hamburger restaurant giant McDonald's will soon open two vegetarian restaurants in India. The company will swap its traditional meat burgers for the McAloo Tikki burger, a potato sandwich, and the Pizza McPuff, a vegetable and cheese pastry. It is the first time for McDonald's to open vegetarian restaurants anywhere in the world. The new locations will be in cities that are popular pilgrimage sites for Hindus and Sikhs. The company is looking at ways to add to its 271 restaurants across India.

McDonald's first entered India in 1996. It had to create a special menu that did not include beef or pork. Hindus believe the cow is a sacred animal and should not be killed; in Islam, pork is forbidden and should not be eaten. A spokesman from a Hindu group opposed the opening of the new restaurants, saying: "McDonald's is an organization [linked to] cow slaughter. If we make an announcement that they're slaughtering cows, people won't eat there. We are definitely going to fight it."

# PHRASE MATCH

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1209/120906-mcdonalds.html>

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. restaurant                            | a. meat burgers      |
| 2. The company will swap its traditional | b. pastry            |
| 3. vegetable and cheese                  | c. will be in cities |
| 4. The new locations                     | d. giant             |
| 5. popular pilgrimage sites              | e. 271 restaurants   |
| 6. add to its                            | f. for Hindus        |

## Paragraph 2

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. create a          | a. pork is forbidden |
| 2. did not include   | b. cows              |
| 3. the cow is a      | c. going to fight it |
| 4. in Islam,         | d. sacred animal     |
| 5. slaughtering      | e. beef or pork      |
| 6. We are definitely | f. special menu      |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1209/120906-mcdonalds.html>

The hamburger (1) \_\_\_\_\_ McDonald's will soon open two vegetarian restaurants in India. The company will (2) \_\_\_\_\_ meat burgers for the McAloo Tikki burger, a potato sandwich, and the Pizza McPuff, a vegetable and cheese pastry. It (3) \_\_\_\_\_ McDonald's to open vegetarian restaurants (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The new locations will be in (5) \_\_\_\_\_ pilgrimage sites for Hindus and Sikhs. The company is looking at (6) \_\_\_\_\_ 271 restaurants across India.

McDonald's first entered India in 1996. It had to create a special menu (7) \_\_\_\_\_ beef or pork. Hindus believe the cow (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and should not be killed; in Islam, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and should not be eaten. A spokesman from a Hindu group opposed the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ restaurants, saying: "McDonald's is an organization [linked to] cow slaughter. If we make an announcement (11) \_\_\_\_\_ cows, people won't eat there. We (12) \_\_\_\_\_ fight it."

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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The hamburger restaurant (1) \_\_\_\_\_ McDonald's will soon open two vegetarian restaurants in India. The company will (2) \_\_\_\_\_ its traditional meat burgers for the McAlloo Tikki burger, a potato sandwich, and the Pizza McPuff, a vegetable and cheese (3) \_\_\_\_\_. It is the first time for McDonald's to open vegetarian restaurants (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in the world. The new locations will be in cities that are popular pilgrimage (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for Hindus and Sikhs. The company is looking at ways to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to its 271 restaurants across India.

McDonald's first entered India in 1996. It had to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a special menu that did not (8) \_\_\_\_\_ beef or pork. Hindus believe the cow is a sacred animal and should not be killed; in Islam, pork (9) \_\_\_\_\_ forbidden and should not be eaten. A spokesman from a Hindu group opposed the opening of the new restaurants, (10) \_\_\_\_\_: "McDonald's is an organization [linked to] cow slaughter. If we make an announcement that (11) \_\_\_\_\_ slaughtering cows, people won't eat there. We are (12) \_\_\_\_\_ going to fight it."

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |               |                |              |
|-----|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) monster   | (b) beast      | (c) giant    |
| 2.  | (a) swap      | (b) sweep      | (c) swipe    |
| 3.  | (a) pastry    | (b) tasting    | (c) waste    |
| 4.  | (a) all over  | (b) anywhere   | (c) nowhere  |
| 5.  | (a) sights    | (b) sightings  | (c) sites    |
| 6.  | (a) add       | (b) minus      | (c) multiply |
| 7.  | (a) creating  | (b) create     | (c) creation |
| 8.  | (a) including | (b) includes   | (c) include  |
| 9.  | (a) is        | (b) has        | (c) does     |
| 10. | (a) said      | (b) says       | (c) saying   |
| 11. | (a) their     | (b) they're    | (c) they     |
| 12. | (a) random    | (b) definitely | (c) natural  |

# SPELLING

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1209/120906-mcdonalds.html>

**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. The hamburger restaurant atgni
2. a vegetable and cheese asrtpy
3. ryaehenw in the world
4. The new ontcsoila
5. popular pilgrimage teiss for Hindus
6. The company is onokilg at ways

## Paragraph 2

7. raecet a special menu
8. dcnilue beef or pork
9. the cow is a ceards animal
10. a Hindu group eoodpsp the opening
11. cow ethulsga
12. We are etldeinfyi going to

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1209/120906-mcdonalds.html>

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) in India. The company will swap its traditional meat burgers for the McAloo Tikki burger, a potato
- ( ) time for McDonald's to open vegetarian restaurants anywhere in the world. The new
- ( ) and Sikhs. The company is looking at ways to add to its 271 restaurants across India.
- ( ) sandwich, and the Pizza McPuff, a vegetable and cheese pastry. It is the first
- ( **1** ) The hamburger restaurant giant McDonald's will soon open two vegetarian restaurants
- ( ) group opposed the opening of the new restaurants, saying: "McDonald's is an
- ( ) not include beef or pork. Hindus believe the cow is a sacred animal and should
- ( ) not be killed; in Islam, pork is forbidden and should not be eaten. A spokesman from a Hindu
- ( ) locations will be in cities that are popular pilgrimage sites for Hindus
- ( ) they're slaughtering cows, people won't eat there. We are definitely going to fight it."
- ( ) organization [linked to] cow slaughter. If we make an announcement that
- ( ) McDonald's first entered India in 1996. It had to create a special menu that did

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. vegetarian in two restaurants India Open.

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2. its The traditional company meat will burgers swap.

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3. the is It McDonald's for time first.

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4. Cities sites that for are Hindus popular pilgrimage.

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5. add 271 India to its across Ways to restaurants.

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6. include Create menu not special did beef a that.

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7. is Hindus a believe sacred the animal cow.

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8. forbidden eaten and should Pork not is be.

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9. Hindu opposed opening A group the.

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10. they're cows An that slaughtering announcement.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_



# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. MCDONALD'S:** Search the Internet and find more information about McDonald's. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about the McDonald's vegetarian restaurants. Include an imaginary interview with McDonald's bosses. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to a McDonald's expert. Ask him/her three questions about McDonald's. Give him/her three of your opinions on the restaurant. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.