

Directions: Fill in the correct blanks

Pepperoni is one of the most popular pizza toppings. Pepperoni is actually a type of cured sausage made from pork mixed with beef. “Cured” means it is salted to _____ against bacteria harmful to people. Pepperoni is then mixed with pepper, paprika or other spices and takes on a reddish color. It is _____ sliced thinly in small circles.

The word “pepperoni” means “big peppers” in Italian, _____ pepperoni has little to do with peppers or Italy. Its history is _____, however, it was almost _____ invented in America, likely in one of the original pizzerias in New York City. What is clear however, is that pepperoni is America’s favorite pizza topping. _____ 36% of pizzas _____ in the United States are _____ with pepperoni.

Words:

certainly
topped
typically
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though
unclear
Approximately
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