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1. Who invented a process for making "peanut paste" in 1884?

Marcellus Gilmore Edson

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg

The Krema Nut Company

George A. Bayle Jr.

2. Who began the first company to market and sell peanut butter?

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3. Who sold a creamy peanut butter that used partially hydrogenated oil in the 1920s?

Marcellus Gilmore Edson

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg

Joseph Rosefield

George A. Bayle Jr.

4. What was the name of the creamy peanut butter sold by Rosefield in 1933?

Pal Peanut Butter

Skippy Peanut Butter

Kellogg's Peanut Butter

Krema Peanut Butter

5. Why did the demand for peanut butter increase during World War II?

The US government promoted it.

It became a popular sandwich spread.

It was easy to mass produce.

It was a staple food for soldiers.

6. Which country is the largest producer of peanut butter in the world?

the United States

China

Canada

Mexico

**Discuss these questions with a friend or classmate.**

1. What information from the lecture did you find the most interesting? Why?
2. Do you ever eat peanut butter? Why? / Why not?
3. Do you think peanut butter is healthy? Why? / Why not?
4. When was the last time you ate a sandwich?
5. What other kinds of sandwich spreads are there?
6. What is your favorite kind of sandwich spread?

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## Audio Script

Peanut butter is a popular spread that has been enjoyed for over a century. Its origins can be traced back to the Aztecs and Incas, who ground roasted peanuts into a paste. However, it wasn't until the late 19th century that peanut butter as we know it today was invented.

In 1884, Marcellus Gilmore Edson of Canada patented a process for making "peanut paste" by milling roasted peanuts between heated surfaces. This paste was intended as a protein-rich food for people who couldn't chew or digest solid food. However, it wasn't until the early 20th century that peanut butter began to be mass produced and sold as a consumer product.

In 1895, Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, the man behind Kellogg's cereal, filed a patent for a process of making "nut butter" which is similar to Edson's process. He served it to patients at his Battle Creek Sanitarium in Michigan, but it wasn't commercially successful.

The first company to mass produce peanut butter was the Crema Nut Company in Ohio, which began selling it in 1908. However, it was George A. Bayle Jr., who started the first company to specifically market and sell peanut butter to consumers. His company, the Bayle Food Products Company, started selling "Pal Peanut Butter" in 1911.

It wasn't until the 1920s and 1930s that peanut butter began to gain popularity as a spread for sandwiches. In 1922, Joseph Rosefield, an engineer from Iowa, began to sell a creamy version of peanut butter that used partially hydrogenated oil to keep the oil from separating from the solids, which allowed for a longer shelf life. He began selling it under the name "Skippy" in 1933.

During World War II, the United States government promoted the use of peanut butter as a cheap source of protein for soldiers and civilians alike. This led to an increase in demand and a decrease in the price of peanuts, making peanut butter more accessible to the general population.

In the decades that followed, peanut butter became a staple in American households. It is now a common ingredient in many recipes, from desserts to savory dishes. Today, the United States is the largest producer of peanut butter in the world, followed by China and Canada.

## ANSWER KEY

1. Marcellus Gilmore Edson
2. George A. Bayle Jr.
3. Joseph Rosefield
4. Skippy Peanut Butter
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6. the United States