



# Starters and Plenaries

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*Where Food Comes From*

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# Teacher's Introduction

This pack of Starters and Plenaries is designed to help you deliver the content of the GCSE Eduqas Food Preparation and Nutrition specification.

The starter worksheets aim to either introduce new terms or recapitulate the information gained during previous lessons. The plenaries are to summarise the basic concept of the lesson and help to take the main message home.

A range of activities has been created in this resource which incorporates independent, paired and group work and which will be engaging for the students. The varied nature of the activities provides an opportunity for a range of learning styles to be developed, including visual, verbal, auditory and kinaesthetic.

A cross-reference table has been provided which links each activity to the specification points it covers and also identifies which activities are considered to be starters and which plenaries. However, the identification of each activity as a starter or plenary is only a suggestion and you might find that some of the activities are interchangeable.

Each activity should take from 5 to 15 minutes, which makes it easy to incorporate into a lesson.

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## Specification Cross-reference

This table will enable you to pick and choose starters or plenaries relevant to the teaching. While each activity has been selected as either a starter or a plenary you may find that starter and plenary tasks may be interchangeable dependent on how you teach them. Some may not work so well as a starter or as a plenary. It is at the teacher's discretion.

No.	Activity	Extra resources	Start or Plenary
<b>Where food comes from</b>			
1	Food chains – Word mark attack	Board, chalk or markers	Starter
2	Food chains – World discovery	Scissors, glue	Starter
3	Sustainability of food – Classify it	Scissors	Starter
4	Sustainability and security of food – Postcards	-	Plenary
5	Food poverty – Brief the prime minister	Internet access	Plenary
6	British and international cuisines – Mindful keyword puzzle	-	Starter
7	British and international cuisines – Pass the hat	Hat (or another prop)	Plenary
8	Food processing – Is food production your cup of tea?	-	Plenary
9	Food processing – Do you know your onions?	-	Starter
10	Food processing – Snapshot	Onions or colourful pens	Plenary
11	Food processing – The great escape	-	Plenary
12	Tech development – Food for thought	-	Starter
13	Food processing – Be the teacher	-	Plenary

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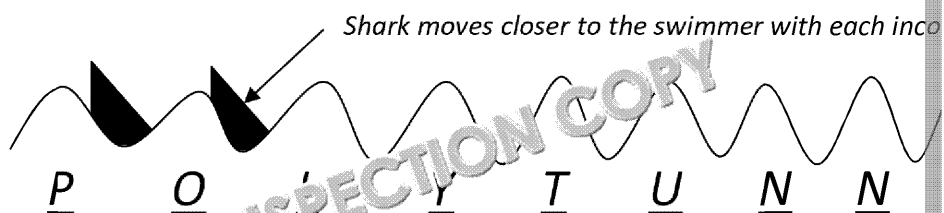


# Activity 1 – Food provenance – Shark

## Teacher's Notes

Starter activity: Shark attack	
<b>Aim of the activity</b>	To introduce or recall information about where and how food is produced.
<b>Teacher's instructions</b>	<p>Copy the student worksheet to allow one per person (so that they can work in pairs).</p> <p>For the first secret word, draw a blank line for each letter on the waves that represent each word with a swimmer at the end (see example below).</p> <p>Read aloud one question and if students answer correctly, they get a letter from the alphabet to reveal. If the letter is in the secret word, reveal the position above the blank line (if the letter occurs more than once).</p> <p>Similarly to hangman, if the letter is not present in the secret word, they lose a life. But beware – students only have as many chances as there are letters in the secret word. The person who guesses the secret word first (and before they lose all their lives) wins. After the game allow students up to 5 minutes to complete the worksheet.</p>

For the shark attack, draw an image similar to the following (e.g. 10 waves in polytunnel).



## Answers

### Secret word: POLYTUNNEL (10)

1. What is venison?
2. What do you call a substance that prevents worms from damaging a crop?
3. What do you call foods that are brought to UK from other countries?
4. What is the most popular cereal crop in the UK?
5. What is necessary for plants to carry out photosynthesis?
6. Is mackerel a lean fish or an oily fish?
7. Are apples stone fruits?
8. Is quail grown, reared or caught?

### Secret word: ORGANIC (7)

1. Meat of what animal is commonly eaten at Christmas?
2. What do you call a substance that is used to provide nutrients to plants?
3. What do you call the building where you grow plants?
4. Can fruit trees be grown in polytunnels?
5. Is tuna a lean fish or an oily fish?
6. Is quail grown, reared or caught?
7. Are prawns crustaceans or molluscs?

