

PROGRESS TEST

Reading:

The world weirdest food

It's hard to say what is normal and what is weird where food is concerned – it all depends on the taste of the individual and which part of the world you come from. One's person nightmare is another's person delicacy. Here are a few of the strangest (or most normal) types of food around the world.

Haggis (Scotland): a world famous dish haggis is made from the parts of the sheep many people would throw away. The heart, lungs and liver are mixed together with onion, spices and oatmeal, then put inside a sheep's stomach and boiled for three hours.

Brain Sandwiches (USA): These are not as common as they were in the past, but in parts of Ohio you can still get fried brains served on hamburger buns. Brains don't have much flavour, so you eat the sandwiches with a lot of sauce.

Insects (Asia, Africa and South America): Many insects are high in protein and contain important fatty acids and vitamins. In Thailand it's common to find fried grasshoppers, crickets, scorpions and worms on sale in the street. In Cambodia fried tarantula are delicious; people eat the legs two at a time.

Hakarl (Iceland): This has been described as the most disgusting food in the world. Made by fermenting a Greenland or Basking shark for two to four months, hakarl smells of ammonia (like the bleach used for cleaning). It is available all year round in Icelandic stores and often served in cubes on toothpicks.

Sannakji (Korea): Now that Japanese sushi is popular all over the world, many people are accustomed eating raw fish. But this Korean dish is quite different, sine the seafood isn't dead. Sannakji consists of baby octopus which are sliced up while it is alive; the tentacles are still moving when the dish is served. You have to eat carefully, because it can be dangerous.

Fugu (Japan): Fugu is the famous Japanese fish that can be poisonous. Chefs have to be trained for two or three years before they can prepare the fish.

Cazu Marzu (Italy): This dish is from Sardinia in Italy. Cazu Marzu is a cheese made with larvae to promote fermentation that is near to decomposition. It is traditionally served with insects and larvae. The small translucent worms can jump 15 cm if disturbed, for that reason many prefer the cheese without them before eating the smelly cheese.

- 1) Read the questions and choose the correct part of the world:

Which part of the world has a dish which is not that tasty, but offers the diner a thrill of danger?

Which part of the world eats an animal which is cut up into pieces while still alive?

Which part of the world gets valuable nutrition from eating small creatures?

Which part of the world offers a dish that probably needs lots of ketchup?

Which part of the world eats a fish that has undergone a period of chemical change?

Which part of the world likes a dairy product that houses some baby insects?

Which part of the world doesn't waste much of the animal when they produce a well-known local dish?

Which part of the world eats chunks of food on small wooden sticks?

2) Fill the gaps with the correct word from the box:

1. To make haggis, you _____ the heart, lungs and liver with the other ingredients, put it inside a sheep's stomach and _____ it for three hours.

2. In Korea, they _____ up the baby octopus and serve the tentacles as they continue to _____ around.

3. You have to be careful to _____ the tentacles fully, to make sure they don't stick to your throat and _____ you.

4. The tiny worms in Casu Marzu cheese can _____ 15 cm if you _____ them.

Grammar:

a) Complete the blank spaces with the correct form of the verb between brackets.

Two summers ago we **1** _____ (have) a holiday in Scotland. We **2** _____ (drive) there from London, but our car **3** _____ (break) down on the motorway and we **4** _____ (spend) the first night in Birmingham. When we **5** _____ (get) to Edinburgh we **6** _____ (not can) find a good hotel - there **7** _____ (not be) any available rooms. We **8** _____ (not know) what to do but in the end we **9** _____ (find) a bed and breakfast and we **10** _____ (stay) there for the week. We **11** _____ (see) the castle, **12** _____ (go) to the Arts Festival, and we **13** _____ (buy) a lot of souvenirs. We **14** _____ (want) to go to Loch Ness but we **15** _____ (not have) much time and it **16** _____ (be) quite far away. The weather **17** _____ (be) good, but it **18** _____ (start) raining the day we **19** _____ (leave). We **20** _____ (have) a great time.

b) Choose the best option.

1 _____ many children shouting in the park. Can you hear them?

- A. There was
- B. There were
- C. There are

2 _____ a serious flu epidemic that broke out 1881.

- A. There was
B. Were there
C. There were
- 3 ____ any orange juice left?
A. There not was
B. Weren't there
C. Isn't there
- 4 ____ any rain last summer.
A. There wasn't
B. There weren't
C. There isn't
- 5 ____ any dictionaries in your old school?
A. Were there
B. Did are there
C. Was there
- 6 ____ some interesting museums in Dublin.
A. There are
B. There is
C. There was
- 7 ____ any Chinese restaurant here ten years ago?
A. Was there
B. Were there
C. There was
- 8 ____ a lot of people here last weekend.
A. There were
B. There are
C. There was
- 9 ____ any good singer in your group?
A. Was not there
B. Is there
C. Were there

Vocabulary:

a) Choose the best option.

I haven't got my camera, so I can't take ... photographs.

- A. ? some
B. ? any
C. ? much

We met ... interesting people at the party.

- A. ? an
B. ? any
C. ? some

How ... people are coming to the party?

- A. ? some
B. ? much

- C. ? many
I read ... book last month.
A. ? a
B. ? an
C. ? some
Paula hasn't got ... money.
A. ? many
B. ? much
C. ? a
How ... milk do you want in your coffee?
A. ? much
B. ? many
C. ? some
I drink ... tea.
A. ? much
B. ? a lot of
C. ? many
If you ask me what distinguishes human beings from animals, I would say...
A. ? language
B. ? languages
How many do you speak?
A. ? language
B. ? languages
For the picnic, my girlfriend and I took some , , and
A. ? chicken, fruit, bread and egg
B. ? chicken, fruit, bread and eggs
C. ? chickens, fruits, breads and eggs
D. ? chicken, fruits, bread and eggs

b) Write one of the following words in the correct place.

"advice- chocolate- jam- lemonade- meat- milk- oil- rice- tea- tennis"

1. a piece of
2. a packet of
3. a bar of
4. a glass of
5. a cup of
6. a bottle of
7. a slice of
8. a barrel of
9. a game of
10. a jar of

Listening:

a) Match the topics with each conversation.

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| ✓ A work interview | Conversation A |
| ✓ A university project | Conversation B |
| ✓ An old photo | Conversation C |
| ✓ A holiday | Conversation D |

b) Answer TRUE or FALSE.

1. (Conversation A) The woman was in the interview for 15 minutes.
 2. (Conversation A) The woman thinks she is going to get the job.
 3. (Conversation B) The woman was trying to look at art.
 4. (Conversation B) The woman is thinking about not taking photos on holiday any more.
 5. (Conversation C) The man and the woman grew up in the same family.
 6. (Conversation C) The girl had an older boyfriend at school.
 7. (Conversation D) The man is not in the group because the others don't like his work.
- Conversation D) The man needs to find another group.