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# READING: How to Cook Giant Spiders

## Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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| 1. giant     | <u>E</u> | A. plant or animal fat that is used to fry food |
| 2. tarantula | _____    | B. thin, dry, easily broken; crunchy            |
| 3. spice     | _____    | C. for example, black pepper                    |
| 4. boil (v.) | _____    | D. a kind of sea animal with ten legs           |
| 5. oil       | _____    | E. very large                                   |
| 6. crispy    | _____    | F. ready to be used                             |
| 7. crab      | _____    | G. to make water or oil very hot and bubbling   |
| 8. available | _____    | H. a kind of large, hairy spider                |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use the plural form (-s) when necessary.

1. Let's boil some water and make tea.
2. Some dinosaurs were \_\_\_\_\_ animals, bigger than elephants.
3. We can't watch that movie. There are no more tickets \_\_\_\_\_.
4. These cookies aren't soft. They are \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Small spiders are okay, but I'm really afraid of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I need to buy some cooking \_\_\_\_\_ to fry some vegetables.
7. Do you use many \_\_\_\_\_ when you cook?
8. Spiders and \_\_\_\_\_ look similar, but spiders don't live in water.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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## READING

Topics: Cooking / Food / Bugs & Insects

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In the Southeast Asian country of Cambodia, at some restaurants, you only have to  one dollar, and a few minutes later a waiter will bring you a delicious, cooked, , hairy spider. This is , but what can you do if you don't want to pay that much money? Well, don't worry. There is now a cooking school in Cambodia where you can  how to cook your own . Here's how to cook a giant spider. First, find a large . Make sure that the spider is  and then  it into a bowl of sugar, salt, , chicken  and water. After a few minutes,  and then fry it in  for about 45 seconds. Mr. Ratana, a cooking teacher, says, "That makes them  outside, and soft inside." He also says that the body of the tarantula  the best. "The legs are not so good," he says. Many people say that cooked spiders are quite tasty, similar to the taste of . So, are you interested in  more about cooking and eating spiders? If you are, then Mr. Ratana's cooking lessons are  seven days a week between  Well, what are you ?

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## How Much Do You Understand?

● *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ A cooked tarantula will cost a few dollars in Cambodia.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Some people are worried about large spiders.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ You should cook a spider for less than a minute.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Tarantula bodies taste better than tarantula legs.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Some crabs like to eat spiders.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ It is possible to learn to cook spiders on Saturday mornings.

## Discuss

● *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. Would you like to eat a fried tarantula? Why? / Why not?
2. What other unusual foods do you know about?
3. Can you think of a good name for a spider restaurant?

## Write

● *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*

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