Meat  
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Oily  
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**Secret word: SEASONAL (8)**

1. What do you call the animal droppings used to fertilise soil?  
*Manure*
2. Are bananas grown in the UK?  
*No. They are imported.*
3. Can artificial fertilisers be used in organic farming?  
*No*
4. Is herring a saltwater fish or a freshwater fish?  
*Saltwater*
5. What does 'rotation' mean?  
*This means that a field can be used for growing plants one year, and for grazing used to improve the quality of the soil*
6. Is salmon caught or reared?  
*Both*

**Secret word: HIGH YIELD (9)**

1. What do you call the building pigs are kept in?  
*Pigsty*
2. What do you call animals which are allowed to roam outside?  
*Free range and/or organic*
3. Are plums stone fruits?  
*Yes*
4. Can antibiotics be used in organically reared animals?  
*Yes, but only when necessary, under controlled conditions and in amounts needed to prevent it!*
5. Is dredging considered a sustainable fishing method?  
*No, because it can damage the habitat of the fish and other living things near the seabed.*
6. Can animal-derived foods be considered seasonal?  
*Yes, e.g. turkey is in season in winter and lamb is in season in the spring*
7. Are vegetables grown in polytunnels considered seasonal?  
*No, they are available all year round*

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Your teacher will read aloud some questions. If you answer a question correctly, you can choose one letter from the alphabet to be revealed in the password. If it is the **S**, your teacher will reveal it, and if it's not, they will start waving the shark, wave by wave, closer to the swimmer. Can you guess the password before the shark catches you?

Secret word 4: .....

[illegible][illegible][illegible][illegible]

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## Activity 2 – Food miles – World discovery

### Teacher's Notes

#### Starter activity: World discovery

<b>Aim of the activity</b>	To explain how the food industry affects the environment in terms of greenhouse gases emission.
<b>Teacher instructions</b>	<p>Split the class into pairs. Copy the student's worksheet to allow them to decide to copy the map outline in A3 format to make it easier to use.</p> <p>In each pair, students should use the labels to design one meal. One student should design one which has high food miles. They may add other ingredients to the meal. They should aim to indicate where the ingredients are likely to have come from. They may use their mobiles or maps (if available) to help locate countries.</p> <p>Continue the lesson to explain why the distance and origin of food affects greenhouse gases emission.</p>

### Answers

#### Ingredients with low food miles include:

- potatoes
- green peas
- apples
- strawberries
- Brussel sprouts
- cauliflower
- cod
- pork
- lamb
- chicken

#### Ingredients with high food miles include (miles are approx. and will vary, food origin varies)

- oranges, e.g. from Spain (787 miles)
- bananas, e.g. from Ecuador (5,733 miles)
- cocoa, e.g. from Brazil (5,464 miles)
- coffee, e.g. from Kenya (4,237 miles)
- parmesan – from Italy (890 miles)
- sweet potatoes, e.g. from the USA (3,666 miles)
- wine, e.g. from France (213 miles), from Australia (10,554 miles) (note: we all know wine is usually from imported grapes, so cannot be treated as a local product)
- sweetcorn, e.g. from Mexico (5,551 miles)
- rice, e.g. from Thailand (5,922 miles)

**Food with highest food miles is wine from Australia (10,554 miles)**

*Food miles taken from...*

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## Food miles: World discovery



The great world discoveries in the sixteenth century did not lead people to invade and conquer the new lands, but also to discover new food ingredients. Today we have easy access to foods from all over the world but this is often at the cost of the environment, as the processing and transportation require large amounts of energy and greenhouse gases are emitted in the meantime.

To limit the damage to the environment, we can choose to buy fewer foods from far away, base our diets on local, organic and seasonal ingredients, etc. This in turn reduces food miles – the distance the food has to travel from the farm to your plate.

Using the labels below, design two meals, one of which will have low food miles and one which will have high food miles.

Then try to attach the labels to (or write them on) the map (next page) to show where the food came from. Which one do you think has the highest food miles?

potatoes	oranges	green peas	bananas
cocoa	strawberries	coffee	Brussels sprouts
cauliflower	sweet potatoes	cod	wine
sweetcorn	lamb	rice	chicken

High food miles:



Low food miles:

Food with the highest food miles: .....



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Can you identify where the foods come from on the map? One has been done for you



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## Activity 3 – Sustainability of food –

### Teacher's Notes

Starter activity: Classify it	
<b>Aim of the activity</b>	To introduce the idea of sustainable food production.
<b>Teacher instructions</b>	<p>Copy the cards on this page and cut them out. Give one to each student (and some empty cards so that you could add your own ideas).</p> <p>Ask students to stand in the middle of the class. Then ask those with renewable resources cards to move to the left side of the classroom, and those with non-renewable resources cards to move to the right. Encourage students to discuss their choices with each other if they are not sure.</p> <p>After completing the activity, continue the lesson to explain what is meant by sustainable food production, both renewable and non-renewable, and how sustainable food production can be achieved.</p>

### Answers

#### Renewable resources:

- orange trees
- wind
- sunlight
- bananas\* (*as bananas are monocultures, they are very prone to infections, and may, therefore, be easily damaged*)
- salmon\* (*depending on the fishing method used*)
- air
- saltwater\* (*as long as the energy source used for desalination is renewable/sustainable as well*)
- cotton
- chicken
- cow
- mushrooms
- carrot
- wheat
- salt\* (*salt from sea is renewable, but sea may be affected by climate change*)
- biofuel

