

Describing foods sentence completion activities

Do the activity or activities below that your teacher tells you to.

Food guessing game

Describe a food using phrases from below until your partner guesses what you are speaking about. If they can't guess from the hints below, give other hints such as first letters/ first sounds of the names of the food.

Describing food sentence completion bluffing game 1

Choose a food that you know at least something about and explain it with a mix of true and false information. Your partner will ask for more information, then try to guess at least one thing which you said but which was made up.

Describing food sentence completion bluffing game 2

Your partner will choose one of the foods on a list that they don't know for you to describe. If you know something about that food, describe it in as much detail as you can (without making anything up). If you don't know anything about that food, just use your imagination. Your partner will ask for more details, during which you should continue giving accurate information or continue using your imagination. Then your partner will guess if you were familiar with that food or not.

Describing food descriptions brainstorming game

Choose one food or drink and take turns using sentences from below to describe it until one person repeats a phrase, repeats exactly the same information, says something that isn't true, or runs out of ideas.

Ask about any phrases you couldn't use, then do a different activity above.

Without any help, brainstorm useful phrases for describing food and drink.

Compare your ideas with those below, then choose the top ten most useful phrases.

Roleplay conversations in which you need to describe food and drink such as taking a foreign guest out for dinner in a local restaurant, first with the lists of useful phrases to help, and then with no help. Change who is describing the food to who in each roleplay.

Useful phrases for giving vague answers

- "We can check with the waiter, but..."
- "As far as I know/ remember,..."/ "If it is the same thing that I remember,..."
- "(Judging from the name/ From the name/ From the description), it sounds like..."
- "From the photo, it looks like..."
- "I (would) guess..."
- "I suppose..."
- "It's probably..."
- "It's almost certainly..."
- "It must be..."
- "It may (well) be..."
- "It could (possibly) be..."



- Children/ Women/ Foreign people/ The elderly (generally) love it/ really like it/ quite like it/ don't mind it/ dislike it/ hate it/ can't stand it.
- Different sauces/ toppings/ ingredients/ sizes/... are available.
- I'd (definitely/ probably) recommend it to someone who's feeling run down/ with a hangover/ who is unadventurous about food/ who is trying ... food for the first time/ with a cold/ with a dodgy stomach/ who is on a diet/ who doesn't like.../ who is allergic to.../ who... (because...)
- It can be delivered...
- It can be eaten raw./ It is often eaten raw.
- It can('t) be bought in a supermarket/ in a farmer's market/ in a can/ in a jar/ in a bottle/ abroad/...
- It (usually) comes with...
- It (usually) costs...
- It goes well with...
- It has (some/ a lot of) artificial sweeteners/ artificial additives/ artificial flavourings in it.
- It has a (slight/ strong) smell/ taste of...
- It has an aftertaste/ a mild aftertaste/ a strong aftertaste (of...)
- It has become popular/ common/... in...
- It has been eaten (in this country) since...
- It isn't true that...
- It reminds me (a bit/ quite a lot/ a lot) of...
- It used to be eaten...
- It was (originally) brought to this country from...
- It was first eaten/ grown/ made/ introduced/ invented/...
- It's (usually) a starter/ main course/ dessert/ side dish/ snack.
- It's a... speciality.
- It's an acquired taste because...
- It's added to...
- It's (only) available/ You can('t) get it...
- It's (usually/ often/ sometimes) baked/ boiled (in the bag)/ (deep/ stir) fried/ grilled/ poached/ roasted/ simmered/ steamed/ stewed/ (lightly) toasted/...
- It's big enough for one person/ two people/... people.
- It's (sometimes/ often/ usually/ almost always/ always) coated in/ cooked/ covered with/ coated with/ dipped in/ filled with/ stuffed with/ seasoned with/ served with/ wrapped in...
- It's (especially/ incredibly/ most/ very/ fairly/ not very) common/ popular (in/ with...)
- It's cooked on the table in front of you.
- It's difficult to cook/ eat/ unwrap/...
- It's dried/ fermented/ smoked (in/ for...)
- It's (incredibly/ very/ fairly/ not very) easy to eat/ digest/ cook/ get used to/...
- It's eaten to celebrate...
- It's (usually) eaten with chopsticks/ with your hands/ with a spoon/ straight from the bowl.
- It's eaten in the morning/ for lunch/ as a snack/ in.../ for.../ as.../ with...
- It's exported...
- It's (extremely/ really/ fairly) filling/ healthy/ unhealthy/ nutritious/ starchy because...

- It's (originally) from...
- It's great if you are feeling tired/ hungover/ sick/ depressed/... because...
- It's great when you have a cold/ a dodgy stomach/ a hangover/ a... because...
- It's grown...
- It's (really/ fairly) high/ rich + in protein/ omega 3/ carbs/ (complex) carbohydrates/ fibre/ protein/ mineral/ vitamins/ vitamin/ (unsaturated/ saturated) fat/...
- It's imported from...
- It's (always/ usually) made by/ from/ of/...
- It's (very/ a bit) messy to eat because...
- It's mixed with...
- It's served as a starter/ main course/ snack/ dessert/ side dish/...
- It's served hot/ cold/ frozen/ in its shell/...
- It's (very/ fairly) similar to..., but.../ It's (very/ fairly/ a bit) like... but...
- It's sold...
- It's suitable for vegans/ people on a diet/ Muslims/ Hindus/ children/ young children/ people who don't like.../ people with a... allergy/...?
- It's (almost) the same (thing) as ... but just with a different name/ but...
- It's (a bit/ far) too big for one person/ too... for...
- It's traditional...
- It's/ looks/ smells/ tastes (absolutely) delicious/ exquisite/ mouth-watering/ yummy/...
- It's/ looks/ smells/ tastes (really/ quite/ fairly) tasty/ moreish/...
- It's/ looks/ smells/ tastes (like)...
- It's/ The smell is (really/ quite/ fairly/ a bit) distinctive/ pungent/ strong/ sour/ unique
- It's/ The taste is (really/ quite/ fairly/ a bit) bitter/ delicious/ hot/ spicy/ salty/ sharp/ sour/ sweet
- It's/ The texture is (really/ quite/ fairly/ a bit) chewy/ crisp/ crunchy/ dry/ fatty/ greasy/ hard/ lumpy/ moist/ slimy/ sticky/...
- Many people think that... (but in fact...)
- The appearance/ smell/ taste/ texture...
- The base/ coating/ filling/ sauce/ sides/ top/ topping/ ...
- The flavour/ smell/ texture comes from...
- The main ingredient is.../ It mostly consists of...
- There is a (wide) choice of...
- There is a special sauce/ condiment/ side dish/... that goes with it.
- You can also... it (but it's not as good that way).
- You can choose between... (...) and...
- You can choose/ select (your own)...
- You can order it well done/ medium/ medium rare/ rare/...
- (Before you start cooking/ When you are cooking it/ When you are eating it,) you need to beat/ bite (off)/ break (off)/ brush/ carve/ chew/ chill/ chop/ coat/ cover/ crack/ crush/ cut/ dice/ dip/ dunk/ drain/ fill/ flip/ freeze/ grate/ grind/ heat/ knead/ leave/ marinate/ mash/ melt/ mix/ peel/ pickle/ pour/ press/ rinse/ roll/ separate/ sieve/ skewer/ slice/ smoke/ spread/ sprinkle/ squeeze/ stir/ stuff/ toss/ turn over/ whisk/ wrap/...