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## The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 25/11/16

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### SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three meals you could cook at the age of 11. Go round the room swapping details with others.

### LISTENING – WRITING - DICTATION

The teacher will read some lines of the article slowly to the class.

### READING

Students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

### SPEAKING - UNDERSTANDING

**1) The article** – Students check any unknown vocabulary or phrases with the teacher.

**2) The article** - Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- 1) What is the article about?
- 2) What do you think about the article?
- 3) Was this an easy or difficult article to understand?
- 4) Was this a boring or interesting article?
- 5) Discuss the article.

**3) Article quiz** - Students quiz each other in pairs. Score a point for each correct answer. Score half a point each time you have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

### Student A questions

- 1) What is McDonald's?
- 2) Who is the home appliance manufacturer?
- 3) Who is Mary Berry?
- 4) How many parents were surveyed?
- 5) What is a take away?

### Student B questions

- 1) What is a stew?
- 2) What is porridge?
- 3) What is chili con carne?
- 4) What is cottage pie?
- 5) What is a fairy cake?

**Category: Lifestyle / Food / Education**  
**Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs.* On the board write as many words about '**cooking?**' *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs* - choose three meals listed in the article. Write them below. How do you cook them? Talk about them!

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Add three meals you like to cook. Write them below. How do you cook them? Talk about them!

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

*The teacher* will choose some pairs to discuss their findings to the class.

### SPEAKING / WRITING

*In pairs* – Think of three advantages and three disadvantages of cooking your own food.

### SPEAKING - SURVEY

*In pairs* – Think of five cooked meals you cooked recently. Add two ready meals and two take away meals you also ate recently.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) What is your favourite meal?
- 3) What is your favourite meal that you like to cook?
- 4) What don't you like to eat?
- 5) Who cooks your meals?
- 6) Do you eat many take away meals? Explain.
- 7) Do you eat many microwave meals? Explain.
- 8) Are kid's fussy eaters? Explain.
- 9) Are you a fussy eater? Explain.
- 10) Have you had any cooking disasters? Talk about them!

### SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

*In groups.* One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *Discussion FM* radio studio in London. Today's interview is about: *Meals children should be able to cook by the time they are 11.*

- 1) Someone who is 11.
- 2) A parent.
- 3) A teacher.
- 4) Jamie Oliver.

*The teacher* will choose some groups to roleplay their interview in front of the class.

### SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

*In pairs* - *Student A* loves to cook. *Student B* lives on junk food and ready meals. *3 mins.*

### SPEAKING - PRESENTATION

Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class.

*Prepare a 3-5 minute presentation on*

**Meals children should be able to cook by the time they are 11**

*Google it if necessary!*

*The teacher* can moderate the session.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Give an example of what you could cook at the age of 11.
- 3) What did you cook recently?
- 4) Do you eat many of the items listed in the article?
- 5) How did you learn to cook?
- 6) Should there be more cookery lessons in schools?
- 7) Does Jamie Oliver inspire you to cook?
- 8) What cookery TV programmes do you watch?
- 9) Can you name some local meals cooked in your country. How do they differ from those in the article?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

## **GAP FILL: READING**

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There are many other easy meals that kids can prepare. These include roast chicken, (3)\_\_\_ and a (4)\_\_\_ . By the age of 11 children should also be able to prepare (5)\_\_\_, such as fairy cakes, sponge cakes and apple crumble.

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Many kids today are (8)\_\_\_ eaters. It is sad just how many kids end up eating frozen oven chips or pizza. This could be because of the lack of cooking classes in schools. Teaching kids how to cook, can result in less food been thrown away.

**challenge / fussy / stew / meatballs / meals / porridge / microwave / desserts**

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**pride / priority / options / complex / appliance / scratch / choices / dishes**

## **GAP FILL: GRAMMAR**

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**GAP FILL: LISTENING**

**WRITING/SPELLING**

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**WRITING / SPEAKING**

**1) On the board - In pairs** - list 10 of your favourite meals you can each cook. Try to include some desserts. Talk about each of them. *3-5 minutes.*

**2) Sentence starters** - Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- 1) I like to cook \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Ready meals \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) When I was 11 \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Write down 50 words about: *Meals children should be able to cook by the time they are 11.*** Your words can be read out in class.

**4) Homework** - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: ***Meals children should be able to cook by the time they are 11.*** Your email can be read out in class.

**SPELLING**

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards check your answers.

- 1) fussy
- 2) challenge
- 3) manufacturer
- 4) appliance
- 5) dishes
- 6) should
- 7) article
- 8) options
- 9) omelette
- 10) confidence

**SPELLING**

Use the following ratings:

- Pass = 12**
- Good = 15**
- Very good = 18**
- Excellent = 20**

- 11) sense
- 12) priority
- 13) porridge
- 14) prepare
- 15) microwave
- 16) lack
- 17) complex
- 18) because
- 19) sausage
- 20) crumble

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