

Vocabulary Adjectives describing food

1 1.42 Match the adjectives in bold with the definitions (a–j). Then listen, check and repeat.

- 1 I can't eat this soup, it's too **salty**!
- 2 Mmm, these strawberries are **delicious**! I love them!
- 3 Quick, give me some water, this sauce is really **spicy**! My tongue's on fire!
- 4 I'm sorry, but I can't eat this. It's totally **disgusting**!
- 5 Mmm ... did you forget to put salt on the pasta? It tastes very **bland**.
- 6 Wow, this cake is very **sweet**!
- 7 I don't like fried mushrooms, they're too **slimy**.
- 8 Yuk, this coffee hasn't got any sugar in it! It's really **bitter**!
- 9 Have you tried these apples? They're great, so **crunchy**!
- 10 I don't really like chocolate or cakes, I prefer **savoury** snacks like nuts and crisps.
 - a It has a lot of sugar in it. *sweet*
 - b It has a lot of salt in it.
 - c It tastes hot in your mouth.
 - d It doesn't taste good.
 - e It tastes very good.
 - f It doesn't taste of anything in particular.
 - g It's hard and makes a noise when you eat it.
 - h It's soft and oily and not very nice!
 - i The opposite of sweet.
 - j It's not made with sugar.

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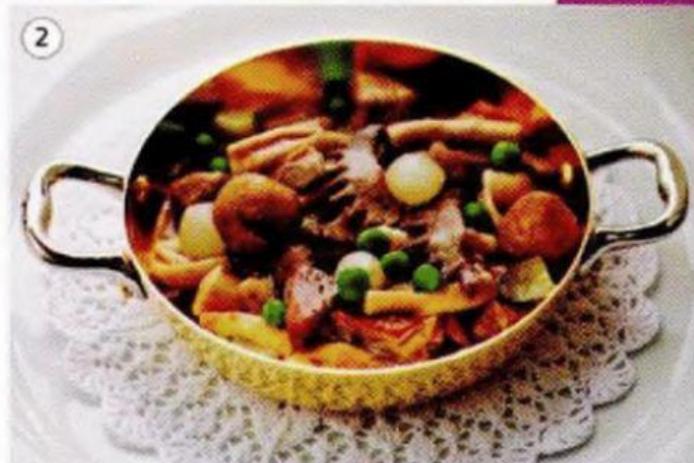
2 Which adjectives in Exercise 1 describe a) taste, b) texture (how they feel in your mouth) and c) a good or bad opinion?

taste - salty ...

Listening A game show

3 Work with a partner. Look at the photos. Use adjectives from Exercise 1 to describe each dish.

4 1.43 Listen to a competition where people taste the three mystery dishes in the photos. Which dish is the most popular?



5 1.43 Listen again and copy and complete the notes for each dish.

Main ingredients	Country of origin	Adjectives used to describe the dish
1 ^a jellyfish / onions	^b China / Japan / Vietnam	^c
2 ^d ears / cockscombs	^e France / Italy / Spain	^f
3 ^g chilli peppers / grasshoppers	^h Colombia / Korea / Mexico	ⁱ

Your turn

6 Ask and answer with your partner.

- 1 Would you like to try these dishes? Why/Why not?
- 2 Have you ever eaten an unusual dish or seen someone else eating something strange? What was it? Did it taste good?
- 3 Do you like trying new foods? Why/Why not?
- 4 What's your favourite dish? What does it taste like?