

## SPEAKING

6A Work in two groups. Group A: look at the photo, read the fact file below and discuss the questions. Group B: look at the photo and read the fact file on page 162.

## The plastic bag problem

## Did you know ...?

- The world uses 1 million plastic bags per minute.
- The 'Pacific Ocean Garbage Patch' is an area in the Pacific Ocean filled with waste plastic. The area may be as big as 5 million square km (more than twice the size of the USA). Millions of marine animals die when they eat the plastic, become caught in it, or feed it to their young.
- Plastic bags can now be found in all parts of the world, from the top of Mount Everest, to the bottom of the oceans, and the deserts of Mongolia. Each plastic bag takes more than 1,000 years to disintegrate and never completely disappears.



- 1 Why does the problem exist?
- 2 What should be done about it?
- 3 What laws/schemes would you introduce to deal with the problem?

6B Work in pairs with a student from the other group. Tell them about the discussions you had in your group, and any ideas you had.

We talked about the problem of plastic bags. We thought it would be a good idea to make people pay for plastic bags in shops.

## VOCABULARY PLUS word-building (prefixes)

7A Look at the example sentences 1–10 and underline the prefixes.

- 1 It's very unusual to have snow in April.
- 2 The whole situation was completely unreal.
- 3 Most glass bottles and aluminium cans can be recycled.
- 4 Don't throw away the bottles. They are reusable.
- 5 Roth doesn't like anybody who disagrees with him.
- 6 She would never disobey her parents.
- 7 Don't misunderstand me, I want to help.
- 8 I always mispronounce his name.
- 9 She over/under-eats anything, and she's very over/underweight.
- 10 I think I've overcooked the pasta.

6B Match the prefixes above with meanings 1–5.

- 1 not: un and dis
- 2 again: re
- 3 too much: over
- 4 too little: under
- 5 wrong: mis

6C Add prefixes to the words in brackets to complete the sentences.

- 1 He's lying. His story about how he cycled across Africa was completely unbelievable.
- 2 It's easy to misjudge somebody's character by looking at the clothes they wear.
- 3 Much of the snow in the Arctic has completely disappeared.
- 4 These organic potatoes are delicious. Be careful not to overcook them.
- 5 Jessica decided not to accept the job because the company's policies were unethical.
- 6 I think I've done this all wrong. I probably misunderstood the instructions.
- 7 My house is always untidy. I don't have enough time to organise my things.
- 8 She walks to work every day, dispite her unability.

## SPEAKOUT TIP

Use prefixes to guess the meaning of words you don't know. Look at the words in bold below. Can you use the prefix to guess their meaning?

6D Work in pairs and take turns. Ask and answer the questions.

- 1 Which professions in your country do people often **mistrust**?
- 2 Who in your country is very famous now, but was **unknown** last year?
- 3 What kinds of documents do you sometimes need to **renew**?
- 4 Do you believe scientists have **overestimated** or **underestimated** the problem of climate change?
- 5 Do you **disapprove** of people who drive their cars everywhere? Why? Why not?

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## WORLD FOOD

## GRAMMAR verb patterns

## VOCABULARY reporting verbs

## HOW TO talk about food culture



## READING

1 Work in pairs and discuss.

- 1 What countries do you think the food in the pictures comes from?
- 2 Would you eat these dishes? Why/Why not?

2A Read the text. Why is Osaka the world's greatest food city?

## What's the greatest, most exciting food city in the world today?

There used to be one great food city in the world, and that was Paris. At least, that's what most people believed. People now agree that there is incredible food all around the world. Michael Booth, a writer, traveller and food-lover, thinks that the Japanese city of Osaka is the best.

With its busy food halls and small, exclusive restaurants, Osaka is 'bursting' with amazing places to eat. All around the city, you can find delicious fast food dishes which were invented here. Osaka is the city that invented both sushi and instant noodles in the same year (1958), but there are many more local dishes, too.

In Osaka, people love life and they love their food. They even have a saying, 'kuidaow', which means 'eat until you are bankrupt' because they love to spend money on food. So, what about you? Which city is your culinary favourite?

6B Read the text again and answer the questions.

- 1 What type of food is Osaka famous for?
- 2 Where can you eat it?
- 3 How do the people of Osaka describe their food?

## LISTENING

3A 10.2 Listen to two people talking about their favourite food city. According to the speakers, which city, Hiroshima (H) or Madrid (M), has the following?

- 1 a small, cheap restaurant which serves wonderful seafood?
- 2 informal restaurants where you order lots of dishes which everyone shares and eats from the middle of the table?
- 3 something to eat which is like a cross between a pancake and a pizza?
- 4 people getting together at Sunday Lunchtime to have a few bites to eat?
- 5 a restaurant which specialises in grilled chicken?

6B Listen again and complete the extracts below. Then check your answers in the audio script on pages 174–175.

- 1 They've got the very famous sushi that everyone thinks about when they think of Japanese food, but they've got so much else to ...
- 2 Hiroshima is really ... for its okonomiyaki.
- 3 Tempura is prawns and ... deep fried in a really light, fluffy batter.
- 4 I lived in Madrid, in Spain for around ... years on and off.
- 5 The quality of the food is ...
- 6 Tarta de Santiago is a great pastry ...
- 7 I once tried pig's ear, which I have to say was possibly the ... thing I've ever tasted.

6C Do you know any cities which are good for food? What types of food are they best known for? Which areas have good restaurants? Plan to talk about your favourite food city. Use these phrases from the listening to make some notes.

My favourite food city is ... They've got all sorts of ...  
 XXX is really famous for its ... It's a kind of ...  
 It's really good (for) ... I think my favourite restaurant in ... is ...  
 One of my favourite restaurants is a place called ... which specialises in ...  
 It's a cheap/basic/smart/expensive ... You can get ...  
 I'd love to take you to XXX; you'd love it!  
 I know a really good ... that I should take you to.

6D Work in groups and take turns to talk about your favourite food city.