

# POP! TEACHER RESOURCE

## Lesson Plan

### Pizza Around the World

Lesson Plan for *Pizza*

Grade 1

#### Objective

To help students explore different types of pizza around the world, and also to help them practice identifying common conjunctions.

#### Things Needed

- *Pizza* book
- Access to the “Pizza” web page on the Pop! website: <http://popbooksonline.com/favorite-foods/pizza/>
- Access to the “CN Traveler: Pizza Around the World” link on the “Explore Links” tab of the “Pizza” web page. This link can also be found here: <https://www.cntraveler.com/galleries/2014-10-13/this-is-what-pizza-looks-like-around-the-world>
- Computer or projector

#### Before the Activity

Open the “Pizza” web page in your internet browser. Pull up the “Explore Links” tab and click the “Pizza Around the World” link. Create a folder or slideshow on your computer using the images from this page.

#### Activity

Read *Pizza* out loud to students. This book describes several different kinds of pizza. Many countries around the world have their own versions of pizza. To explore some of them, show students the photos from the “Pizza Around the World” link. Read the description listed below as you show each photo:

- Naples, Italy: Pizza made in Naples has thin crust. Toppings are tomatoes, mozzarella cheese, and basil.
- Rome, Italy: The name *Pizza Bianca* means “white pizza.” This pizza has no cheese or tomato sauce. It is topped with olive oil and salt.
- New York City, USA: In New York, pizza’s crust is thin and crispy. Tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese go on top.



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- Chicago, USA: Chicago-style pizza, or deep-dish pizza, has thick crust. Its crust can be 3 inches tall. Toppings such as meat or veggies go beneath chunky tomato sauce.
- Sicily, Italy: Sfincione is shaped like a rectangle or square. Toppings include cheese, olive oil, and breadcrumbs.
- Turkey: The name Lahmacun means “meat and dough.” Ground beef or lamb is added to flat dough. Onion, herbs, and tomatoes may be added as well.
- Georgia: Khachapuri looks like a cross between a pizza and a sandwich. It is made from dough stuffed with cheese. An egg and butter go on top.
- Japan: Okonomiyaki is often made with cabbage, pork, noodles, and squid. In this version of pizza, toppings are fried in batter. An egg and special sauce go on top.
- France: Tarte Flambee has a thin crust. Toppings are cheese, cream cheese, lardons (a type of bacon), and onions. There’s also a dessert version with apples and cinnamon.
- Spain: Coca is a type of pizza that can be either sweet or meaty. It can have eggs, fish, vegetables, fruit, meat, or cheese as toppings.
- Lebanon: Manakish is flatbread topped with a mix of spices (thyme, sesame seeds, and sumac). Sometimes cheese or meat are added, too. This food is often eaten for breakfast.
- Hungary: Langos is round, deep-fried bread. It is topped with sour cream, meat, and garlic butter.

Explain that many of these sentences use conjunctions. A conjunction is a word (such as *and* or *or*) that connects parts of a sentence together. Conjunctions are like the cheese that holds the toppings to the pizza’s crust.

To practice identifying conjunctions, play a game of Around the World. Choose two students to stand up at their desks in one corner of the class. Explain that you will read a sentence describing a kind of pizza. Students must identify which conjunction that sentence uses: *and* or *or*. As soon as students hear the conjunction, they should shout it out. The first student to shout the conjunction gets to stay standing. The other student must sit down. The standing student should move to the next desk in the row. The student at that desk should stand up, too. This pair of students will try to identify the conjunction as you read the next sentence.



Use the following list of sentences (conjunctions appear in bold):

- Toppings are tomatoes, mozzarella cheese, **AND** basil.
- This pizza has no cheese **OR** tomato sauce.
- It is topped with olive oil **AND** salt.
- In New York, pizza's crust is thin **AND** crispy.
- Tomato sauce **AND** mozzarella cheese go on top.
- Chicago-style pizza, **OR** deep dish pizza, has thick crust.
- Toppings such as meat **OR** veggies go beneath chunky tomato sauce.
- Sfincione is shaped like a rectangle **OR** square.
- Toppings include cheese, olive oil, **AND** breadcrumbs.
- The name *Lahmacun* means "meat **AND** dough."
- Ground beef **OR** lamb is added to flat dough.
- Onion, herbs, **AND** tomatoes may be added as well.
- Khachapuri looks like a cross between a pizza **AND** a sandwich.
- An egg **AND** butter go on top.
- Okonomiyaki is often made with cabbage, pork, noodles, **AND** squid.
- An egg **AND** special sauce go on top.
- Toppings are cheese, cream cheese, lardons, **AND** onions.
- There's also a dessert version with apples **AND** cinnamon.
- Coca is a type of pizza that can be either sweet **OR** meaty.
- It can have eggs, fish, vegetables, fruit, meat, **OR** cheese as toppings.
- Manakish is flatbread topped with thyme, sesame seeds, **AND** sumac.
- Sometimes cheese **OR** meat are added, too.
- Langos is topped with sour cream, meat, **AND** garlic butter.

### Evaluation

A student can continue advancing down a row and around the class until the student guesses incorrectly or another student answers first. The first student to make it all the way around the classroom wins the game.

### Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' language standards, grade 1 (L 1.1).

