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## Food vocabulary brainstorming games

Brainstorming game 1 - Brainstorming by category
With your partner, write as many different English words or expressions as you can in the categories below. If there is something you don't know the word for but can explain by drawing, miming or describing the function, you can ask your teacher for help.

| Kitchen equipment | Ways of cooking food | Other things you do to <br> food |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
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Using dictionaries, try to add at least three words or expressions to each column.
Choose words from your lists which you think no other groups thought of. You get one point for each correct and original idea, but no point for ones which other groups also wrote.
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Compare with this list to get extra points for ones which you thought of which are not here.

| Kitchen equipment | Ways of cooking food | Other things you do to <br> food |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| cooking chopsticks | poach |  |
| dishwasher | grill |  |
| measuring cup | bake | mix |
| cooker/ stove | roast | squeeze |
| potato peeler | slice |  |
| bottle opener | boil | separate |
| spatula, rolling pin | steam | chop |
| egg timer | toast | grind |
| can opener | stew | whisk |
| bread knife |  | peeel |
| sieve, mixing bowl |  | grate |
| freezer, kitchen roll |  | spread |
| fish slice | mash |  |
| spoon | wash |  |
| cling film |  | pickle |
| kitchen knife |  | crush |
| measuring spoon |  | press |
| oven, microwave |  | wrape |
| fridge | roll |  |
| aluminium foil |  | stir |
| corkscrew |  |  |
| wooden spoon |  |  |
| chopping board |  |  |
| whisk |  |  |
| colander |  |  |
| food processor |  |  |
| frying pan |  |  |
| kitchen scales |  |  |
| cheese grater |  |  |
| saucepan, apron |  |  |
| serving spoon |  |  |
| oven glove, tongs |  |  |
| pepper grinder |  |  |
| coffee grinder |  |  |
| microwave (oven) |  |  |

Ask about any of these which you don't understand.
Change groups and test each other on the vocabulary:

- say one and see if your partner can say which of the categories it should be in
- help your partner make words to fill one column
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## Brainstorming game 2 - Brainstorming by collocation

Work with a partner to write as many foods as you can that fit in with the top section below in the time limit that your teacher sets you. When you have finished, exchange pieces of paper with another team and check their answers. Do the same with each of the sections below that your teacher chooses (or they may let you choose your own).

Boil +

Fry +

Grill +

Chop +

Slice +

Steam +
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Brainstorming game 3 - Brainstorming by pronunciation, grammar and container Do the same with these categories.

Foods and drinks including the schwa sound (the last sound in "computer")

Foods and drinks with four syllables

Uncountable foods and drinks (please write as "some $\qquad$ ")

Countable foods (please write as "some $\qquad$ s")

Foods that can be countable and uncountable

A carton +

Container + food or drink, e.g. a jar of jam (please only put one food for each container)
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