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Text A: Snack facts

Youths in Britain eat more snacks than people _____ the same age in other *European countries*. A recent survey has **found out** that 64% of under 20-year-olds **snack** between meals. How does this compare _____ other countries? 58.7% of young people snack in Germany, 53% in France and only 40.7% in Spain. What are these young **British people** eating? Savoury snacks, especially crisps, are the favourite snack in the UK.

Snack researchers found that the *average person* in Britain spends 43 pounds on savoury snacks **annually**, compared _____ 12 pounds for the French and only 7 pounds _____ the Italians. British people are spending a total of about 2.8 billion pounds a year on savoury snacks!!

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Text B: Crisps

What are crisps exactly? They are very thin slices of potato, cooked in oil then covered in salt or other salty flavours. British people are **crazy about** crisps and they like them in **an enormous** variety of flavours. Some of the most *popular flavours* include cheese and onion, salt and vinegar, steak and onion, roast chicken, tomato ketchup, and cheese and bacon.

A crisp-making company _____ a competition recently to find new exciting flavours for their crisps. The competition was called 'Do us a flavour' and the company received more than a million **ideas** for new flavours. The finalists included squirrel flavour and onion bhaji flavour. The winner was builder's breakfast, which tried to **copy** the tastes of a full English breakfast including bacon, eggs, sausages and beans. The flavour was suggested by Emma Rushin of Belper, Derbyshire, who won £50,000 and 1% of *future sales* of her flavour. You can't find builder's breakfast crisps in the shops now – they were discontinued _____ one year. If you want to know what kind of crisps are most popular with people in the UK you can find a list on 'The crisp list' which describes itself _____ a website 'for people _____ love crisps'.

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Text C: Chocolate

The British love chocolate. In fact, they spend more on chocolate than any other European country! If you go to any newsagent's shop in the UK you'll see a huge **choice** of chocolate bars _____ sale. There is milk chocolate, dark chocolate and white chocolate. There are small bars of chocolate, medium-sized bars and **huge** bars of chocolate. You can buy mint-flavoured chocolate, chocolate-covered peanuts or raisins, chocolate with nuts, chocolate with toffee ... the list is **never-ending!** One brand of *chocolate bar* recently asked viewers to try four new flavours of a chocolate and then vote _____ Facebook _____ their favourite. The bar with the most votes will be permanently added to their range. Big chocolate eggs are sold in newsagents', sweet shops and supermarkets _____ *Easter time*. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles buy Easter eggs for **kids** at this time of year.

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Text D: Health

While crisps and other savoury snacks can be delicious, many people are worried that young people eat too many of these kinds of foods. The Food Standards Agency (FSA) is a *government organisation* that is responsible _____ food **security** and *food hygiene* in the UK. The FSA issued a warning recently that many children's snacks contained dangerously high levels of salt. Some parents are unhappy that their children can buy snack foods that are high _____ sugar, salt or fat such as sweets, **cookies** and crisps from vending machines in schools. Some schools have **prohibited** these types of vending machines.

Advertising and marketing is another controversial area. Some people feel that **publicity** for junk food and unhealthy snacks should not be directed at children and teenagers. One opinion is that young people _____ be protected by a **prohibition** on this kind of advertising before 9 p.m. on TV and that there should be more controls _____ websites, sponsorship and in-store promotions. What do you think?