

Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Eton Mess

Eton Mess is a traditional English dessert made (0) *.from..* fresh strawberries, or sometimes bananas, crushed meringue and slightly sweetened whipped cream.

There is a story about the origin of this dessert.

Eton College is an expensive boarding school near Windsor. It has educated politicians and members of the royal family. The story goes that the dessert was invented during an annual cricket match (1) Eton College and Harrow (another posh public school) in the late 19th (2)

There are a couple of (3)of the story. In one, a dog sat upon a picnic basket, squashing the dessert that was inside. In (4), the dessert was knocked onto the floor. In both versions, the dessert got turned (5) a mess. Rather than wasting it though, the smashed dessert was scooped up off the floor and served individually in bowls.

There's probably not much (6)a..... in the story. In (7), the dessert was eaten at Eton long before the story supposedly (8) place. Eton Mess continues to be a favourite among lovers of desserts though, whether you're a posh English schoolboy or not.

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| 0. | A | in | B | from | C | at | D | by |
| 1. | A | over | B | between | C | under | D | against |
| 2. | A | era | B | year | C | century | D | decade |
| 3. | A | chapters | B | versions | C | editions | D | episodes |
| 4. | A | every | B | other | C | another | D | each |
| 5. | A | into | B | over | C | upon | D | inside |
| 6. | A | facts | B | honest | C | true | D | truth |
| 7. | A | actual | B | real | C | lie | D | fact |
| 8. | A | had | B | took | C | was | D | happen |

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