

## THE WEIRDEST SENTENCE I'D EVER HEARD (A)

Examine the sentences taken from the reading. On the lines below rewrite each sentence omitting the dashes. Remove or use any additional words you need to have the sentence make sense without changing the meaning of the sentence.

1) It was fifty years since the Dying Out, thirty since the last great food wars, and twenty since AgroGlobal crushed the last aquaculture smallholdings, and established itself as the world's largest — only — manufacturer of artificial food.

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2) We're not just talking real food, we're talking about real cooking — you gotta work for it.

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3) That my friend — who I saw this morning — was not just dead, but that she must have died a hundred years ago.

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4) "Well, surely if something had happened, then, well — I mean, shouldn't we already know about it by now? ..."

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1) We owed everything to AgroGlobal — and they owned everything. Governments, armies, energy production, manufacturing, media, health care, communications, travel — temporal and spatial — you name it, they owned it.

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2) She didn't just love it, she was obsessed — she was addicted.

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3) What about the tracker — the implants they had put in all the contestants before they entered the Portal?

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4) People who had money and resources — some of them even (so people said) had kitchens, not that they had much to do in them but play around with different blends of Newtri, but still.

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## THE WEIRDEST SENTENCE I'D EVER HEARD (C)

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1) We used to call her “2D” — turn her sideways and she’d vanish.

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2) Schools closed, offices shut down, factories were silent — the skyways were empty, there wasn’t a single auto on the streets.

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3) “You pick them like this” — she pinched her fingers together and twisted — “and then pop the pods” — she flicked her thumb and index finger together — “and just eat them straight, and... oh... they were soooo...”

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4) I put it down to nerves — I mean, even Mandy has got nerves — but now I’m not so sure.

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## THE WEIRDEST SENTENCE I'D EVER HEARD (D)

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1) Okay, so she had somehow — God alone knows how — managed to collect all these bits and pieces of junk, and she'd read just about everything she could lay her hands on about cooking, but was all just theory.

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2) Maybe we would have died out if it hadn't been for Newtri, but we're still here — you're still here. I know all about the Chronologic.

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3) That's not to say everyone was happy about it — I mean, look around you, right?

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4) All I do know is that I want to live my life — and if I can't cook real food, I might survive, but I think I'll die.

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## THE WEIRDEST SENTENCE I'D EVER HEARD (E)

Examine the sentences taken from the reading. On the lines below rewrite each sentence omitting the dashes. Remove or use any additional words you need to have the sentence make sense without changing the meaning of the sentence.

1) "... The thing is" — he coughed slightly — "she's disappeared."

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2) Most people haven't even seen a fish — not outside Planet Ocean Aquarium anyway — but she had that fish deboned and on the slab as if she was born with a — what did she call it? — a lithium-ion fillet knife in her hand.

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3) It was really colorful against her cocoa colored skin and she looked — well, I have to admit that skinny old 2D looked quite beautiful as she stood there listening to Judge Kumar explain the challenge.

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4) Of course I wanted Mandy to win, but — well, it was impossible not to want them all to make it. I glanced back to Mandy's corner of the screen — and it was empty.

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