



1. Read the article about one edition of MasterChef Argentina.



MASTER CHEF: FROM AMATEURS TO CELEBRITIES.

MasterChef is a popular international cooking competition in which amateur cooks compete to become the best chef of the season. The show first began in the United Kingdom, but today it has versions in many countries, including the United States, Australia, Spain, and Brazil. Each version follows a similar format: contestants participate in cooking challenges, and each week at least one participant is eliminated.

At the beginning of the competition, hundreds or even thousands of people audition by preparing a dish for the judges. Only the most talented candidates receive an apron that allows them to enter the MasterChef kitchen. Inside the kitchen, contestants face different types of challenges. One of the most famous is the Mystery Box Challenge, where participants receive a box full of secret ingredients and have to create a dish in a limited amount of time. Another common challenge is the Pressure Test, in which contestants have to recreate a complicated dish.

The judges on MasterChef are usually professional chefs or famous restaurateurs. They expect creativity, technique, and excellent presentation from the contestants. The show is not only about cooking; it also about the emotions, teamwork, and personal stories of the participants. In addition, it has a version in which famous people participate in the competition. Many viewers enjoy watching how amateur cooks and celebrities grow, improve, and gain confidence.

The winner of MasterChef usually receives a cash prize, a cookbook deal, or the opportunity to work in a professional kitchen. For many contestants, the competition is a life-changing experience that helps them follow their dreams of becoming professional chefs.

A. Read the questions and choose ONE option.

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1. What is MasterChef about?
a) Traveling around the world
b) A cooking competition for amateur chefs
c) A show about professional chefs only
d) A program about restaurant reviews

2. What do contestants receive when they pass the audition?
a) A trophy
b) A chef's hat
c) An apron
d) A cookbook

3. In which challenge the participants receive secret ingredients?
a) Pressure Test
b) Elimination Test
c) Team Challenge
d) Mystery Box Challenge

B. Write True or False.

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1. The MasterChef program exists in only one country. ____
2. The show is only about cooking. ____
3. The winner may receive a cash prize or a cookbook deal. ____

2. Complete these sentences with only ONE word.

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1. MasterChef ____ very popular in many countries.
2. People around the world like _____ contestants competition.
3. Home-made food is _____ than fast food.
3. I like cooking for my friends. It's one of ____ favourite hobbies.
4. Yesterday I ate pasta, but _____ I'm eating fish with potatoes.

3. You interview Donato De Santis, one of the judges in MasterChef competitions. Read his answers and write the questions.

You - 1. How?

Donato - I'm tired but very happy.

You - 2. Where?

Donato - I'm from Italy.

You - 3. How?

Donato - There are twenty four participants.

You - 4. Is?

Donato - Yes, it is. The competition is more difficult this year.

You - 5. Who?

Donato - My favourite participant is Evangelina Anderson.

You - 6. Did?

Donato - Yes, I liked the last MasterChef edition.



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5. Ian Lucas is participating in the MasterChef edition this year. He is writing an email to his best friend. Complete it the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

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To: fedelevigevani@gmail.com
From: ianluca24@gmail.com
Subject: About my performance

Hi Fede!

How are you? I'm writing this e-mail because WhatsApp is down.

Last week, I ____ 1. (be) very happy. I trained a lot for the competition and I ____ 2. (feel) ready for what is next.

Today, I ____ 3. (get) up very early in the morning. I was very excited. I ____ 4. (not have) breakfast so I ____ 5. (eat) an apple in the car. Twenty minutes later, I arrived at the studio. There ____ 6. (be) a lot of people. I ____ 7. (see) Evangelina, Maxi, el Chino and Miguel Angel, but I ____ 8. (not see) any of the Chefs. That was strange.

After that, I ____ 9. (try) to send a message via WhatsApp, but I realized it wasn't working. I don't know what ____ 10. (be) the problem.

At the moment, I ____ 11. (be) waiting for the producers, they have some news. I think that we ____ 12. (have) more hours of filming. You know that I like ____ 13. (film), but I ____ 14. (be) really tired too. The best thing is that I ____ 15. (learn) too much about cooking. It's really amazing!

I hope to see you soon!

Ian

6. Read the following information about Ian Lucas and choose a, b or c.

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1. Ian ____ the e-mail to his friend to tell him about his experience.

6. Writing. Choose ONE of the following options and write about 80-100 words. _____/22

___ **The Last Photo.** Imagine you are Pam and you are telling the police what happened with the man in your last photo.

___ You have the opportunity to participate in MasterChef programme and the producers want to know about you. Write a letter with your personal information, likes and dislikes and the reason why you want to participate in that TV show.

