

## UNIT 1A



Lead-in:

a. Do the food quiz in 5 minutes:

Can you think of...?

**One** red fruit, **one** yellow fruit, **one** green fruit

**Two** kinds of food that she people are allergic to

**Three** kinds of food that some people are allergic to

**Four** vegetables that you can put in a salad

**Five** containers that you can buy food in

**Six** thing that people sometimes have for breakfast.



**b. Test your food vocabulary:**

### LISTENING AND SPEAKING

a. You will listen to five people answering one of the questions below, please read the questions first:

1. Is there any food or drink that you couldn't live without? How often do you eat / drink it?
2. Do you ever have:
  - a. Ready-made food?
  - b. Takeaway food? What kind?
3. What's your favorite?
  - a. Fruit?
  - b. Vegetable?
4. When you eat out, do you normally order meat, fish, or vegetarian?
5. What food do you usually eat:
  - a. When you're feeling a bit down?
  - b. Before doing sport or exercise?
  - c. Before you have an exam or some important work to do?

Now listen to five speakers and Match the Speaker A-E with the question 1-5 they are answering (1.6):

Speaker A: Question n° \_\_\_\_

Speaker B: Question n° \_\_\_\_

Speaker C: Question n° \_\_\_\_

Speaker D: Question n° \_\_\_\_

Speaker E: Question n° \_\_\_\_

- b. Listen again and make notes about their answers. Compare with a partner.
- c. Ask and answer the questions with a partner. What do you have in common? Then share with the class.

## READING

### Lead-in

- a. Are the foods in the list *carbohydrates* or *proteins*? With a partner, think of four more kinds of food for each category:

cake                  chicken                  pasta                  salmon

- b. With a partner, answer the questions below with either *carbohydrates* or *proteins*.

What kind of food do you think it is better to eat...?

- for lunch if you have an important exam or meeting
- For breakfast
- For your evening meal
- If you are feeling depressed.

- c. Read the article to see if your predictions were right:



We live in a stressful world, and daily life can sometimes make us feel tired, stressed, or depressed. Some people go to the doctor's for help, others try alternative therapies, but the place to find a cure could be somewhere completely different: in the kitchen.

**Dr. Paul Clayton**, a food expert from Middlesex University, says 'The brain is affected by what you eat and drink, just like every other part of your body. Certain types of food contain substances which affect how you think and feel.'

For example, food which is high in carbohydrates can make us feel more relaxed. It also makes us feel happy. Research has shown that people on diets often begin to feel a little depressed after two weeks because they are eating fewer carbohydrates.

On the other hand, food which is rich in protein makes us feel awake and focused. Research has shown that schoolchildren who eat a high-protein breakfast often do better at school than children whose breakfast is lower in protein. Also, eating the right kind of meal at lunchtime can make a difference if you have an exam in the afternoon or a business meeting where you need to make some quick decisions.

In an experiment for a BBC TV programme two chess players, both former British champions, had different meals before playing each other. Paul had a plate of prosciutto and salad (full of protein from the red meat), and his opponent Terry had pasta with a creamy sauce (full of carbohydrate). In the chess match Terry felt sleepy, and took much longer than Paul to make decisions about what moves to make. The experiment was repeated several times with the same result.

Another powerful mood food could become a secret weapon in the fight against crime. In Bournemouth in the south of England, where late-night violence can be a problem, some nightclub

owners have come up with a solution. They give their clients free chocolate at the end of the night. The results have been dramatic, with a 60% reduction in violent incidents.

Why does chocolate make people less aggressive? First, it causes the brain to release feel-good chemicals called endorphins. It also contains a lot of sugar, which gives you energy, and can help stop late-night tiredness turning into aggression. These two things, together with a delicious taste, make chocolate a powerful mood changer.

**Mood food - what the experts say:**

- Blueberries and cocoa can raise concentration levels for up to five hours.
- Food that is high in protein helps your brain to work more efficiently.
- For relaxation and to sleep better, eat carbohydrates.
- Dark green vegetables (e.g. cabbage and spinach) and oily fish (e.g. salmon) eaten regularly can help to fight depression.

