Use the words from the box to complete the sentences.

1. The cookies were soft and __________________.

2. Thomas Edison __________________ the lightbulb.

3. __________________ traveled west to find a new place to live.

4. If you behave well you may get a __________________.

5. Some foods have a lot of __________________.

6. Potato chips are __________________.

The Pretzel

The word “pretzel” means “small reward”. And that is why the first one was made. A teacher baked them for children. He gave the tasty snacks to the children who learned their lessons.

When the first settlers came to America, they brought pretzels with them. Pretzels were even used as money. The Indians would trade things for pretzels.

Sometimes children would make a wish on a pretzel. Two children would hook their fingers in the loops. Then they would pull. The one who got the biggest piece would get his wish.

The first pretzels were soft and chewy. Each one was twisted by hand into a pretzel shape. One story tells of a pretzel baker who fell asleep while his pretzels were cooking. When he woke up, the pretzels had cooked too long. They were hard and crisp, not soft. Some workers tasted them and liked them! The hard pretzel was invented.

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Now pretzels come in all sizes and shapes, hard and soft. Pretzels with no salt are called “bald heads”. Pretzels make good snacks. They have good things in them. They have very little fat. They have less calories than most other snacks.

1. Were pretzels first invented in America? __________________________

2. What does the word “pretzel” mean? ________________________________

3. Who got their wish on a pretzel? ________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

4. What were the first pretzels like? ________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

5. What is a “bald head”? ________________
   ____________________________________________________________

6. Was the teacher who baked pretzels for the children a man or woman? 
   ____________________________________________________________

7. Why do pretzels make good snacks? ________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
The Pretzel

1. The word “pretzel” means “small reward,” and that is why the ____________ one was made.

2. A teacher baked them for ____________ .

3. He gave the tasty snacks to the children ____________ learned their lessons.

4. When the first settlers came to America, they ____________ pretzels with them.

5. The first pretzels were ____________ and chewy.

6. Each ____________ was twisted by hand into a pretzel shape.

7. One story tells of a pretzel baker who fell ____________ while his pretzels were cooking.

8. When he woke up, the pretzels had cooked ____________ long.

9. They were hard and crisp, ____________ soft .

10. Some workers ____________ them and liked them!

11. The hard ____________ was invented.

12. Now pretzels come in all ____________ and shapes, hard and soft.

13. Pretzels make ____________ snacks.

14. They have less calories than most other ____________ .
### Timed Reading Chart

**TO FIND WORDS PER MINUTE:**
1) Find the number of words read across the top of the chart.
2) Find the time in minutes/seconds down the left side of the chart.
3) The intersection of the two will give the words per minute.

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1) chewy
2) invented
3) Settlers
4) reward
5) calories
6) crisp

Pg. 17
1) no
2) small reward
3) the person who got the biggest half
4) soft and chewy
5) a pretzel without salt
6) a man
7) They have very little fat and few calories.

Pg. 18
1) first
2) children
3) who
4) brought
5) soft
6) one
7) asleep
8) too
9) not
10) tasted
11) pretzel
12) sizes
13) good
14) snacks

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