

Burger King Swaps French Fries for Ramen

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. crunchy /'krən(t)SHē/ (adjective) making a sharp noise when bitten or crushed and (of food) pleasantly crisp.
Example: The crispy fried chicken was very crunchy.
2. amid /ə'mid/ (preposition) surrounded by; in the middle of.
Example: The house that they bought was amid the countryside.
3. thrilled /THrild/ (verb) cause (someone) to have a sudden feeling of excitement and pleasure
Example: The couple was thrilled to finally buy their dream house.
4. switch /swiCH/ (verb) to change suddenly or completely, especially from one thing to another, or to exchange by replacing one person or thing with another
Example: The woman switched to a different brand after the manufacturer's scandal.
5. disruption /dis'rəpSH(ə)n/ (noun) disturbance or problems which interrupt an event, activity, or process.
Example: The fight between the two employees caused disruption of the meeting.



Burger King restaurants in Japan are selling an 'almost-potato' meal, swapping out french fries for **crunchy** ramen noodles **amid** a potato shortage. Burger King restaurants in Japan are running low on potatoes to make French fries, so they're asking customers to swap for a different side instead: ramen.

The fast food restaurants have started selling what Burger King is calling the "almost-potato set," CBS News reported. Instead of a classic burger and french fries, the meal comes with a burger and a side of crunchy ramen noodles. Some customers aren't too thrilled about the **switch**.

Before deciding on crunchy ramen, Burger King also considered boiled ramen, broiled squid, and apple pie as substitutes for the fries, according to CBS. Burger King operates more than 150 restaurants in Japan.

Other fast food companies have also dealt with their own shortages in recent months, thanks to factors like supply chain **disruptions** and higher-than-expected demand. Most recently, Taco Bell said it was experiencing a shortage of ingredients for its Mexican Pizza after recently bringing back the mega-popular item.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your most favorite food? What do you like about it?
 2. Imagine that there was a sudden shortage of your favorite food. What would you do and how would you react?
 3. Do you like ordering set meals? Why or why not?
 4. What if the set meal that you used to order includes something that you're not fond of? Will you still order it? Why or why not?
 5. What should restaurants struggling with ingredient shortages do?
 6. Do you think this food shortage will end soon? Why or why not?
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