

Reading

Read the article. Choose the correct answers.



'I have loved every minute of it!'

She's done her homework but there's no time for 17-year-old Martha to relax with friends tonight. Martha is the youngest contestant in a national cooking competition, *The Great British Bake Off*, and she's got to practise for the next show. Every week she has to impress the judges with different recipes. Next week it's cupcakes. She's already made 24 cakes today, but she hasn't finished yet. Since her first appearance on the show, Martha has posted messages and photos on Twitter. Her profile says: 'I only have friends because I make good cake. Seriously.' So when did this passion begin?

Martha started baking when she was about seven years old. She often made a mess in the kitchen and the results weren't always good. At school she made a decision to study Maths, Chemistry and Food Technology because she says, 'I've always loved food but I've never understood the science behind it.' It hasn't always been easy. Martha has had a few disasters, and once she set her oven gloves on fire during a school cooking competition and the whole building was evacuated. But the judges announced that Martha was one of the winners. She was very happy!

What about Martha's family? Her parents have watched her on TV every week. They know that the competition is getting tough and that Martha is tired. Martha wants to do her best and hates making mistakes so it's important that they keep her calm. Her granddad, James, is incredibly proud that she has made time for both her schoolwork and the TV show. They're all enjoying the competition although, as Martha says with a smile, 'We have all put on a bit of weight!'

1 Why can't Martha go out with her friends tonight?

- a She wants to study at home.
- b She wants to upload some photos on Twitter.
- c She wants to bake more cupcakes.
- d She wants to relax at home.

2 Why has Martha chosen to study Food Technology?

- a Because she wants to avoid disasters in the kitchen.
- b Because she loves all kinds of science.
- c Because she wants to discover what happens when you cook food.
- d Because it goes well with Maths and Chemistry.

3 What happened during the school cookery competition?

- a Martha got angry with the other students.
- b Martha had a disaster with her cake.
- c The other students left and went home.
- d Martha's oven gloves caught fire.

4 Why are the people in Martha's family so important?

- a They go and watch every show.
- b They can help Martha to stay calm.
- c They tell her when she's making mistakes.
- d They help her with her schoolwork.