

10 A matter of taste

USE OF ENGLISH 1

- ★ 1 Do you know of any famous chefs in your country? Are any of them TV chefs?
- ★ 2 Quickly read the article about a chef and find out what inspired him to take up cookery.
- ★ 3 e Read the article and complete the text with one word in each gap.

- ★ 4 e Rewrite the sentences using the word given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

- 1 Steffie feels sad that she didn't learn how to cook when she was at school.

REGRETS

Steffie
how to cook when she was at school.

- 2 I think you should go on a cookery course this summer.

WERE

If go
on a cookery course this summer.

- 3 'You left the kitchen in a horrible mess!' Alice said to Rollo.

ACCUSED

Alice
the kitchen in a horrible mess.

- 4 I haven't made fresh spaghetti before.

FIRST

This is
made fresh spaghetti.

- 5 They were still preparing the food while the guests were arriving.

BEING

While the guests were arriving,
.....
prepared.

- 6 I have heard people say that the new restaurant is really good.

BEEN

It
that the new restaurant is really good.

Speak up

- ★ 5 Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- 1 What is your favourite thing to cook or bake? Why?
- 2 How popular are TV cookery programmes and competitions in your country? Why / Why not?



A Greek success story

Akis Petretzikis is a popular young Greek chef and TV personality. His journey into cookery began during his student years ¹..... university in Athens. While he was there, not ²..... did he develop an interest in Mediterranean cuisine but he was also inspired by the sound of knives ³..... sharpened on a stone – knives that could be used to cut up lots of fresh herbs, fruit and vegetables.

After his studies, Akis worked for a while in restaurants, but then decided ⁴..... follow his interest in international cookery. He went to England ⁵..... five years and returned to Greece for the first Greek Masterchef competition in 2010, ⁶..... he won.

Nowadays, one of his projects involves working with a team to come ⁷..... with exciting new recipes. He also has ⁸..... a huge global following on social media that he gets messages from all over the world.

★ game on

Work in groups.

Take it in turns to say a word connected to cooking and food preparation, going through the letters of the alphabet.

If you cannot find a word within 60 seconds, you lose your turn and you don't get a point.

The next person starts from the next letter in the alphabet.

You get one point for each correct word.

The student with the most points wins.

USE OF ENGLISH 2

- ★ 1 Have you ever taken a photograph of a plate of food? What was it? Why did you take the photo? Who saw it?
- ★ 2 Quickly read the text in Ex 3. Can you explain the title?
- ★ 3 e Read the text again and choose the best answer, A, B, C or D.

NO PHOTOS PLEASE!



Heston Blumenthal, a British chef, was first inspired to cook when visiting the South of France as a teenager. There, the scent of lavender and other herbs made him realise the importance of the ¹..... of smell in the whole eating process.

Heston is now a well-known chef ²..... having had a difficult start. He left school without ³..... many qualifications, and had a series of uninspiring jobs. He never lost his passion for food, though, and he eventually bought an old pub, where he started to ⁴..... out his ideas for new recipes. The pub became a world-famous restaurant.

One thing that makes Heston lose his ⁵..... is customers taking photos of their food. Heston's ⁶..... of view is that each diner at his restaurant should be fully 'present' in the whole food experience. This cannot happen, he says, if they are ⁷..... attention to their cameras or their phones. Using flash, in particular, drives him and the other customers quite ⁸.....!

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|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 A feeling | B aroma | C sense | D ability |
| 2 A however | B even though | C despite | D apart from |
| 3 A passing | B succeeding | C winning | D gaining |
| 4 A speak | B talk | C work | D make |
| 5 A temper | B mood | C attitude | D thought |
| 6 A sort | B kind | C type | D point |
| 7 A paying | B wasting | C spending | D having |
| 8 A annoyed | B mad | C irritated | D furious |

- ★ 4 Quickly read the article about a summer school. What can you do there?
- ★ 5 e Complete the article with the correct form of the word in capitals.

A summer school – with a difference

An amazing experience for those of you who are interested in cooking is the Cook Around the World summer school. Based in the Italian countryside, this international summer school offers a ¹..... of cookery classes and language learning. Test your ²..... on this 10-day course, where you will taste dishes from around the world as well as produce your own ³..... menu for our Final Day banquet. Students find that their skills improve ⁴..... on the cookery courses and they can cook with greater ⁵..... by the last day.

We also offer classes in English, French, Spanish and Italian. All ⁶..... on the course will be given laptops to use while they are there. The courses we offer are non-exam courses but students find that they can ⁷..... pick up the spoken language by chatting to friends in a relaxed environment. It is ⁸..... that you will complete the course without having made quite a number of new friends!

COMBINE
CREATE

PERSON
DRAMA

CONFIDENT

PARTICIPATE

SUCCEED

LIKE

Speak up

- ★ 6 Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- 1 Do you think that the 'Cook Around the World' summer school would be a valuable experience? In what way?
- 2 What kind of food or particular dish would you like to learn to cook? Why?

