

LITTLE CHEFS

Read the text and do the multiple choice

For one group of children aged between ten and fifteen, Saturdays are spent learning the art of serious cooking. Their weekly lessons in small classes are so popular that there is a waiting list of 30 children who want to do the course. Parents pay £280 for the course where their children can have fun and learn how to make good food.

Class member Bill, aged ten, says, "I love my mum's cooking and now I can do it better than her. The teachers make us laugh, especially when we sit down with them to share the food we've made.

Flora is twelve, and she's having problems preparing onions. "I love cooking. I did a meal for ten friends which they really enjoyed. Then my mum suggested I take up a hobby instead of doing nothing at weekends. I was happy staying at home, so I wasn't too keen at first. I'm really glad I decided to come, though."

Their teacher, Philippe, says "It's great fun. Children pay attention and remember things better than adults, although the kitchen isn't always as tidy when they're cooking! As adults, we're always learning more about food. If parents interest their children in cooking while they are young they'll have enough skill to make food for themselves when they leave home."

1 What is the writer trying to do in the text?

- A warn parents not to expect too much from their children.
- B advertise schools that teach people how to cook
- C describe how some children spend their spare time.
- D explain why parents want to learn more about cooking

2 What can a reader find out from this text?

- A which dishes students prefer to cook on the course
- B why the classes are so successful
- C how much one lesson costs
- D when the next classes begin

3 Why did Flora join the course?

- A Her friends persuaded her to do it
- B She wanted to learn to cook a big meal.
- C She felt bored at weekends, with nothing to do.
- D Her mother wanted her to develop an interest.

4 What does Philippe say about his young students?

- A They will be confident about cooking in the future
- B They have a good memory but don't always listen.
- C They keep their kitchen learn than adults do
- D they teach their parents what they have learnt in class.

5 What would one of Philippe's students say to a friend?

- A We made onion soup yesterday. The course is great, although there are 30 people in my class.
- B I go every Saturday, and no I can cook as well as my mum. I'm ten and I'm the oldest.
- C It's great. No one's over 15 and the food looks delicious. I just wish we could eat it together instead of taking it home.
- D I was on a waiting list for ages, but now I'm on the course. Last week I cut up some onions – It was hard!

