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UNIT 19 Grub's Up

Task: The restaurant chain
Useful language: Making choices
Grammar: Food expressions
Writing: An informative e-mail

Discussion

1. Read over these "food" quotes. What do you think of them? What thoughts do they provoke? Discuss your ideas with a partner.

"Eat little, sleep sound." *Iranian Proverb*

"Worries go down better with soup."
Jewish Proverb

"What is patriotism but the love of the food one ate as a child?" *Lin Yutang*

"There is no love sincerer than the love of food."
George Bernard Shaw

"Tell me what you eat, I'll tell you who you are."
Anthelme Brillat-Savarin

"All happiness depends on a leisurely breakfast."
John Gunther

"Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, pumpkin pie and tomato ketchup."
Anonymous

"Nothing would be more tiresome than eating and drinking if God had not made them a pleasure as well as a necessity."
Voltaire

"Shipping is a terrible thing to do to vegetables. They probably get jet-lagged, just like people."
Elizabeth Berry

"It would be nice if the Food and Drug Administration stopped issuing warnings about toxic substances and just gave me the names of one or two things still safe to eat."
Robert Fuoss

"As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it."
Buddy Hackett

"Large, naked raw carrots are acceptable as food

only to those who lie in hutches eagerly awaiting Easter." *Fran Lebowitz*

"We are living in a world today where lemonade is made from artificial flavors and furniture polish is made from real lemons." *Alfred E. Newman*

"There is one thing more exasperating than a person who can cook and won't, and that's a person who can't cook and will." *Anonymous*

2. What's your favourite restaurant? Why do you like it so much? What do you eat there?
3. What's the worst restaurant you've ever been to? Why was it so bad?
4. What's your favourite dish? What's your favourite international cuisine / foreign food?

Task

Before doing the task, study the useful expressions.



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Student A

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- 2. Gordon Sheep** – Scottish chef famous for his extravagant style, his fiery temper and his extensive use of expletives. Notoriously difficult to get on with, this brilliant 40-year-old has worked at a number of Michelin-starred restaurants. He is abusive and aggressive, but the audiences love him.
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Choose one of the chefs and decide which one you'd like to have. Think of six pros for the chef of your choice, and six cons in total for the others. Also, come up with a special "Chef's Menu" for your restaurants. Present your ideas to your partner.

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Useful expressions – Making choices

Being positive

- My guess is that...
- I'd say that...
- If my predictions are correct, then...
- In the long run...
- In the short term...
- He's the best bet.
- She's just the person we're looking for.
- She'd be perfect as...
- I can really see her...
- I'd go for him because...
- There's no doubt in my mind that...
- He stands out from the rest for his...
- He'd be perfect for...

Being negative

- She hasn't got any stage presence.

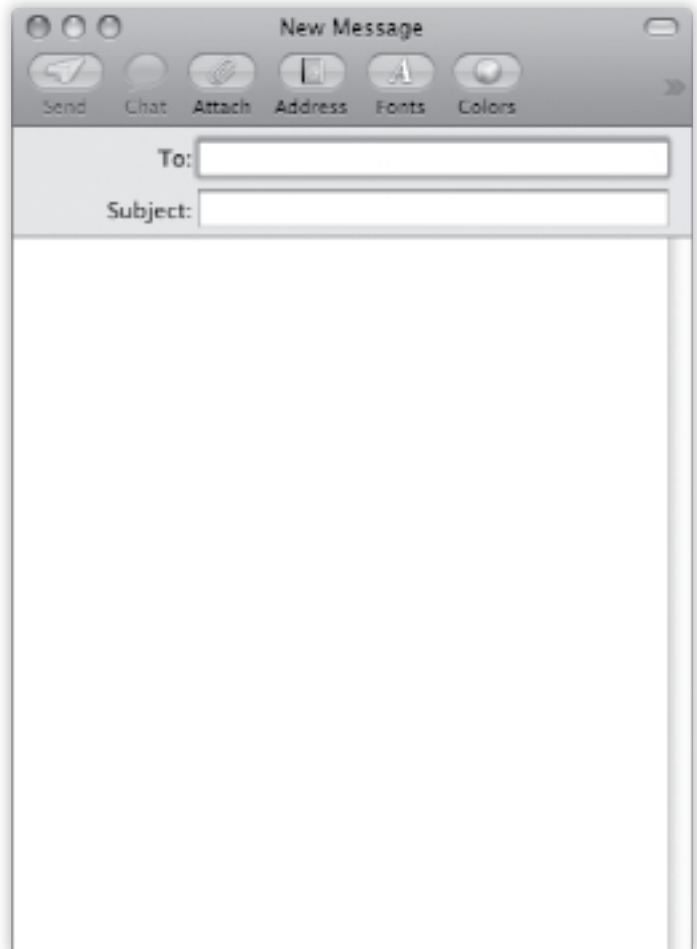
- He's got no charisma.
- He isn't really the sort of person we're looking for.
- I can't really see her fitting in with...
- Her food is delicious.
- Her food has a lovely aroma.
- Her food just melts in your mouth.
- Her food has got a horrible after-taste.
- It leaves a terrible after-taste in your mouth.
- It's too spicy. / It's too weird.
- It's disgusting.
- I wouldn't give that to my dog.

Writing

Write either:

- a) An e-mail detailing your choices and justifying your decision.
- b) A proposal for the TV programme complete with details.

proposal



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Grammar – Eating expressions

Study the expressions then do the exercises.

