

## **FOOD AROUND THE WORLD**

***Listen and complete the blank with the information missed.***

What kinds of food do you like to eat? I am \_\_\_\_\_, because in Canada there are \_\_\_\_\_ foods to choose from. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ hot dogs, hamburgers, and steak. These are \_\_\_\_\_ meat products. I also like cheese, ice \_\_\_\_\_ and yogurt. These are all \_\_\_\_\_ products. I like vegetables. My \_\_\_\_\_ vegetables are broccoli, cabbage, \_\_\_\_\_ and peas. I eat a lot of fruit. I eat whichever fruit is in season. In strawberry \_\_\_\_\_, I eat a lot of strawberries. In peach season, I eat many peaches. \_\_\_\_\_, my mother will make a peach pie. Many different crops \_\_\_\_\_ in Canada. We have many orchards and farms. Fresh fruit and \_\_\_\_\_ are plentiful in Canada. Meat and \_\_\_\_\_ are also plentiful here. In Canada, we have a lot of different \_\_\_\_\_ to choose from. In my city, there are a lot of Italian restaurants. My favorite food at the Italian restaurant is pizza. My parents would rather have spaghetti or lasagna. There are Greek restaurants, Mexican \_\_\_\_\_ and Chinese restaurants; in fact, there are restaurants from most cultures. I can \_\_\_\_\_ around from restaurant to restaurant and pretend that I am traveling the world and trying all the \_\_\_\_\_ foods from around the world. Sometimes I eat things that \_\_\_\_\_ good for me. I eat potato chips and candies. These foods aren't part of a nutritious diet, but they are \_\_\_\_\_ to eat.

### **READING STRATEGY**

***Complete the messages on the internet forum. Use the words below.***

**Fork, Chef, customers, knife, menu, service, tray, waiters**

I love this restaurant. The 1 \_\_\_\_\_ is from Italy and makes fantastic pizzas. There are lots of great pasta dishes on the 2 \_\_\_\_\_ too. And the 3 \_\_\_\_\_ are really friendly.

I don't like the atmosphere. The 4 \_\_\_\_\_ are all over 40 and eat their pizzas with a 5 \_\_\_\_\_ and 6 \_\_\_\_\_. It isn't for young people!

Don't go there! It's really expensive. You pay £18 for a small 7 \_\_\_\_\_ of bread, olives and other starters. Main courses are about £20 each. And then they add 15% to your bill for 8 \_\_\_\_\_!

## **TV DINNERS**

### **Reading Comprehension**

Lee Chang-Hyun lives in Seoul, the capital of South Korea, and he has a very unusual job. He starts work at midnight. He sits in front of his computer, connects to the internet, and starts to eat. He doesn't eat quietly – he makes lots of noise! While he eats, people can watch a live video of his meal online. And every day, about 10,000 people watch him. These viewers send messages to him. The messages appear on his computer and he answers them while he's eating. And all the time, he is earning money.

Watching people eat is a popular online activity in South Korea. You can also watch on a special TV channel. The name of the hobby in Korean is mukbang. About 3,500 South Koreans take part in it and a small number of them are famous. For example, Park Seo-Yeon is well known online as TheDiva. She earns \$9,000 a month from her viewers and it is now her full-time job.

But why do the viewers pay? Park Seo-Yeon believes that health is the main reason. People love dishes with lots of fat and sugar, but they don't want to eat them, so they ask her to eat them – and they watch! But can you really enjoy watching a meal but not eating it? Or is there another reason for the popularity of mukbang?

Perhaps there are social reasons for its popularity. These days, a lot of South Koreans live alone. When you eat dinner alone every evening, it's easy to feel sad. But with mukbang, you can eat with others. It is a kind of



online dinner party. And when you visit the website often, it is almost like visiting friends.

At the moment mukbang is only popular in South Korea, not in other countries. But perhaps it just needs some time.

When you have to complete sentences with information from a text, start by deciding which part of the text contains the information you need. Remember that the sentences follow the same order as the text.

**Read the text. Tick the best definition of mukbang. (A, B, C) ESCOGE UNA.**

- a Buying meal online and eating them alone.
- b Finding friends online and going out for meals together.
- c Paying to watch somebody online eat a meal.

***Read the Reading Strategy. Complete the sentences with information from the text. Write one or two words in each gap.***

- 1 When Lee Chang-Hyun starts work, he sits in front of his \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 While Lee Chang-Hyun is working, he gets messages from his \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 About 3,500 people in South Korea \_\_\_\_\_ in mukbang.
- 4 Park Seo-Yeon earns \$9,000 \_\_\_\_\_ from mukbang.
- 5 Park Seo-Yeon thinks people pay to watch her eat because they don't want to eat a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ or sugar.
- 6 Perhaps South Koreans enjoy watching people eat online because a lot of them live \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 For the viewers, mukbang is like eating with \_\_\_\_\_.

**GOOD LUCK...!**