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2. The world record of most hot dogs eaten in ten minutes.
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2. B) Forceful
3. B) Profitable
4. C) Continious
5. A) New
6. C) Start
7. B) Conceive
8. A) Tool

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The Fourth of July is the national day of the United States of America. People all over the big country celebrate this date and hot dog eating contests are a big part of many of these celebrations. These contests are fun events where people try to eat as many sausages as they can in a short amount of time. The most famous one takes place in New York.



## Translations

National day - Nationaldag  
Hot dog - Varmkorv  
Contest - Tävling  
Celebrations - Firande  
Sausage - Korv  
Amount - Antal  
Outstanding - Fenomenal  
Competition - Tävling  
Nick name - Smeknamn  
World record - Världsrekord  
Certainly - Definitivt  
However - Men  
Banned - Förbjuden  
Company - Företag  
Sponsored - Sponsrad  
Vegetarian - Vegetarisk

For the last years, one man has been outstanding at these competitions. His nick name is "Jaws" and he has won the hot dog contest 16 times. In 2021, he even set a world record by eating 76 hot dogs in just 10 minutes. Jaws is certainly the nation's most famous hot dog-eater. However, in 2024 he was banned from the competition. He was not allowed in the contest after he became sponsored by a company that makes vegetarian hot dogs. Jaws likes different types of hot dogs, those made from meat but also those made without meat. This was not popular in the hot dog contest where all sausages are made from meat.



**1. Where is the largest American hot dog competition held?**

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**2. What world record does "Jaws" have?**

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**3. Why was "Jaws" banned from competing in this year's contest?**

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# Can nuclear technology save the rhinos?

For many years, illegal hunting has been a severe issue in South Africa, posing a significant threat to wildlife and rhinos in particular. Driven by the high demand for rhino horns in illegal markets, poachers hunt them across the nation. Despite stringent anti-poaching laws and conservation efforts, the lucrative black market continues to fuel this illegal trade. The loss of these majestic creatures not only disrupts ecosystems but also undermines conservation efforts and tourism, a vital part of South Africa's economy. This persistent problem highlights the urgent need for innovative solutions.



Such a solution has now been initiated. In a groundbreaking effort to stop poaching in South Africa, scientists have devised a new strategy that allows rhinos to keep their horns. Surprisingly, the secret recipe is radiation. Scientists have started implanting radioactive material in rhinos' horns. This material emits detectable radiation, enabling authorities to identify anyone who has come into contact with a rhino horn at border checkpoints.

Radiation detectors has already been set up at national borders to find rhino horns and help catch poachers. This method offers a significant advantage, as the radiation persists on the horn and anything it touches, even if the tracking device is removed. Throughout the year, veterinarians and nuclear experts have worked together in this research project and in 2024 they have already helped 20 rhinos. Hopefully, this method will make sure poachers stay far away from the precious animals.



**Once you have read the text, head back and identify the following words and choose the correct synonym (words with similar meaning) for each alternative.**

**1. Severe**

- A) Serious
- B) Strange
- C) Small

**2. Stringent**

- A) Cheap
- B) Forceful
- C) Beloved

**3. Lucrative**

- A) New
- B) Profitable
- C) Lonely

**4. Persistent**

- A) Hopeful
- B) Hilarious
- C) Continuous

**5. Innovative**

- A) New
- B) Disgusting
- C) Microscopic

**6. Initiate**

- A) Remain
- B) Need
- C) Start

**7. Devise**

- A) Expect
- B) Conceive
- C) Understand

**8. Device**

- A) Tool
- B) Hunter
- C) Blanket