Pick at your food

To eat very small amounts of the food you are eating.
"He wasn't really hungry so he just picked at his food for three hours."

Eat out

To go to a restaurant to eat (as opposed to eating at home).

I don't feel like cooking. Let's eat out tonight.

Eat in

To eat at home (as opposed to eating at a restaurant).

"I don't feel like going out. Let's eat in tonight."

Take out / take away

To take food from a restaurant so you can eat it somewhere else.

"They ordered a couple of pizzas to take away."

Go off (food)

If food "goes off", it becomes bad.

"This food has gone off."

Be off (food)

Be rotten / bad / past its sell-by date

"I think this meat is off."

Thaw out (frozen food)

If frozen food "thaws out", the ice melts.

"We need to thaw out this chicken out before we cook it."

Heat up

To make warm.

"Shall I heat this food up in the microwave?"

Go with

To be a good accompaniment to.

"This salad goes really well with this meat."

Be left over

To remain.

"We can make a soup with the meat that's left over."

Live on / off

To eat just one type of food.

"She lives on beans and nothing else. That can't be

good for you, can it?"

Warm up

To become warmer.

"It's been really cold recently, but they promised that it would warm up from Wednesday onwards."

This is my treat / this one is on me / these are on me / I'll get these

This is what you can say when you want to pay for someone's drink / food.

"Put that wallet away. These drinks are on me."

Give off (a smell)

To create a smell

"It was giving off a strange smell."

Burnt to a cinder

Completely burnt

"The food was burnt to a cinder."

Throw something together

To create without preparation

"We came home late and I threw something together from the leftovers."

Exercise

Complete the sentences with the correct word. In some cases, more than one answer may be possible.

- Mike:** Did he finish his dinner?
Sarah: No, he just _____ at it.
- Emma:** Shall I cook something tonight?
Olivia: No, let's _____ out.
- Ashley:** Shall I go and get a pizza?
William: No. I'll just _____ something together from the leftovers.
- Grace:** Do you fancy eating out tonight?
Tyler: Not really. Why don't we _____ in for a change?
- Joseph:** So, that's three pizzas, then, isn't it?
Ryan: Yes, and let's get them to _____ away. I want to watch the election results on TV.
- Madison:** I wouldn't eat that chicken.
Abigail: Yeah. I think it's _____ off.

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7. Alex: Don't you think you should put the turkey in the oven?

Elizabeth: I can't. It hasn't _____ out yet.

8. Ava: Shall I make some spaghetti Bolognese?

John: No, just _____ up that leftover soup.

9. Matt: What shall we have with the meat?

Alexis: I think a salad would _____ really well with it.

10. Briana: Was there much food _____ over after the party?

Josh: No, they ate it all.

11. Jake: I'll get the bill.

Mary: No, this one's _____ me.

12. Emily: What happened to the cake?

Jim: We had to throw it away. It was burnt _____ a cinder.

Oral grammar drill

Answer the questions with full answers.

1. What's the best way to stop food going off?
2. How often do you like to eat out?
3. Are you going to eat in tonight?
4. How can you tell if food is off?
5. How long does it take frozen meat to thaw out?
6. What was the last dish that you heated up and ate?
7. What vegetable goes really well with meat / fish?
8. Do you ever make dishes with your leftovers?
9. Which type of food do you think you could live off?
10. Have you ever burnt something to a cinder?

Oral revision drill I – Prepositions of time

Listen to the sentence and say the preposition.

1. I went there _____ May.
2. She was famous _____ the 1970s.
3. I fell asleep _____ the exam.
4. We met _____ Christmas Day.
5. I've been here _____ three weeks.
6. I go there _____ Saturdays.
7. We'll move house at some point _____ the future.
8. I'll speak to you _____ Wednesday.
9. I'll see you _____ Monday.
10. We went out to a restaurant _____ Valentine's Day.
11. What are you going to do _____ the holidays?

12. We got married _____ July.

13. I'll see you _____ ten minutes.

14. I've got nothing to do _____ the moment.

15. It starts _____ 7 o'clock.

16. We went to France _____ the summer.

17. We're going to be there _____ fifteen days.

18. My birthday is _____ October.

19. I was there _____ three years.

20. She was born _____ 2001.

21. We ate strawberries _____ the tennis match.

22. I'll speak to you _____ the break.

23. We haven't seen him _____ November.

Oral revision drill II – Spelling

Listen to the names and write them down. Then practise the exercise in pairs.

1. Carolyn Cole;
2. Frank Griffin;
3. Brenda Myers;
4. Jerry Wallace;
5. Amanda Woods;
6. Harold West;
7. Stephanie Ford;
8. Peter Hamilton;
9. Kimberley Hughes;
10. Albert Long;
11. Philip Smith;
12. Jane Bryde;
13. Paul Birch;
14. Sandra Wilde;
15. Robert Givens;
16. Jocelyn Blackburn;
17. Lorna Melchor;
18. Vicki Saunders;
19. Ian Robinson;
20. David Beckindale

Translations

Translate the following sentences into your own language.

1. He's been picking at his food for over an hour.
2. Do you want to eat out tonight?
3. We got the pizzas to take out.
4. I think this meat is off.
5. You need to leave the turkey to thaw out.
6. Shall I heat it up for you?
7. This vegetable goes really well with the fish.
8. They say you can live off baked beans.
9. The pies were burnt to a cinder.
10. The meat was giving off a funny smell.

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Remember to do the reading and listening exercises in Hot English magazine.