#### Unrenewable resources:

- coal
- oil
- natural gas
- wood\* (*most trees grow too slowly to replenish the used resources within a lifetime, unless a large number of new tree species planted especially for this purpose*)
- uranium
- charcoal
- freshwater
- sturgeon\* (*this type of fish is very rare in the wild and may soon become extinct due to overfishing and its use in the production of caviar*)
- tin
- lead
- copper
- vanilla\* (*as vanilla pods are only produced by humans, they cannot be considered renewable as they are not able to regrow themselves*)
- whales\* (*populations of whales are endangered by unsustainable fishing methods*)
- soil\* (*as intensive farming methods may lead to significant drop in quality, land won't be suitable for growing plants any more*)
- bees\* (*as the common use of pesticides is limiting the bee populations and the number of bees out there is considered insufficient for plant pollination*)

\*depending on the method of production/farming

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## Sustainability of food – Classify it – Res



Coal

Oil

Natural Gas

Wood

Charcoal

Freshwater

Sunlight

Bananas

Salmon

Air

Tin

Lead

Vanilla

Whales

Cotton

Chicken

Mushrooms

Carrot

Salt

Biofuel



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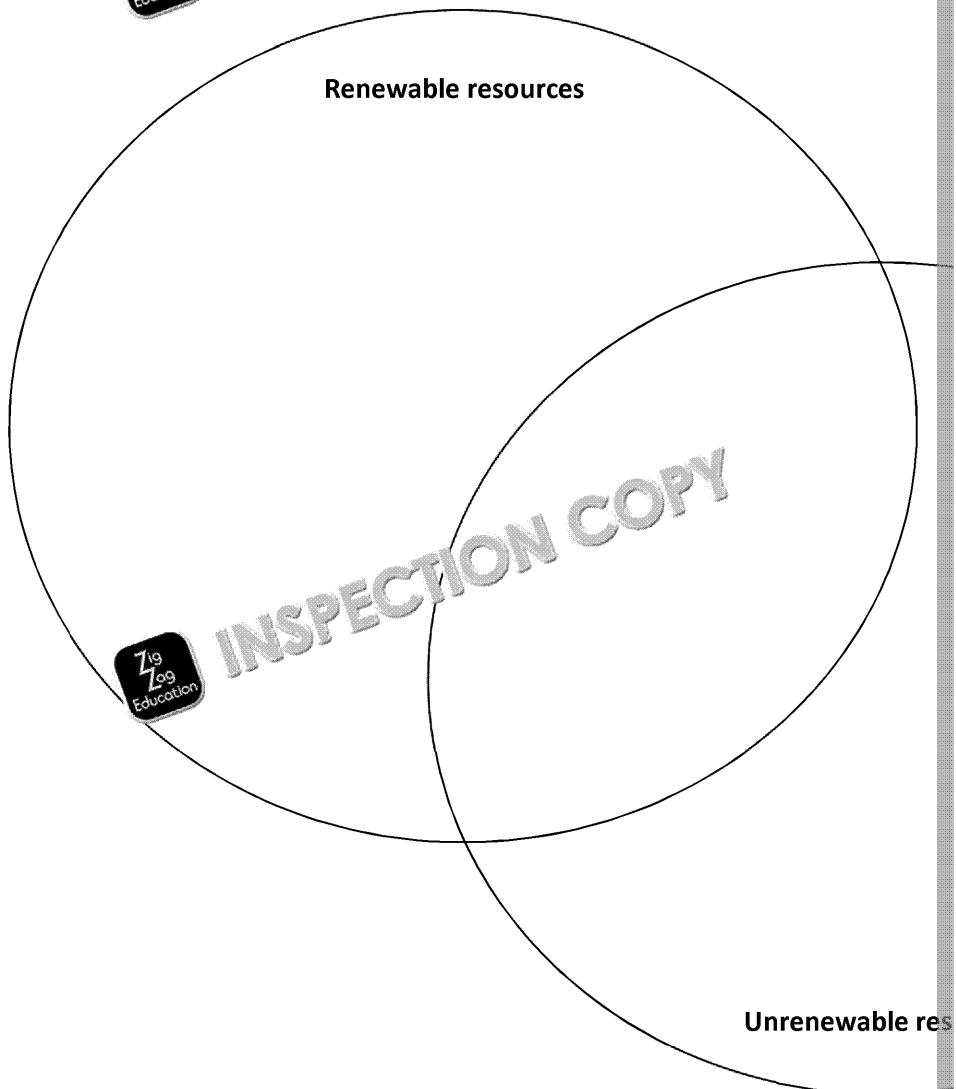
# Sustainability of food: Classify

There are two types of resources which can be used in food production

- **Renewable** resources include those which can be easily rebuilt or replaced
- **Unrenewable** resources are those which would take too much time to replace at their previous levels, and are destroyed by use.

Let's see if you get the idea!

Your teacher will hand you a resource card. Your task is to decide whether it is a renewable resource or an unrenewable resource – feel free to discuss with a partner. The lessor will then ask you about the various renewable and unrenewable resources.



Is there anything that can be done to make (or least some of) the unrenewable resources renewable?

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# Activity 4 – Sustainability and security of food

## Teacher's Notes

Plenary activity: Postcards	
<b>Aim of the activity</b>	To recap knowledge about the impact of food production on the environment
<b>Teacher's instructions</b>	Copy the student's worksheet to allow one per person. Allow 10 minutes (approx. 3–4 minutes per card) to write their postcards. Collect answers for the next lesson.

