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# Grammar in the News

## 2,000-year-old Butter

- **Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.**

Has this ever (1)\_\_\_\_\_ to you? You are (2)\_\_\_\_\_ your refrigerator and you come across a carton of milk. You check the date and you see that you (3)\_\_\_\_\_ it last month. Then, for some strange reason, you hold the carton up to (4)\_\_\_\_\_ nose ... ugh! Now, can you (5)\_\_\_\_\_ that you found a package of butter in your refrigerator that was 2,000 years old? That's almost what happened in June, 2016. Jack Conway, (6)\_\_\_\_\_ Ireland, found a 22 pound (10 kilogram) block of butter buried 12 feet (4 meters) in the ground while he was (7)\_\_\_\_\_ outside. This is not the first time that butter has been (8)\_\_\_\_\_ buried deep in the ground. In Scotland and Ireland, the ground is usually (9)\_\_\_\_\_ and wet, and so people long ago often buried it to (10)\_\_\_\_\_ it fresh and eat at a later date. The butter, which now smells like cheese, can last for thousands (11)\_\_\_\_\_ years. In fact, one chef, Kevin Thornton, has even tasted butter that was thousands of years old. Most experts, however, suggest that it's probably better not to (12)\_\_\_\_\_ it. The butter is now in a museum.

1.  
 (A) happen  
 (B) happened  
 (C) happens

2.  
 (A) cleaning  
 (B) cleaned  
 (C) cleans

3.  
 (A) bought  
 (B) buys  
 (C) buy

4.  
 (A) you're  
 (B) you  
 (C) your

5.  
 (A) imagine  
 (B) imagining  
 (C) imagined

6.  
 (A) at  
 (B) from  
 (C) for

7.  
 (A) works  
 (B) worked  
 (C) working

8.  
 (A) finds  
 (B) finding  
 (C) found

9.  
 (A) cold  
 (B) coldly  
 (C) colds

10.  
 (A) kept  
 (B) keep  
 (C) keeps

11.  
 (A) to  
 (B) of  
 (C) on

12.  
 (A) eaten  
 (B) ate  
 (C) eat

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## Vocabulary Practice



- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|-----------------|--------------|---|
| 1. refrigerator | <u>  E  </u> | A. a kind of box  |
| 2. come across  | _____        | B. a later time; in the future                          |
| 3. carton       | _____        | C. a person who cooks in a restaurant                   |
| 4. buried       | _____        | D. to find unexpectedly                                 |
| 5. a later date | _____        | E. a kind of large box used to keep food cold and fresh |
| 6. last         | _____        | F. people with much knowledge about something           |
| 7. chef         | _____        | G. placed in a hole in the ground and covered with soil |
| 8. experts      | _____        | H. to stay fresh, new                                   |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use Past Tense when necessary.

- Tommy loves to cook. He might be a   chef   when he grows up.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ a great cook book at the bookstore, so I bought it.
- How much does a \_\_\_\_\_ of orange juice cost?
- Javier and Maria know everything about paintings. They're \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ice cream doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ a long time in hot weather.
- Don't forget to put the butter back into the \_\_\_\_\_.
- I was sick, so I decided to travel at \_\_\_\_\_.
- My dog \_\_\_\_\_ a bone in our yard.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

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## How Much Do You Understand?

● **Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The news story says that refrigerators were made 2,000 years ago.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Thornton found the butter while he was working outside.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The butter weighed more than 20 pounds.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The butter was discovered in Scotland.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The news story says that the butter tastes like cheese.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Jack Conway decided not to keep the butter.

## Discuss

● **Discuss the following questions with your classmates.**

1. Have you or a friend ever found anything strange? What?
2. Would you like to taste the 2,000-year-old butter? Why? / Why not?
3. What unusual foods have you tasted?

## Write

● **Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.**

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**Headline** '2,000-year-old Butter'**Grammar Focus** Mixed (includes present perfect and past continuous tenses)**Level** Pre-Intermediate to Intermediate – CEFR A2 to B1**ANSWER KEY** Page 1*My Notes*

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|------|-------|
| 1. B | 7. C  |
| 2. A | 8. C  |
| 3. A | 9. A  |
| 4. C | 10. B |
| 5. A | 11. B |
| 6. B | 12. C |

**ANSWER KEY** Page 2**ANSWER KEY** Page 3● **Vocabulary**

- |      |                 |
|------|-----------------|
| 1. E | 1. chef         |
| 2. D | 2. came across  |
| 3. A | 3. carton       |
| 4. G | 4. experts      |
| 5. B | 5. last         |
| 6. H | 6. refrigerator |
| 7. C | 7. a later date |
| 8. F | 8. buried       |

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. F (*The butter was buried 2,000 years ago.*)
2. F (*Jack Conway found the butter.*)
3. T
4. F (*The butter was discovered in Ireland.*)
5. F (*It says the butter smells like cheese.*)
6. T

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