

MY FAVORITE FOOD

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An e-mail about a favorite dish

- 1 Read the writing tip. Find examples of informal style in Maria's e-mail.

Writing Tip

Using informal style

When we write e-mails to friends or relatives, we use informal style. This includes informal greetings/closing remarks (*How are you? That's all for now!*), short forms (*It's delicious! NOT ~~It is~~*) and everyday vocabulary and expressions (*How are things? How about you?*). We may also omit pronouns (*Hope you are well!*).

Hi James,

1 ► Great to hear from you! So, you want to know about my favorite dish from my country. Well, it's a traditional dish called Moqueca and it's very popular here in Brazil.

2 ► Moqueca is a spicy seafood dish with fish, onions, tomatoes, peppers, chilies, garlic and herbs. It's very easy to make. First, we chop the vegetables and fry them with the garlic and herbs. Then, we add the fish and boil everything slowly for about five minutes.

We usually serve this stew with rice. This is a very tasty dish! Hope you can try it one day!

3 ► How about you? Do you have a favorite dish from your country?

Write soon,
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2 Read again and match the paragraphs to the headings. ...

- ... A closing remarks
- ... B opening remarks & reason for writing
- ... C description of how to make the dish

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3 Complete the sentences with the words in the list.

**sweet****salty****spicy****creamy****delicious**

- 1 It's a very dish with a lot of chili peppers in it. 
- 2 This dish is usually quite . It has a lot of salt in it. 
- 3 You can add yogurt and milk to the sauce to make it . 
- 4 You must try this. It's absolutely ! 
- 5 There's a lot of sugar in this dessert so it's very . 

Homework:

- Write an email about your favorite dish.
- Follow the example seen in class.