## Answers

Exemplary answers could include a reference to:

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use of packaging</li> <li>• recycling issues</li> <li>• waste dumps</li> <li>• the need to limit the use of packaging</li> <li>• the need to reuse and recycle packaging</li> <li>• the need to sustainably get rid of used packaging materials</li> <li>• new methods of packaging disposal (e.g. the use of new plastic-eating bacteria)</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the need to use packaging which is easily recycled / compostable</li> <li>• the need to limit the use of recyclables</li> <li>• the need to maintain the natural environment</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• climate change / global warming</li> <li>• carbon footprint and food miles</li> <li>• buying foods locally/seasonally</li> <li>• choosing organic methods rather than intensive methods of farming</li> <li>• the need to use a sustainable source water</li> </ul>

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## Sustainability and security of food

Imagine you travelled to the future and took some photos.

Write postcards to your family and describe what you have seen (as indicated on each photo) and what should be done to prevent it.



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## Activity 5 – Food poverty – Brief the prime minister

### Teacher's Notes

Plenary activity: Brief the prime minister	
Aim of the activity	To recap information about food poverty and its impact on health.
Teacher instructions	<p>Split the students into groups of four.</p> <p>Copy the plenary worksheet accordingly.</p> <p>In each group, students should write a short brief concerning the effects on health, and potential solutions. Students may only have 10 minutes to write each section and you may wish to extend this activity into the next lesson.</p> <p>Allow 10 minutes for students to complete the activity and then discuss the results.</p>

### Answers

Exemplary answers could include:

- **definition of food poverty:** where an individual is unable to buy a suitable and nutritious diet.
- **the number of people living in food poverty** (students may need access to the internet to research this, alternatively, you can research sources prior to the lesson and print them out).
- **causes of food poverty;** such as low salaries, increasing food prices, lack of transport to shops / bring shopping home, lack of cooking skills, cuts in benefits, untimely wages.
- **effects of food poverty on health;** e.g. hunger, malnutrition, poor bone and muscle health, depression, iron deficiency anaemia, deficiency of minerals and vitamins, social isolation and learn.
- **ways to improve the situation;** e.g. increase in salaries, establishing stable food prices, providing transportation for people, providing cooking lessons so people know how to cook, reducing food waste, improving the benefit system.

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# Food poverty: Brief the prime minister



Dear (Student Name).....,

You have been commissioned to write a briefing paper for the prime minister (PM) on the causes and impacts of food poverty on the health of the nation. This will help them at the upcoming political meetings.

A briefing paper is essentially a summary document, providing the PM with any information they need to know when discussing the topic. Political leaders often use briefing papers as they do not have time to read and research all the issues.

## Content of the briefing paper is to include:

- Brief background information
  - Key facts: what food poverty is, number of people living in food poverty
- The causes of food poverty
- The impact of food poverty on health
- Solutions already undertaken
- Other potential solutions to the problem

As this is a political briefing, you must try to be as succinct as possible in your writing.

Please include any facts, graphs or images that might be useful.

Yours sincerely,

**M. McDonald**

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## Effects on health



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*Draw a diagram to show effects*

**What is being done already?**

**What else can be**



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## Activity 6 – British and international Mindful keyword puzzle

### Teacher's Notes

Starter activity: Mindful keyword puzzle	
<b>Aim of the activity</b>	To introduce various terms related to British and international cuisine.
<b>Teacher's instructions</b>	Copy out the student's worksheet to allow one per person. Allow students up to 10 minutes to create their own crossword puzzle. Let students swap the worksheets and allow them another 5 minutes to solve the puzzles created by their classmates.

### Answers

Exemplary clues could include:

1. **Brunch** – a meal eaten in the late morning / early afternoon, usually during breakfast.
2. **Cheddar** – hard cheese produced in the West Country.
3. **Cuisine** – style of cooking characteristic of a region or country.
4. **Eleven o'clock** – small snack eaten before noon, characteristic of British cuisine.
5. **Entrée** – the main dish of a meal.
6. **France** – country famous for its wide selection of cheese and wine; where quiche is a traditional dish.
7. **Lamb** – type of meat traditionally eaten in the UK during Easter.
8. **Leek** – national Welsh vegetable.
9. **Pizza** – flatbread with tomato sauce and toppings, typical of Italian cuisine.
10. **Rice** – staple cereal from China.
11. **Sushi** – seaweed and fish rolls from Japan.
12. **Wok** – deep, round cooking vessel used to prepare stir-fries and noodles.



