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## Section 1

### Reading

1 Read the article about a restaurant. For questions 1–5, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

#### Going Bananas

No, I'm not talking about going mad, though you would be crazy if you didn't like this laid-back Caribbean eatery in Notting Hill, an area of London famous for its street festival every August – the biggest street party in Europe. *Going Bananas* keeps the carnival of colour, music and fun going all year round.

You get the idea from their website and, my goodness, when you actually get there you are overwhelmed by fruitiness from the décor to the menu. They even have a waiter at the door who cuts open coconuts with a huge knife and offers you the fresh juice. You get a free education even before you go in. I thought coconuts were quite small, brown and hairy outside with white milk inside. Actually they're big, green and smooth and the liquid inside is like sweet water.

Mangos, coconuts, pineapples and bananas are not native to British shores, but there's hardly a dish at *Going Bananas* that doesn't include at least one of these tropical items. There are other fruits that I'd never heard of before – Jackfruit and breadfruit among them. Before going there, I couldn't tell you what a guava looked like, but there's a great painting covering a whole wall naming all the fruits you can imagine with a little bit of their origin and history. It's food for thought, indeed. Did you know, for example, that Iceland is Europe's greatest banana producer? I didn't.

Amila, whose parents came to London from the small Caribbean island of Antigua in the 1970s, started the place a couple of years ago and has been amazed at how popular it has become. 'We're doing very well. All the food we serve is West Indian. Some traditional dishes such as goat soup we don't do, but we hit on the idea of fruit as an emphasis as it's colourful, healthy and I think makes people feel happy. With the music too – calypso, reggae and soca, we try to brighten up grey old London. We have recently begun a take-away service so you can take the sunshine home now too.'

Amila serves me a plate of spicy jerk chicken, peas and rice, with plantains as a side dish. Now when I say spicy, I mean blow your head off spicy! Loved it! The peppers she uses are Scotch bonnet chillies – one of the hottest you can find. But there's more to jerk chicken than that; over ten ingredients go into the marinade the meat is barbecued with. And if you don't know what plantains are, let me explain that they are green fried sliced bananas – a strange idea to me, but they're delicious. I'm bananas about *Going Bananas*!

1 Laura says that

**A** Notting Hill is a crazy place.

**B** the festival should be longer than it is.

**C** *Going Bananas* is a place where you can enjoy yourself.

**D** *Going Bananas* is a large restaurant.

**2** What did Laura discover about *Going Bananas* before she went in?

**A** The website wasn't very detailed.

**B** It offers classes in cooking.

**C** Coconuts are sold on the door.

**D** Coconuts are not what she expected.

**3** In *Going Bananas*

**A** there is a map of Iceland.

**B** most dishes have fruit in them.

**C** a painting has imaginary fruits in it.

**D** only tropical fruits are in the painting.

**4** Amila

**A** is positive about the future of her business.

**B** wants to change the business into only a take-away.

**C** doesn't think music is important in a restaurant.

**D** wasn't born in Britain.

**5** What did Laura think of the meal she had?

**A** It was too hot.

**B** There were too many ingredients.

**C** Bananas shouldn't be fried.

**D** Everything was good.

## Section 2

### Grammar and Vocabulary

#### 3 Choose the correct option in each sentence.

0 Before you start cooking, make sure you have all the necessary C.  
A recipes      B dishes  
C ingredients      D meal

1 Always read the \_\_\_\_\_ through from beginning to end before you start cooking.  
A chef      B recipe  
C cooker      D flavour

2 Her dishes usually have a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ ingredients as she thinks they're healthier than cooked ones.  
A raw      B dairy  
C salty      D spicy

3 Crisps have a better flavour if you \_\_\_\_\_ the potatoes really thinly.  
A fry      B boil  
C bake      D slice

4 French fries is the American name for \_\_\_\_\_.  
A chips      B crisps  
C baked potatoes      D boiled potatoes

5 If you \_\_\_\_\_ a piece of meat, you cook it in the oven.  
A grill      B boil  
C roast      D fry

6 Yuk! Throw the milk away, it's got a really \_\_\_\_\_ taste.  
A sweet      B sour  
C salty      D bitter

7 Put some oil into the frying \_\_\_\_\_ and cook the onions slowly.  
A pot      B pan  
C bowl      D dish

8 Use the \_\_\_\_\_ knife to cut the meat.  
A cutting      B slicing  
C mixing      D carving

9 I love \_\_\_\_\_ potatoes cooked in the oven.  
A jumper      B jacket  
C scarf      D coat

10 My mother is interested \_\_\_\_\_ cooking from different countries.  
A on      B in  
C about      D for

#### 4 Write the sentences in reported speech using the verbs in bold.

0 'No, I won't cook dinner tonight,' said John.  
**John refused to cook dinner that night.** refused

1 'Our hamburgers are the tastiest!' said the chef. claimed

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2 'I didn't burn those sausages; they're just well done,' said Dad. denied

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3 'Why don't we try that new Chinese place down the road?' said Lucy. suggested

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4 'I'm sorry, I ate all the biscuits this morning,' said Anne. admitted

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5 'I don't want to go dancing,' said Marie. refused

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6 'I forgot to go shopping, sorry,' said Joan. apologised

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5 **Write the sentences in direct speech.**

0 Sally said that Nick was taking her out for dinner that night.  
**'Nick's taking me out for dinner tonight.'**

1 My teacher asked me where my homework was.

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2 Mary suggested that I call Toby on his mobile.

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3 Lucy denied cheating in the test.

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4 Bill admitted that he hadn't gone to school the day before.

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5 Andy claimed that he was the strongest boy in his class.

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6 Mike said that he would see us later that morning.

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**6 Correct the mistakes in the sentences. There is an example at the beginning (0).**

**0** Could you tell me what is the time?

**Could you tell me what the time is?**

**1** Do you know if is there a good place to eat around here?

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**2** I wonder could you tell me where is the toilet.

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**3** I would like to know how do they make this dish?

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**4** Can you tell me who is the name of the chef.

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**5** I wonder if there are so many Italian restaurants in this area?

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**6** Could you tell me whether wine would you recommend.

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**7 Replace the words in bold with the correct form of a phrasal verb in the box.**

put out	give up	run out of
cut out	pass out	back out
		fall out

**0** You could try that recipe again, but this time **without using any** milk at all.  
**cutting out**

**1** I used to go to the gym, but I **stopped going** after only a month.

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**2** Will you go to the shop, please? We **haven't got any more** coffee.

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**3** That chocolate cake smells so good I'm going to **faint** if I don't have some!

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**4** My brother and I keep **arguing** because he never washes up when it's his turn.

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**5** She was supposed to cook dinner for us tonight but **changed her mind** just an hour ago.

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6 Dad hasn't cooked ever since it took us an hour to **extinguish** the fire he started last time!

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