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We all know that French fries aren’t really French, so why do we call them as such? Do you know?

In America, most forms of sliced potato which is then cooked by almost any method are called… a French fry.

Other parts of the world, most notably Europe, the term French fry is used only to describe the thinly sliced style of fries. The thicker cut fries (or as some may know them as steak fries) are typically called chips, which are pan fried in a skillet.

In French, ‘frite’ is used to denote the process of deep frying a food, but in America when we say ‘fried’ it can mean anything from pan frying to sautéing or even full out deep frying. So by adding the word French before our fry it denotes what type of fried potato product we’re actually talking about. Skinny and deep fried vs. fat and pan fried.

French fries are served hot and generally eaten as an supplement with lunch or dinner, or eaten as a snack, and they are a common fixture of fast food. French fries are generally salted, and in their simplest and most common form, are served with ketchup, though in many countries they are topped instead with other things, including vinegar, mayonnaise, or other local specialties. Sometimes fries are made with sweet potatoes instead of potatoes, are baked instead of fried, or are cut into unusual shapes, as is the case with curly fries, wavy fries or tornado fries.

Thomas Jefferson had “potatoes served in the French manner” at a White House dinner in 1802. The expression “French Fried Potatoes” first occurs in print in English in the 1856 work Cookery for Maids of All Work by E. Warren: “French Fried Potatoes. – Cut new potatoes in thin slices, put them in boiling fat, and a little salt; fry both sides of a light golden brown color; drain.” In the early 20th century, the term “French fried” was being used in the sense of “deep-fried”, for other foods such as onion rings or chicken.

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Questions

1. **The main idea of paragraph two is:**
2. French fry means differently from country to another ,especially America and Europe
3. French fry comes from France
4. French fry means sliced potatoes
5. French fries and chips are the same in meaning
6. **The French word frite in paragraph 4 most probably means:**
7. potatoes
8. fried potatoes
9. food deep frying
10. pan potatoes
11. **Chips in Europe are:**
12. thick cut fries
13. thin sliced fries

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1. are only potatoes
2. French potatoes
3. **The pronoun “they’ in paragraph 5 refers to:**
4. Vinegar and mayonnaise
5. other things
6. French fries
7. ketchup and chips
8. **We can infer from the last paragraph that Thomas Jefferson was:**
9. was a famous writer
10. was the president of America
11. lived in the 20th century
12. a French president

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