

Chocolate in His Pocket

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Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. In nineteen forty five, engineer Percy Spencer found that a _____ bar had melted inside his pocket.
2. He was testing a magnetron, a device that generates _____ for radar equipment.
3. _____ the machine, he placed popcorn kernels beside it and watched them burst.
4. A later egg test _____ exploded, showing that rapid heating could be hazardous.
5. Together, the tests showed that the _____ waves, not ordinary warmth, had heated the food.
6. Those waves made water molecules rotate, _____ energy into heat within the food.
7. Food shape and oven design _____ how evenly that heat spread.
8. A _____ oven reached restaurant kitchens in nineteen forty seven, although few homes could afford one.
9. The first models were so large and costly that ordinary kitchens were _____ excluded.
10. As _____ shrank, home cooks could warm a single serving without lighting a stove.
11. For families, the deeper change was not faster cooking, but being able to eat at _____ times.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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11.

Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. chocolate 2. microwaves 3. Suspecting 4. reportedly 5. machine's 6. transferring 7. affected 8. commercial 9. effectively 10. appliances 11. different

Part 2 — the full transcript

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2. He was testing a magnetron, a device that generates microwaves for radar equipment.
3. Suspecting the machine, he placed popcorn kernels beside it and watched them burst.
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5. Together, the tests showed that the machine's waves, not ordinary warmth, had heated the food.
6. Those waves made water molecules rotate, transferring energy into heat within the food.
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8. A commercial oven reached restaurant kitchens in nineteen forty seven, although few homes could afford one.
9. The first models were so large and costly that ordinary kitchens were effectively excluded.
10. As appliances shrank, home cooks could warm a single serving without lighting a stove.
11. For families, the deeper change was not faster cooking, but being able to eat at different times.

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