Wendy's Still Smarting from Finger-In-Chili Hoax
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Vocabulary
smart - to hurt
hoax - a trick that is played on many people or on the public
plant - to put something into a place
chili - popular Mexican dish of beef, beans, tomatoes, spicy sauce
saga - long story
sentence - to decide a guilty person’s punishment in a court of law
scam - trick to make money illegally
gross out - to make someone feel very disgusted
go through - to experience
spokesman - person who speaks to the media for a company, government, etc.
throw the book at s.o. - give a guilty person the maximum punishment
prank - joke
insurance claim - a request to an insurance company for money
wages - money that is received for working
veteran - a person with experience
sever - to cut off
tearfully - crying (with tears)
ABC - one of the American TV networks
nasty - unpleasant, not nice
forensic - about police laboratory testing
celebrity - a famous person

Questions
1) A woman found ____________ in her ____________ in ______________ Restaurant.

Who put it there? ___________________________________

Why? ___________________________________

Where did it come from? ___________________________________
2) Who are these people?

- Ana Ayala
- Jaime Placencia
- Luke Burbank
- Bob Bertini
- Hector Piñeda
- Jeffrey Janoff

3) What is the punishment for Ayala and Placencia?

4) On what TV show did Ayala tell her story?

5) How much did the restaurant lose in lost revenue?
   How much did the workers lose in lost wages?

6) What is ironic (a little funny) about Ayala and Placencia’s time in prison?

7) How do the other prisoners feel about Ayala?

8) Wendy’s agreed not to collect $__________ if the couple ____________
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9) Complete these sentences from the last part of the report, beginning at about 1:56.

   Ana Ayala, the person who ____________ responsible, ____________ tearfully, calling the
   scheme a moment of ____________ judgment. But it was ____________ more like a series
   of moments: ____________, the moment when her ____________ brought home a co-
   worker’s severed finger, ____________ when she decided to slip it into a ____________ of
   chili, and ____________ when she decided to show ____________ on ABC’s Good Morning
   America and ____________ about the ____________ thing.