

Task 1

Read the text:

Isn't it amazing how much time we spend speaking about food? Have you ever eaten ...? "What did you have for lunch?" and so on. And yet when you travel from one country to another, find that people have quite different feelings about food. People often feel that what they eat is normal and that what other people eat is strange or silly. In most parts of Asia, for example no meal is complete without rice. In England, people eat potatoes everyday. In the Middle East, bread is the main part of every meal. Eating, like so many things we do, becomes a habit which is difficult to change. Americans like to drink tea and coffee four or five times everyday, Australians drink a large amount of beer and the French drink wine everyday.

The sort of meat people like to eat also differs from one country to another. Horse meat is thought to be delicious in France. In Hong Kong, some people enjoy eating snakes. New Zealand eat sheep, but they never eat goat meat. The Japanese don't like to eat sheep meat because of its smell, but they enjoy eating raw fish.

So it seems that although eating is a topic that we can talk about for hours, there is very little common sense in what we say about it. People everywhere enjoy eating what they have always eaten, and there is very little we can change our eating habits.

Task 2

Choose the correct variant:

1. In most parts of Asia people chiefly eat _____.

- A meat
- B rice
- C beefsteak
- D potatoes

2. Americans like to drink _____.

- A coca and beer
- B tea and coffee
- C orange juice and coffee
- D milk and chocolate

3. The French prefer to drink _____.

- A beer
- B wine
- C tea
- D coffee

4. In what part of the world is snake considered a great delicacy?

- A In Italy

B In Germany

C In Australia

D In Hong Kong

5. The Japanese eat _____.

A sheep meat

B snakes

C raw fish

D horse meat

Task 3

Read the text:

Maple syrup comes from the sap (called xylum sap) of red, sugar, or black maple trees, often in the Canadian province of Quebec and the states of New York and Vermont. Maple trees store starch in their trunks and roots over the winter. The maple trees turn the starch into sugar which rises up through the sap when the temperatures become warmer in the spring. People harvest the maple syrup by boring holes into the trunks so they can remove and collect the sap. The sap is then heated so its water evaporates, leaving only the syrup behind to be eaten.

Maple syrup has been harvested for hundreds of years. Early explorers were taught how to harvest syrup from Native Americans who lived in Vermont and New York. Maple syrup is an important part of Vermont culture. The 2001 Vermont state quarter shows a scene of people harvesting syrup from a grove of maple trees.

Task 4

Choose the correct variant:

1. When do maple trees store starch in their trunks and roots?

spring

summer

fall

winter

2. Which is NOT true about maple syrup?

Maple syrup is part of Vermont culture.

It is only produced in the United States.

It comes from different kinds of maple trees.

People have harvested maple syrup for a long time.

3. Why is the maple tree sap heated?

To kill insects that may be in the sap.

To clean the sap.

To make the water in the sap evaporate.

To make the syrup less sweet.

4. Which of the following could be a reason that maple syrup is not harvested in Florida?

The winters are too long in Florida.

There were never any explorers in Florida.

It's too expensive.

Florida does not have maple trees.

5. Which word means the same as "harvested" in the sentence below:

Maple syrup has been harvested for hundreds of years.

gathered

tasted

stolen

sold

Task 5

Here are four people talking about eating out. Read these texts:

1. The last time I went to a restaurant was about 2 months ago. My wife and I wanted to celebrate our wedding anniversary with a good meal so we went to an expensive Italian restaurant in downtown Lisbon. We both had pasta to start and for the main course my wife ordered a steak and I chose fish. For dessert we both ate chocolate cake topped with fresh cream. Delicious!

2. I went to a restaurant yesterday evening with my sister's children. It wasn't very expensive and the menu was very limited. We all had a burger and French fries and drank cola. It wasn't very good.

3. My boyfriend loves spicy food so this restaurant was perfect. The waiters were all really friendly and polite, and they played traditional sitar music which was very relaxing. The menu offered vegetarian dishes as well as meat dishes served with rice and a sauce - it depended on how hot you wanted it! I chose a mild beef curry but my boyfriend had a lamb 'vindaloo' - he also drank 2 liters of water!!

4. My class at the university went there last weekend. It's a very popular type of restaurant in my country. It generally offers one type of food (a kind of bread with cheese and tomato sauce) which you then choose what ingredients to add on top of it. I asked for olives and mushrooms on mine and my classmates each had something different so we could taste a piece of each person's meal.

Task 6

Answer each question with a paragraph number (1-4).

1. In which text did the person go there for a special occasion? 1

2. In which text did the person visit an Indian restaurant? 3
3. In which text did the person eat pizza? 4
4. In which text did the person eat fast food? 2
5. In which text did someone eat seafood? 1
6. In which text did the person talk about the atmosphere of the restaurant? 3
7. Which restaurant was cheap? 2
8. In which text didn't the person enjoy their meal? 2
9. In which text did someone eat a very hot dish? 3
10. In which text did the person have a vegetarian meal? 4