

## EMIRATI TEEN DELIVERS GREENS

As part of our series on young, successful Emiratis, this week we are speaking to Majed Al Kaabi. At the age of nineteen he has already set up his own food delivery company which is currently valued at 20 million AED. We asked him how he got the idea for his business.



'Well, we were studying healthy eating habits at school and I found it really interesting. I also became worried about my family since the lessons made me realise how unhealthy our diet was.'

So, Majed decided to try and change his family's dietary habits. He had always been interested in cooking so he started to prepare the daily meals and eventually took control of the weekly grocery shopping. When his family noticed the benefits of their new healthy lifestyle, they began to tell their friends and neighbours.

'Whenever a neighbour was having a dinner party, they would pay me to prepare and deliver the food. Pretty soon I was getting orders every day and often several orders for one evening. It was crazy. I wouldn't have been able to cope with both school and the business unless I changed something.'

So how did Majed cope with the increasing demand for his healthy food as well as keep up with his schoolwork? It must have been difficult to balance school while expanding his business.



## Reading

- 1 Read the first part of a newspaper article about teenage business people and choose the correct meaning of the words in **bold**.
  - a started
  - b bought
- 2 So, Majed decided to try and change his family's **dietary habits**.
  - a methods of losing weight
  - b food usually eaten
- 3 When his family noticed the **benefits** of their new healthy lifestyle ...
  - a disadvantages
  - b advantages
- 4 So how did Majed **cope with** the increasing demand for his healthy food ... ?
  - a deal with
  - b put up with