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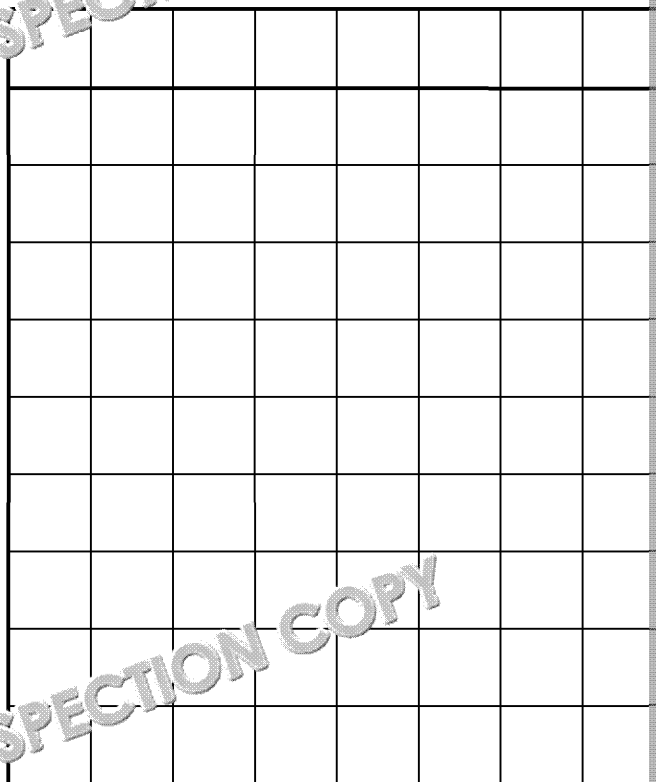


# British and international cuisines: Mindful

Below you can see various keywords related to British and international cuisines. But do you know what these words mean? And can you explain them to your classmate? Use the keywords below to create a crossword – remember to use the clues! You can also use your own words.

Then, if time allows, swap with a classmate to see whether they can solve your puzzle!

**BRUNCI**  
**CHEDDAR**  
**CUISINE**  
**ELEVENSES**  
**ENTRÉE**  
**FRANCE**  
**LAMB**  
**LEEK**  
**PIZZA**  
**RICE**  
**SUSHI**  
**WOK**



Clues:

Down:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Across:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

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## Activity 7 – British and international Pass the hat

### Teacher's Notes

Plenary activity – Pass the hat	
<b>Aim of the activity</b>	To summarise ideas about foods and dishes from various countries
<b>Teacher's instructions</b>	<p>To be completed as a whole class or small groups (More inclusive)</p> <p>Get the students to stand in a circle.</p> <p>One student is given a hat. They begin by naming a food/dish from their country, passing the hat on to another student.</p> <p>The next student has to tell what country that food/dish comes from. If they are right, they can name another food and pass the hat on to the next student. If they are wrong, they need to leave the circle.</p> <p>The last person in the circle wins.</p>

### Answers

Examples could include:

- **Beef steak** – Argentina
- **Waffles** – Belgium
- **Spring rolls** – China
- **Butter cookies** – Denmark
- **Ceviche** – Ecuador
- **Quiche** – France
- **Moussaka** – Greece
- **Goulash** – Hungary
- **Samosas** – India
- **Sushi** – Japan

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## British and international cuisines: Pass the Hat

There are hundreds of countries in the world, and each of them has something delicious on offer! So let's check how many foods from the foreign cuisines you can name!

Stand in a circle. One student will be given a hat. They will begin the game by saying the name of a food from a foreign country and passing the hat to another student. The student needs to name the country the food comes from.

If they are correct, they can name another food and pass the hat on. If they are wrong, they need to leave the circle. Who will be the last one standing?

After the lesson, make a note of various dishes from different countries and cuisines which you would like to explore more?

Cuisine:	Cuisine:
Cuisine:	Cuisine:
Cuisine:	Cuisine:
Cuisine:	Cuisine:

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## Activity 8 – Food Processing – Is food your cup of tea?

### Teacher's Notes

Plenary activity: Chain essay	
<b>Aim of the activity</b>	To recap information about the various primary and secondary
<b>Teacher instructions</b>	<p>Split the class into four groups (or more if you have a large class) with one sheet to allow one per group.</p> <p>Assign each group with one food product (below).</p> <p>The first person in the group has to start writing an essay about processing their given food. After 2 minutes, they pass the worksheet to the next person in the group, and so on until each person has added something to the journey has been described.</p>

### Answers

The exemplary answers could refer to:

#### Food 1: oranges to orange marmalade

- growing oranges in the orchards, e.g. in Spain, south of France
- loading the oranges into cases or crates and transporting (importing) them in
- cleaning and sorting the oranges (e.g. removing leaves, rotten pieces)
- boiling/simmering the oranges
- cutting the oranges and the peel, removing the seeds, pressing the pulp
- adding sugar
- pouring the mixture into jars
- sealing the jars and sterilisation (or sterilisation) of the closed jars, cooling
- sticking labels to the jars
- loading jars into cartons and sending off to storage or shops

*Students could also cover fruits to jams/juices as an alternative.*

#### Food 2: wheat to spaghetti

- growing wheat in the field
- harvesting the crops and transporting to a mill
- sorting the grains and sieving to remove stones, etc.
- washing the grains in warm water and drying
- grinding the wheat and sieving to separate the flour from bran (if necessary)
- bleaching and fortifying the flour (only soft wheat flour is fortified)
- packing the flour into bags and transporting to a factory where it can be processed
- mixing flour with water and other ingredients
- kneading until smooth dough is formed, resting and rolling the dough flat
- cutting the required shapes of pasta (in this case, spaghetti, long thin stripes)
- pasteurising and drying the pasta
- packaging the pasta and sending off to shops
- boiling the pasta in water
- serving with a sauce

*Students could also cover wheat to bread as an alternative.*

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**Food 3: milk to yoghurt**

- milking the cows, collecting the milk and mixing with milk from previous milk
- transporting the milk to a factory
- pasteurising and homogenising the milk
- heating the milk up and adding starter cultures
- fermentation
- cooling down the fermented yoghurt
- adding sugar, fruit or other ingredients
- packaging the yoghurt into pots, cartons and adding labels
- loading the yoghurt pots in crates or boxes and sending off to a storage (cooling)

Students could consider milk to cheese as an alternative.

