

# Macaroni

Macaroni is one of the most popular types of pasta among Europeans. In the 18th century, a restaurant in Naples, Italy, was operated by Mr Maca Roni. This restaurant specialized in making all kinds of noodles and it was a favourite local restaurant.

One day, when Roni's daughter was playing, she took out her father's basket of dough, and made a hole in the middle of a noodle. She then placed the noodle under the hot sun to dry.

Roni was very angry, because all the dough, equivalent to a whole day's business, needed to be destroyed. Out of frustration, he had to put the damaged noodles into the pot to cook, and then added tomato sauce in order to feed the guests. Much to his surprise, the guests praised him for the delicious noodles.



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Since then, Roni made these noodles to serve his guests because they enjoyed it. From that day, Roni's restaurant became extra special because he made noodles that had a hole in them. Roni's profit gradually increased. Looking to expanding the business, he opened a new factory to make his famous noodles and subsequently named it "Macaroni." Macaroni has now become a well-known food in many parts of the world.

## Food for Thought:

People are often limited to an existing way of thinking because they are still caught in the old way. However, the journey of invention requires a person to have, always, enlightened thinking, continuous observation, imagination and creativity in order to produce new innovative ideas.

