



# Tastes Around the World

## Reading Comprehension

Present Perfect  
and Past Simple

Good food  
brings people  
together! ♥

Read the story. Then answer the questions.

### A Delicious Journey

My name is Noy, and I am a preservice teacher from Laos. I love food because it tells us a lot about different cultures. I have tried many delicious dishes, but I still want to discover more tastes around the world.

Last year, I visited Thailand with my friends. We ate *tom yum kung*, a spicy and sour soup with shrimp. I enjoyed it very much because I love spicy food. I have eaten Thai food several times since that trip, but the first bowl of *tom yum kung* was unforgettable.

My next adventure was in Italy. During my visit to Rome, I tried pizza for the first time. The pizza had cheese, tomatoes, and fresh basil. It was delicious! Since then, I have learned how to make a simple pizza at home. My family enjoyed it when I cooked it for them last month.

One day, I hope to visit Japan. I have never tried authentic Japanese sushi, but I have watched many cooking videos about it. My friend visited Japan last year and told me that sushi was fresh and delicious. She also bought me a pair of chopsticks as a souvenir.

I have also learned about Indian and Mexican food. Indian curry often uses different spices, while Mexican tacos can contain meat, vegetables, and salsa. I have not tasted these dishes yet, but I would love to try them in the future.

As a future teacher, I believe food is a wonderful way to learn about the world. We can learn new words, explore different cultures, and share our experiences through food. I have discovered that trying new dishes can help us become more open-minded and curious.

What about you? Have you ever tried food from another country? If you have, which dish did you enjoy the most?



### A. Multiple Choice (1-5)

Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D).

- Why does Noy love food?  
A. Because it is cheap.  
B. Because it tells us about different cultures.  
C. Because it is easy to cook.  
D. Because it helps her make friends.
- What dish did Noy enjoy very much in Thailand?  
A. Sushi  
B. Tom yum kung  
C. Pizza  
D. Tacos
- Where did Noy try pizza for the first time?  
A. Thailand  
B. Italy  
C. Japan  
D. Mexico
- What did Noy's friend give her from Japan?  
A. A pizza  
B. A pair of chopsticks  
C. A curry recipe  
D. A taco
- Which two dishes has Noy not tasted yet?  
A. Tom yum kung and pizza  
B. Indian curry and tacos  
C. Sushi and pizza  
D. Thai food and sushi

### B. True or False (6-10)

Read the sentences. Circle T (True) or F (False).

- Noy is a preservice teacher from Laos. ☒ T ☐ F
- Noy has never eaten Thai food before. ☒ T ☐ F
- She learned how to make pizza at home after her trip to Italy. ☒ T ☐ F
- Noy's friend bought her a pair of chopsticks from Japan. ☒ T ☐ F
- Noy has already tried Indian curry and tacos. ☒ T ☐ F



Try new foods,  
open your mind,  
explore the world! ♥