**Food 4: cow (beef) to burgers**

- transporting the animal to a slaughterhouse, killing and cutting into parts
- hanging the meat to mature
- sending the meat off to factories (or butchers)
- grinding the meat
- adding spices, diced onions and other ingredients
- shaping the burgers
- packaging the burgers, sealing and freezing or refrigerating the packages
- transporting to shops
- frying or grilling the burgers

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# Food processing: Is food production you

Before they land on our plates, foods undergo a long and (more or less) complicated journey. Let's see how much you know about what they have to go through!

Get into four groups. Your teacher will assign you a food product. The first person in the group will have 2 minutes to start describing the primary and secondary stages that food has to go through. Then they have to pass the worksheet on to the second person, and described the whole journey from the field to the plate.

Food ingredients: \_\_\_\_\_

Production of \_\_\_\_\_ begins with

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# Activity 9 – Food Processing – Do you know?

## Teacher's Notes

### Starter activity: Advantages and disadvantages

<b>Aim of the activity</b>	To introduce or recall information about how processing affects the texture, taste and nutritional value of various food products.
<b>Teacher's instructions</b>	Copy the student's worksheet to allow one per person. Allow students around 5 minutes to complete the activity. Then have them discuss their answers in groups and allow another 5 minutes so they can

## Answers

Exemplary answers could refer to:

	Advantages	
<b>Curing meat</b>	Gives the food a pleasant red colour Gives an appetising aroma Makes the texture more tender and makes the meat easier to chew and digest Gives desired flavour Helps to prevent spoilage as salt and smoke work as preservatives	Increases the shelf life May introduce unwanted substances (e.g. from smoke)
<b>Skimming milk</b>	Reduces the calorific value of food Reduces the amount of saturated fats in the milk Prevents the milk from splitting (i.e. cream will not form)	Reduces the amount of vitamins in milk Affects the taste (can be watery) The colour of the milk can be affected
<b>Milling cereals</b>	Makes cereals easier to digest A wider range of products can be obtained which can be used in production of other various foods (e.g. pasta, bread)	May reduce the amount of fibre May reduce the amount of vitamins (e.g. folate, B1) and minerals in the flour (if separated from the bran) May trigger allergies in some people
<b>Simmering jam</b>	Provides variety in the diet Helps to preserve seasonal fruits for later use Makes fruits softer and easier to digest Creates appetising colour and aroma	Limits the amount of vitamins and minerals Damages the structure of the fruit Increases the amount of sugar

### Other methods that decrease the nutritional value of food could include:

- sterilisation (by applying very high temperatures for a long time)
- deep-frying (as it increases the amount of fat in the food)
- boiling and draining (as some vitamins and minerals dissolve in water and are lost)
- pickling (by introducing large amounts of salt into food)
- caramelising (by increasing the amount of sugar in food)

### Bonus question: Ways of improving the nutritional value of food could include:

- cooking in lidded pans to reduce the cooking time
- using a pressure cooker where possible (so that vitamins and minerals do not dissolve in water)
- changing the cooking method (e.g. boiling into steaming, deep-frying into roasting)
- pasteurisation instead of sterilisation (as the process is shorter and uses lower temperatures)
- fortification of food (e.g. flour is fortified with thiamine, niacin, calcium and iron)

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# Food Processing: Do you know you

Various processing methods can affect the food in a different way – change the way the food looks, smells and tastes, and in many cases affect its nutritional value.

Let's see how much you know about it!

You have 5 minutes to list as many advantages and disadvantages of a processing method as possible.

Then, swap with a partner and spend another 5 minutes to see if you can find their work.



## 1. Curing meat

Advantages	Disadvantages

## 2. Skimming milk

Advantages	Disadvantages

## 3. Milling cereal

Advantages	Disadvantages

## 4. Simmering jam

Advantages	Disadvantages

Can you think of other processing methods that decrease the nutritional value of food?



### Bonus question:

The methods above often decrease the nutritional value of food. Can you think of any methods that increase it?

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## Activity 10 – Food processing – St

### Teacher's Notes

Plenary activity: Snapshot	
Aim of the activity	To recap information about primary and secondary food processing
Teacher's instructions	Split students into pairs. Copy the student's worksheet according to the number of students in the class. Allow 10 minutes for students to complete the activity.

