# CAN YOU COOK?

This teenager can — and his mum's very happy with him

om is like any other teenager. He goes to school, does his homework, meets his friends and enjoys doing sport.

But between 5.30 and 6.30 from Monday to Friday, Tom does something different. He cooks dinner for all the family: mum, dad, younger brother Joe and older sister Emma.



66 I think it's important for teenagers to learn how to cook. Maths and English are important, of course, but they need other skills too to help them in today's world.

First I taught Tom how to cook easy meals like pizza or egg and chips. Then he started using recipes in my cookery books. Yesterday he made vegetable soup. It was very good!

Tom's mum

66 I love cooking and I think I'm really good at it. None of my friends cook. I don't know why, it isn't difficult and it's great fun!

Tom

In the past, Tom didn't help out at home and his mum wasn't very happy with him. Today, things are different and she is very happy.

#### 1.Are the sentences true or false?

Tom does one thing that teenagers don't normally do.

Tom is the only person who eats the food he cooks.

Tom's mum was happier when he didn't

Tom learned some recipes from his

cook.

grandmother.

Tom's mum thinks learning to cook is good

Tom's vegetable soup was not good.

for teenagers.

Tom says he is a good cook.

Tom's friends like cooking now too.

# Choose the meaning of the word in CAPITALS in these sentences from the reading text above.

Today things are different and SHE is very happy.

Tom's mum

· Tom's sister

Maths and English are important of course but THEY need other skills too to help THEM in today's world.

· Maths and English

teenagers

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the soup

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· Tom's mum's

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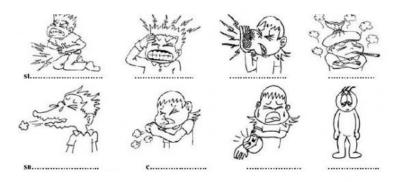
being a teenager

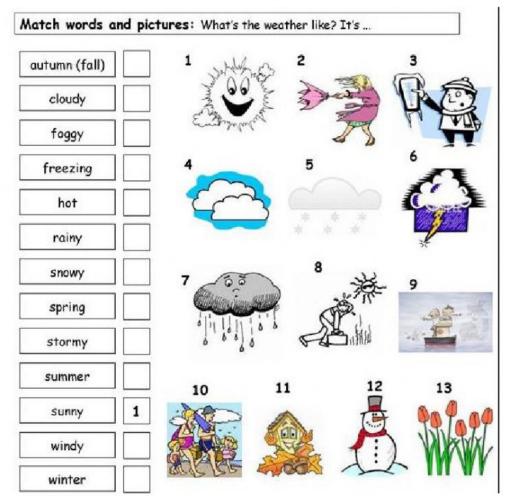
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doing homework

### What's wrong with these people?





#### Present continuous

## What are they doing now? Complete.

- 1. I.....(help) mum in the kitchen.
- 2. Bob.....(do) his homework in the living room.
- 3. .....you.....(make) a cake for us?
- 4. It.....(rain) today.
- 5. My friends.....(play) football at the park.
- 6. You.....(not/ study) for the exam.
- 7. The teacher.....(write) on the board.
- 8. She.....(ride) her bike.

#### Writing

Think of a food combination in your country. Write a short article about it.