

GENERAL ENGLISH · VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT

FOOD, TASTE AND TEXTURE - adjectives and other vocabulary



What does it taste like?

- Match the types of food on the left with their tastes on the right.

honey	bitter
black coffee	bland
white bread	salty
curry sauce	smoky
anchovies	sour
fresh lemon	spicy
smoked salmon	sweet

- Extra question (optional): What other foods can you think of for each adjective of taste?

For example: **Icecream** is sweet and **black tea** without milk or sugar is bitter.

Texture

Texture is the way food feels when you touch it or eat it.

Read the 5 definitions and 5 sentences below.

Then match the correct definition to the adjectives at the end of each sentence.

➤ Drag the correct definitions into the spaces.

Definitions (meanings)

food that has a hard texture and makes a loud sound when chewed

food that tastes of oil and usually leaves oil behind

meat that is firm and not easy to chew

meat that is very easy to chew or bite

smooth, soft and thick

1. Yoghurt is delicious and creamy.

Creamy means

2. Fresh baguettes are usually soft on the inside and crunchy on the outside.

Crunchy means

3. This pizza is so greasy so my hands are covered in oil.

Greasy describes

4. This beef steak is a bit tough. It's hard work to eat it.

Tough describes

5. This meat is really tender so it almost melts in your mouth.

Tender describes

Questions about food

1. Do you enjoy cooking? (Why/why not)?

2. What type of things can you cook?

3. Which country's food do you like the most? (Why)?

4. What foods do you hate?

5. What foods do you love?

6. Do you have a favourite restaurant? Why do you like it?

7. What is the most expensive meal you have ever eaten?

8. What is the most expensive restaurant that you have ever been to? What did you eat there?

9. What's your favourite recipe? How do you cook it?

10. What is the most unusual thing you've ever eaten?

11. Are there any foods that bring back special memories for you? What are they?

12. What kinds of food are popular in your country?

13. What special foods do you eat on holidays? (religious festivals, New Year's Day, etc.)

14. How are the eating habits now in your country different from eating habits in the past?

15. Is it an important part of your culture to have dinner parties? (Why)?

16. Do you prefer to eat with other people or on your own? (Why)?

17. How healthy is your country's food?

18. Have eating habits changed in your country in recent years? How?

19. How may eating habits change in the future?