CAN YOU COOK?



This teenager can – and his mum's very happy with him.

Tom is like any other teenager. He goes to school, does his homework, meets his friends and enjoys doing sport.

But between 5.30 and 6.30 from Monday to Friday, Tom does something different. He cooks dinner for all the family: mum, dad, younger brother Joe and older sister Emma.

> *I think it's important for teenagers to learn how to cook. Maths and English are important, of course, but they need other skills too to help them in today's world.*
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> *First, I taught Tom how to cook easy meals like pizza or egg and chips. Then he started using recipes in my cookery books. Yesterday he made vegetable soup. It was very good!* – Tom's mum
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> *I love cooking and I think I'm really good at it. None of my friends cook. I don't know why, it isn't difficult and it's great fun!* – Tom

In the past, Tom didn't help out at home and his mum wasn't very happy with him. Today, things are different and she is very happy.

Are the sentences **true** or **false**?

1. Tom does one thing that teenagers don't normally do. **True** **False**
2. Tom is the only person who eats the food he cooks. **True** **False**
3. Tom's mum was happier when he didn't cook. **True** **False**
4. Tom's mum thinks learning to cook is good for teenagers. **True** **False**

Fill the gaps with the correct word:

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1. A _____ is someone who is between thirteen and nineteen years old.
2. Teachers give you _____ to do at home before the next lesson.
3. When you _____ a meal, you make hot food.
4. A _____ is something that you learn how to do, like using a computer.
5. The instructions that you follow to make a meal are called a _____.
6. Some subjects are easy, but others are _____.

Choose the meaning of the words in CAPITALS according to the text:

1. Today things are different and SHE is very happy. **Tom's mum** **Tom's sister**
2. Yesterday he made vegetable soup. IT was very good! **Tom** **the soup**
3. He started using recipes in MY cookery books. **Tom's mum's** **Tom's**
4. IT isn't difficult and IT's great fun! **cooking** **doing homework**

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