### Answers



The answers (images and/or captions) could include a reference to:

- **Ingredients:** flour, water, salt, yeast, seeds, herbs, sugar, egg, oil; milling, mixing, kneading, proofing, knocking-out, carbon dioxide, baking, dextrinisation, denaturation, gluten forming
- **Bread:** well-risen, crispy surface, soft inside, open texture, equal-sized holes
- **Ingredients:** fruit, sugar, pectin/gelatin, water, stewing, simmering, crushing, blending
- **Jam:** thick, not mouldy, with pieces of fruit, spreadable, shiny surface



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# Food Processing: Snapshot

Draw a snapshot (i.e. representative image) and add a caption for each stage to highlight how ingredients are processed to make food.

Ingredients

Ingredients

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# Activity 11 – Food processing – The g

## Teacher's Notes

### Plenary activity: Applied questions

<b>Aim of the activity</b>	To recap information about production of milk and dairy products.
<b>Teacher's instructions</b>	Copy the student's worksheet to allow one per person. Each student should show you their answer so that you can assign a letter from the password. The first student to assign all the letters wins.

## Answers

No.	Answer
1	Lactose
2	Buffalo
3	Homogenisation
4	Lactic acid
5	Whey
6	Butter
7	Sterilisation
8	Coagulation and denaturation (by acid)
9	Greece/Cyprus
10	Rennet
11	Whole milk
12	To improve flavour and to prevent harmful bacteria from developing
13	Because rennet is obtained from calves which have to be killed in the process

The password is FORTIFICATION. Here's how to allocate the letters for the student

6	3	10	4	12	1	7	2	13	
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## Food Processing: The grate escape

By mistake you have been locked up in a cheese factory. In order to escape, you need to tell a secret password to the security guard, but what is the password?! Answer the questions below to find out! For each correct answer your teacher will give one letter from the password – you have all the letters, reorder them to see what the password is!

Q1. What do you call the sugar (sugar) occurring in milk?

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Q2. Milk from which animal is used to make mozzarella cheese?

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Q3. What process helps to prevent milk from splitting?

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Q4. What substance is produced by probiotic bacteria when added?

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Q5. What do you call the liquid by-product of cheese production?

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Q6. What product is made by churning?

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Q7. What process may cause milk to become brown in colour?

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Q8. What process causes yogurt to thicken?

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Q9. Where does halloumi cheese originally come from?

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Q10. What is the name of the enzyme added to milk to encourage

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Q11. What type of milk has a blue cap?

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Q12. Why is salt added to cheese?

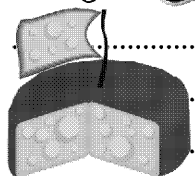
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Q13. Why is parmesan cheese considered non-vegetarian?

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Congratulations, you have all the letters! Now get the password by reordering the letters. Write the password below.



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## Activity 12 – Tech. developments – Food

### Teacher's Notes

Starter activity: Fact sheet	
<b>Aim of the activity</b>	To recap information about the technological developments that have improved health and food production.
<b>Teacher's instructions</b>	Split the class into four groups. Copy the student's worksheet to the board. Assign each group with one from the main topics (below). Allow students up to 10 minutes to prepare their fact sheets, then discuss the various technological developments that claim to improve food production so that students can add more information to their fact sheets to the wall as a reminder.

### Answers

Exemplary answers could include:

#### 1. FORTIFICATION OF FOOD

##### What is it?

- Adding vitamins and minerals to food during manufacturing in order to improve nutritional value.

##### When is it used?

- Mandatorily in production of white wheat flour, vegetable fat spreads and skimmed milk.
- Voluntarily in production of various foods such as juices and beverages, cereals and biscuits.

##### Why is it used?

- To restore the nutritional value of the food lost during production.
- To improve the nutritional value of the food and prevent conditions linked to deficiencies.
- To make foods more suitable for certain groups of people, e.g. children, the elderly.

##### Are there any downsides?

- The amount of nutrients added must be strictly controlled as too much of nutrients can be harmful (e.g. too much of vitamin A can be toxic, too much of vitamin B<sub>6</sub> can cause neuropathy, bioavailability (ability to digest and absorb) of nutrient B<sub>12</sub>, etc).
- Fortified foods may be perceived as healthy; however, in many instances they are not (e.g. sugary cereals) and fats, making them unsuitable for many groups of people.

##### Other information and trivia

- Various countries may add various substances to foods as the nutritional status varies.
- Flour is fortified with thiamine, niacin, iron and calcium.
- There are plans to fortify flour mandatorily with folic acid to prevent congenital defects (e.g. neural tube defects, spina bifida) in babies.

#### 2. GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD

##### What is it?

- Food from plants and animals whose genetic material (DNA) has been altered to produce desirable characteristics.

##### When is it used?

- All around the world in all types of foods, such as rice, soy and wheat; cattle (to develop more muscle tissue / produce more milk).

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**Why is it used?**

- To increase the amount of food produced.
- To improve the nutritional value of food and meet the needs of specific groups.
- To prevent crop failure and diseases in livestock.

**Are there any downsides?**

- Not enough data to prove good or bad effect on health.
- May be linked to increased risk of developing allergies.
- May lead to development of antibiotic resistance and development of new resistance to pandemics.

**Other information and trivia**

- Golden Rice was developed to provide the Asian population with vitamin A (beta-carotene).
- Over 80% of the world's soy cultivation area is planted with GM soy.