**d. Read the article again. Then with a partner, say in your own words why the following people are mentioned. Give as much information as you can.**

1. Dr Paul Clayton.
2. People on diets
3. Schoolchildren.
4. Paul and Terry.
5. Nightclub owners in Bournemouth.

**e. Find adjectives in the article for the verbs and nouns in the list. What's the difference between the two adjectives made from "stress"?**

stress (noun) (x2)      relax (verb)      wake (verb)      sleep (verb)      power (noun)      violence (noun)

oil (noun)

**f. Ask and answer the questions with a partner.**

1. What time of day do you normally eat protein and carbohydrates? How do they make you feel?
2. How often do you eat chocolate? Does it make you feel happier?
3. After reading the article, is there anything you would change about your eating habits.



## LISTENING AND SPEAKING

### Lead-in

#### a. Ask and answer the questions with a partner:

1. How often do you eat out?
2. What's your favourite...?
  - a. kind of food (French, Italian, etc.)
  - b. Restaurant dish
3. How important are these things to you in a restaurant? Number them 1-4 (1 is the most important)

The food

The service

The atmosphere

The price

4. Have you ever tried English food? What did you think of it?

#### b. Read the text about Steve Anderson.

**STEVE ANDERSON** has always had a passion for food. He was first taught to cook by his mother, who is half Burmese. After studying physics at university, he got a holiday job helping on a cookery course in Italy, where he met several famous chefs. One of them, Alastair Little, later employed him as a trainee chef. Two year later he moved to Valencia in Spain and opened a restaurant: *Seu Xerea*, now one of the most popular restaurants in town.

**Now Listen to Part 1 (1.7) of an interview with him, and number the items from the list in the order he mentions them:**

- A. His restaurant \_\_\_\_
- B. Valencian mussels \_\_\_\_
- C. Snails and prawns \_\_\_\_
- D. Desserts \_\_\_\_
- E. A casserole \_\_\_\_
- F. The market \_\_\_\_

#### c. Listen again. Why does he mention each thing?

#### d. Now listen to part 2 (1.8) and answer the questions:

1. What does he say is the best and worst thing about running a restaurant?
2. What's the main difference between British and Spanish customers?
3. What kind of customers does he find difficult?
4. How does he think eating habits in Spain are changing?

#### e. What about you? Answer the questions with a partner.

1. What was your favourite food when you were a child?
2. Is there anything that you like / don't like cooking?
3. In your country, when people eat out would they normally tell the chef what they really think about the food?
4. Do you know anyone who is a "difficult customer" IN restaurants?

## GRAMMAR

**Present perfect continuous, action and non-action verbs.**

**a. Listen again to some of the things Steve said (1.9). Circle the form of the verb he uses.**

1. This week for example *I cook / I'm cooking* nearly every day. *We usually close / are usually closing* on Sundays and Mondays, but this Monday is a public holiday.
2. The British always *say / are saying* that everything is lovely.
3. Actually, I think *I prefer / I am preferring* that honesty, because it helps us to know what people like.
4. Unfortunately, I think *they get / they are getting* worse. People *eat / are eating* more unhealthily.

**b. With a partner, say why you think he has chosen each form.**

**e. For more information, check the grammar bank. Do the exercises:**



[GRAMMAR BANK](#)

### **On a typical day**

- What / usually have for breakfast?
- / drink Coke or fizzy drinks? How many glasses / drink a day?
- Where / usually have for lunch?
- What / usually have for lunch during the week?
- / ever cook? What / make?
- / prefer eating at home or eating out?

### **At the moment / nowadays**

- / need to buy any food today?
- / want anything to eat right now? What?
- / take vitamins at the moment?
- / try to cut down on anything at the moment?
- / the diet in your country / get better or worse?

- f. Make questions to ask your partner with the present simple or continuous. Ask for more information.**

**SPEAKING**

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Men are better cooks than women.
2. Both boys and girls should learn to cook at school.
3. Cheap restaurants usually serve bad food.
4. On a night out with friends, where and what you eat isn't important.
5. Not all fast food is unhealthy.
6. Every country thinks that their cuisine is the best in the world.

- a. Listen to two people discussing sentence 1 (1.13). Who do you agree with more, the man or the woman? Why?**

**Giving your opinion:**

**Say:**

I agree

I don't agree

I'm not sure

(I think) it depends

For example...

In my opinion...