

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article about school dinners in British schools and do the exercises.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... quantity | a. breakfast, lunch or dinner; some food that you eat while sitting down at a table |
| 2..... quality | b. a schoolboy or schoolgirl |
| 3..... to post something online | c. an amount; how much of something there is |
| 4..... a meal | d. how good something is |
| 5..... a chain of restaurants | e. to publish something on the internet |
| 6..... a pupil | f. a group of restaurants that are all owned by the same company |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. School dinner is eaten at lunchtime. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. A school dinner in the UK costs about 2 pounds. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. Martha Payne wrote a magazine article called 'Neverseconds'. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. Martha Payne raises money to help feed poor children. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. All British schoolchildren have school dinners. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. The British government wants to improve school dinners. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Choose the best word to complete these sentences.

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| 1. Some people say that midday meals should be _____ for all schoolchildren. | free
passionate
fried |
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| 2. There are limits on the amount of _____ food in British school dinners. | poor
fried
good |

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| 3. | Martha Payne grades her lunch on how _____ the food is. | free
fried
healthy |
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| 4. | Martha doesn't always give _____ grades for her school dinners. | good
healthy
free |
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| 5. | Jamie Oliver is _____ about school dinners. | fast
healthy
passionate |
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| 6. | Martha's blog became very _____ on social media websites. | roast
popular
free |
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| 7. | Some children have free school meals if their parents are _____. | healthy
popular
unemployed |
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| 8. | A typical school dinner is carrots, potatoes and _____ chicken. | fast
free
roast |

3. Check your vocabulary: matching

Match the words to make phrases from the text.

sandwich	restaurant	shop	dinner
lunch	chips	bar	juice

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| 1. packed _____ | 5. cheese _____ |
| 2. school _____ | 6. apple _____ |
| 3. fish and _____ | 7. take-away _____ |
| 4. chocolate _____ | 8. chip _____ |

Discussion

Do you have lunch at school?

Are school dinners in your country free? Are school dinners in your country delicious or healthy?

Do you think school dinners should be free to all students? Why or why not?