Food and cooking: conversation questions for English classes

24 question cards in three level bands. Print, cut and let learners draw a card, or share the page on screen.

A1–A2 · Beginner and elementary

What do you usually have for breakfast?

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What is your favourite food?

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Can you cook? What can you make?

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What food don’t you like?

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How often do you eat in a restaurant?

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What is a typical dish from your country?

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Do you drink coffee or tea? How many cups a day?

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What did you eat yesterday?

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B1–B2 · Intermediate

Tell me about a meal you will never forget.

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Who is the best cook in your family? What do they make?

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Have you ever tried a food that you thought you would hate and then liked?

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Do you follow recipes or cook without them?

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How have your eating habits changed since you were a child?

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What would you cook for a guest from another country?

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Is it better to eat at home or to eat out? Give two reasons.

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What food do you miss when you are away from home?

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C1–C2 · Advanced

Why do people feel so strongly about the food they grew up with?

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Should governments tax unhealthy food, or is that none of their business?

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Is cooking at home disappearing? What would we lose if it did?

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How much do you trust labels such as natural, organic or healthy?

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Would you eat meat grown in a laboratory? Why or why not?

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What does the way a society eats say about its values?

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Is it reasonable to ask everyone at a table to put their phone away?

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If you opened a restaurant, what would make it different from the others in your city?

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Useful language

- I can't stand... / I'm not keen on...
- It tastes like... / It smells...
- to fry · to boil · to bake · to chop
- It's made with... / It's served with...
- sweet · salty · spicy · bitter · sour
- I'm full. / I'm starving.