



GASTRODIPLOMACY

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Thailand

1. Discuss the questions below by giving a brief answer to each.

- What do you think about promoting a country through gastrodiplomacy?

• Do you like the idea of the program connecting refugees and residents through food in neighbourhoods?

• Is food culture an important element of your country's identity? What's the role of food?

• What's your favourite foreign dish?

2. Read the sentences and match the words/phrases in bold with their meanings below.

- a) The scam tries to trick customers into giving away confidential bank details.
- b) You can use Carol's old bike – the gears are out of whack, but it still goes.
- c) It's a multifaceted business, offering a range of services.
- d) They came up with a plan to make us more efficient in the workplace.
- e) The food in the cafeteria is barely edible. They really have to change their chef.
- f) Sales tripled over a six-month period. Sales were at 20% and now they're at 60%.
- g) In 2008, United started charging for bags and other airlines quickly followed suit. Now, all of them do it.
- h) IBM is taking over the smaller company.

MEANINGS:

- 1. increase something so that it is three times bigger than before
- 2. a dishonest plan, especially for getting money
- 3. take control of something
- 4. safe or good enough to eat
- 5. think of something such as an idea or a plan
- 6. do the same thing that someone else has done
- 7. containing many different aspects, features, or qualities
- 8. not working normally

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3. Study these food idioms/expressions and their meanings. Then, complete them with the correct words in the box.

Bacon beans nut bun plate cakes cucumber salt sour

a) turn: fail or become unpleasant

b) have a lot on one's: have a lot

of things to worry about or deal with

c) spill the: tell people secret

information

d) bring home the: earn money to

support your family

e) take sth with a pinch of: doubt the truth or value of something

f) have a in the oven: be pregnant

g) be as cool as a: be very calm and relaxed, especially in a difficult situation

h) a hard to crack: a problem that is very difficult to solve or a person who is very difficult to

understand

i) sell like hot: be bought quickly and in large numbers

