

The Frisbee

Reading

1. After World War II, flying saucers and UFOs became **popular**. In 1951, Fred Morrison designed a plastic **disc** that you could throw between two people. He called his new disc the "Pluto Platter." Morrison sold the Pluto Platter at county **fairs**, but it was not a big success.
2. In 1955, Fred Morrison brought the Pluto Platter to Wham-O. Wham-O is a company that makes children's **toys**. Wham-O liked the Pluto Platter, so Morrison sold the Pluto Platter to Wham-O. However, the Pluto Platter was not so **successful**. Wham-O's Hula-Hoops were more successful.
3. In 1959, Wham-O was looking for a new name for the Pluto Platters. Some university students told Wham-O they often played catch with pie tins. They called it "Frisbie-ing." The word "Frisbie-ing" came from the name of the company that made the pies (the Frisbie Pie Company). Wham-O liked the word "Frisbie-ing," so they changed the name of the Pluto Platter to "Frisbee." The Frisbee was soon very popular.
4. Today, playing Frisbee has become one of America's **favorite pastimes**. There are even international Frisbee teams and **competitions** all over the world.





Reading Comprehension

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. What became popular after World War II?

2. What did Fred Morrison design in 1951?

3. What did he call his new disc?

4. Was his Pluto Platter successful?

5. What does Wham-O make?

6. Did Wham-O sell the Pluto Platter to Fred Morrison?

7. Was Wham-O's Pluto Platter successful?

8. Was the Hula-Hoop more successful?

9. Who told Wham-O they often played catch with pie tins?

10. What did they call it?

11. Where does the word "Frisbie-ing" come from?

12. Did Wham-O hate the name "Frisbie-ing"?

13. Did Wham-O change the name of the Frisbee to "Pluto Platter"?

14. What is one of America's favorite pastimes?

15. Have you ever played with a Frisbee?



Vocabulary Review

A. Unscramble the Words

Unscramble the words below from the story.
Then write one original sentence for each word.

#	Word	Unscrambled	Sentence
1	opplaru		
2	cisd		
3	essucscluf		
4	soty		
5	rofavtie		
6	imetaps		
7	omcpiettton		
8	raisf		

B. Find the Words

Now find the words from the exercise above in the word search to the right.

d i s c p o a a s h d y j
a c a t o y s i a e h c u
i f i a p a u g m a m o g
s a t a u z c i i d n m u
d v i c l n c a b a a p e
e o p a a a e i t p o e t
g r e v r l s k a c h t e
e i c i n d s r s e h i s
f t s c r f f t a r y t a
t e o m p a u i a r t i d
o g t f b i l r a y e o o
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