**3. COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN (CAD) / COMPUTER AIDED MANUFACTURING (CAM)****What is it?**

- Computer software used to support the design and manufacturing of products.

**When is it used?**

- It is used in instances where human work can be easily substituted by a machine.
- Usually used in repeatable processes.

**Why is it used?**

- To speed up the manufacturing process.
- To control the manufacturing conditions, e.g. moisture, temperature, time of production.
- To help design labels, calculate the nutritional value of food, etc.

**Are there any downsides?**

- May be expensive to set up and use as requires specific machines / products.
- Not suitable for all purposes, e.g. difficult to design machines to detect glass.
- Not suitable for producing custom items (unless ordered in large quantities).

**Other information and trivia**

- May be applied at almost every stage of food production.

**4. MARGARINES WITH ADDED PLANT EXTRACTS****What is it?**

- Vegetable fat spreads which have specific plant extracts added.

**When is it used?**

- Usually recommended for people who suffer from coronary heart disease / atherosclerosis to help lower cholesterol levels.

**Why is it used?**

- Helps to lower the LDL cholesterol in the blood and increase the HDL cholesterol.
- Helps to reduce the risk of heart attack / stroke or other complications.

**Are there any downsides?**

- Some vegetable fat spreads may contain *trans* fats, which increase the risk of coronary heart disease.
- May be more expensive than butter or other types of vegetable fat spread.

**Other information and trivia**

- The chemicals in the plant extract are called phytosterols or phytostanols.
- They are built similarly to cholesterol.

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## 5. PROBIOTICS AND PREBIOTICS

### What is it?

- Live bacteria which are 'friendly' for the human body (probiotics) and substances that feed these bacteria (prebiotics).

### When is it used?

- May be naturally present in foods such as sauerkraut, yoghurt, buttermilk (probiotics) and fruits (dietary fibre) (prebiotics).
- May be added to foods to improve their nutritional value (e.g. fibre may be added to cereal).
- May be consumed in the form of capsules.

### Why is it used?

- To improve the health and working of the digestive tract.
- To support vitamin absorption and production (some of the bacteria produce vitamins).
- To support digestion (e.g. some bacteria break down dietary fibre, providing energy).

### Are there any downsides?

- May cause bloating, especially at the beginning (as the 'bad' bacteria in the gut are killed by the new, good ones).

### Other information and trivia

- Due to the probiotic bacteria, people may obtain energy from fibre (approximately 10% of total energy intake).

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## Tech. Developments: Food for th

The rapid development of technology allowed us to not only produce food but also improve the way it affects our bodies.

Split into five groups. Your teacher will assign you with one topic that covers technological developments in food production. Your task is to complete the fact sheet by adding as much information about your topic as possible.

You are likely to learn more during the lesson – remember to add all the information you can.



What is it?

When is it used?

Why is it used?

Are there any downsides?

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Other information or trivia



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## Activity 13 – Food manufacturing – Be

### Teacher's Notes

#### Plenary activity: Correct the mistakes

<b>Aim of the activity</b>	To recap and reinforce information about food additives and their use in food production.
<b>Teacher's instructions</b>	Copy the student's worksheet to allow one per person. Allow students to spend 10 minutes to read the text and correct the mistakes.

### Answers



*Tartrazine is a colouring agent, it is not used to preserve food.*

Food additives are added to foods for a number of reasons. For example, tartrazine (a popular preservative) is used to prevent food from becoming discoloured. However, it can be a cause of some side effects for health such as allergic reactions, lack of concentration and hyperactivity.

Another group of additives is flavour intensifiers. These include monosodium glutamate, among others. They are used to enhance the flavour of products such as bread. Their negative effects could include numbness and tingling.

Among emulsifiers, lecithin is one of the best known. It is found naturally in egg yolks and vegetable oils, nuts and seeds. It helps to prevent food from separating, that's why it is added to products such as vinaigrette.

Colourings include both natural and chemically obtained substances. The most commonly used colouring is curcumin, which is used to give a yellow colour to yoghurts and sweets.

*Lecithin is found naturally in egg yolks.*



*Vinaigrette sauce doesn't contain any emulsifiers. A correct example could be mayonnaise.*

*Curcumin provides a yellow colour, not a preservative.*



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## Food manufacturing: Be the tea

Being a teacher may be really difficult. Especially when you need to mark those exams! Give us a helping hand and help us spot the mistakes in this student's essay below. Don't forget to provide the correct answer by



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Food additives are added to foods for a number of reasons. For example, tartrazine (a popular preservative) is used to prevent food from spoiling. However, it can be a cause of allergic reactions and effects for health such as rash, hives, lack of concentration and hyperactivity.

Another group of additives is flavour intensifiers. The most common are maize starch and monosodium glutamate, among others. These are used to enhance the flavour of products such as soups. Negative effects can include itching, sweating and



Another group of additives, emulsifiers, lecithin is one of the best known. It is naturally found in foods such as vegetable oils, nuts and seeds. It is used to prevent foods from splitting – that's why it is added to salad dressings such as vinaigrette.

Colourings include both natural and chemically synthesized substances. One of the most commonly used colourings is curcumin, which is used to give the red colour to



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