

Task 7 Chef's Experience

A You will hear a famous chef talking about his career.

Decide whether the following statements are True or False, and write T or F in the boxes on the right.

1. The chef's first job was in the kitchen of a hotel.	TRUE	FALSE
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2. The chef was born in Ireland.	TRUE	FALSE
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3. The chef's restaurant in Dublin was very successful.	TRUE	FALSE
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4. The chef was discovered by a TV producer.	TRUE	FALSE
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5. The chef appeared in more than a thousand shows.	TRUE	FALSE
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B Listen again and choose the appropriate words

You know, I left school at fifteen, and the first job I **applied/employed** for was a kitchen porter in the Continental Hotel in London. However, the first place I **eventually/actually** worked at was at the Ney Flower Restaurant. I was **offered/referred** the position of trainee chef and I worked there for five years. Then I went to Ireland, where I opened a restaurant in the small town where I was **burn/born**. You see, my parents came to London when I was eighteen months old, and I spent many years there. That's why most people think I was born in England.

Within/Without two years, the restaurant had become so successful that I decided to open one in Dublin as a stepping stone to eventually opening one in London. However, it was not as successful as I hoped it would be, but, as the saying goes, every cloud has a silver lining, and that is when I first caught the **invitation/attention** of the television people. Perry Ashton, the producer, was in Dublin for a friend's party. He came into the restaurant the next afternoon with some other people and had the set menu. He was so **impressed/expressed** he asked me to make a guest **experience/appearance** on a weekend variety show he was producing. I went on the show, and, as the saying goes, the rest is history. I recorded 1,200 shows of *Cooking Up A Storm*. These days I am semi-retired **except/accept** for making special guest appearances now and then. I do most of my cooking at home, but I'm afraid my kids would rather go to the local burger bar **than/then** experience Thai or French cooking.

