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Teacher's Introduction

This resource is designed to meet the Food provenance and food choice (Section B) element of the GCSE OCR Food Preparation and Nutrition qualification.

What it covers

The resource comprises six chapters covering the following:

Chapter 1: Food provenance

- Where food is grown, reared and caught
- How food is grown, reared and caught

Chapter 2: Food processing and production

- Food processing
- Food preservation methods

Chapter 3: Food security

- Moral and ethical issues
- Environmental issues

Chapter 4: Technological developments to support better health and food production

- Fortification of foods
- Additives in foods
- New and emerging foods

Chapter 5: Development of culinary traditions

- British cuisine
- International cuisines

Chapter 6: Factors influencing food choice

- Personal, social and economic factors affecting food choice
- Medical reasons (intolerances and allergies)
- Consumer information
- Religious and cultural beliefs
- Ethical and moral beliefs

How to use this resource

The resource covers all aspects of food safety and is designed to increase knowledge of the topic and enable learners to test their understanding and skills through a variety of assessment methods.

Learning Outcomes enable the learner to clearly see what they are expected to know at the end of each chapter. The **Overview** provides a brief summary of what will be covered in the chapter and the **Key Terms** provides information on key terms within the resource (key terms are emboldened within the chapter text).

Did you know?	These boxes contain handy tips.
Things to think about	These boxes provide learners with a chance to develop cognitive skills, do some research (books, Internet, people) and take part in a discussion.
Apply	These boxes provide the learner with the opportunity to further their skills, either through cognitive or practical application.
Qs	These test learners' knowledge and understanding through quick Y/N questions.
Revision tip	Useful tips to help the learner concentrate on important aspects of the text that may appear in the final assessment.
Check your understanding	A combination of multiple-choice questions and practice questions appear at the end of each section to test knowledge and understanding.
Quiz-ine	A crossword-style quiz at the end of each chapter to test learners' understanding of key terms used in the resource. The shaded squares spell out a word associated with the chapter text.
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Chapter 1: Food provenance (Food Source and Supply)

Overview

In this chapter you will explore how foods are grown, reared and caught. You will learn to recognise various types of fruit, vegetables, meats and fish and begin to classify them in terms of how they are sourced. You will also begin to discover various methods of farming along with their advantages and disadvantages.

Learning outcomes

After studying this chapter, you should be able to:

- ☐ know and distinguish between grown, reared and caught produce
- ☐ classify fruit, vegetables, meats and fish
- ☐ understand the advantages and disadvantages of different food sources
- ☐ understand the advantages and disadvantages of different farming methods

Key Terms

Factory farming	Type of agriculture focused on intensifying food production by rearing large numbers of animals in small areas of land, to increase production of eggs and to minimise potential costs
Fish farms	Tanks or enclosed sea areas in which fish or seafood is reared
Free-range	Farming method in which animals and birds are allowed to move freely for at least part of the day
Game	The meat of hunted animals and birds
Intensive farming	Type of agriculture focused on intensifying food production by using pesticides, herbicides, GM crops and other methods
Livestock	All animals domesticated and reared to provide food, wool or other products
Local food	Food produced locally, in a given region
Orchard	Enclosed area of land used to grow fruit or nut trees
Organic	Grown or reared with restricted use of any chemicals, pesticides or GM feed and GM organisms, under strict conditions
Polytunnel	Tunnel frame covered with polyethylene, used to grow plants
Poultry	The meat of farmed birds, e.g. chicken and turkey
Seasonal food	Food characteristic of a given season of the year
Tuber	Part of the plant which grows underground on the root
Venison	The meat of a deer

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Where food is grown, reared and caught

For a long time, people were hunter-gatherers, which means that their diet was based on their surroundings. This included wild animal meat, fish, and some fruit and herbs. Agriculture was invented and started to revolutionise humans' diet. Today, most of our food is produced using modern technologies; only a small amount of the food we eat is still gathered or caught.

Let's take a look at how foods are grown, reared and caught.

Grown foods

Foods may be grown in fields, orchards or polytunnels.

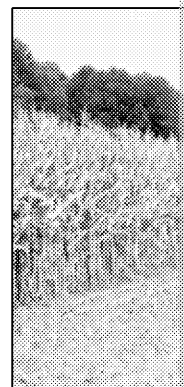
The most traditional way of growing food is in fields and **orchards**. These are large areas in which plants, vines and trees are grown to produce vegetables, fruit, oil and seeds. They are kept under the open sky, which means that they are susceptible to all weather changes, low and high temperatures, droughts and floods, soil overexploitation, pests, rodents, wild animals and birds. Managing a field or an orchard in a certain region also involves deciding what plants are actually capable of living in given conditions. All these factors mean that crops from fields and orchards are very unpredictable and require various treatments to overcome all possible dangers. To increase crops and prevent possible damage, most farmers decide to use pesticides, herbicides and many other chemicals.

The area of the UK that is used for growing food is about 1.5 million hectares.

51% of the UK's food is grown in the UK.



Picking apples in an orchard



Field of crops

Polytunnels were invented in the 1940's to enable the growth of tropical plants. They are long, plastic tunnels created to ensure the warmth and humidity necessary for proper development of such plants. Thanks to polytunnels, we can enjoy strawberries, cucumbers and lettuce all year long. Polytunnels protect the plants from external hazards such as weather changes or insects, and, therefore, it is easier to predict how much food will be produced.



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Where food is grown	What food is grown there	
Field	grains	cereals such as wheat, barley, oats
	oil plants	flax seed, rapeseed
	root vegetables, cruciferous plants and brassicas	potatoes, carrots, cabbages, cauliflower
	sugar plants	sugar beet
Orchard	mostly hard fruit and nuts	apples, cherries, pears, plums, peaches, apricots, olives, walnuts
Polytunnel	mainly soft fruit	strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, tomatoes
	vegetables	lettuces, cabbages, cauliflowers, aubergines, courgettes, peppers, eggplants
	mushrooms	white mushrooms, shiitake mushrooms

Did you know?

Some vegetables such as lettuce, basil, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and aubergines can be grown using hydroponics. This means that they are not planted in soil, but their roots are in water.

Research

Find out what plants can be grown hydroponically at [zzed.uk/8227-grow-hydroponically](https://www.zzed.uk/8227-grow-hydroponically)



Hydroponic farming

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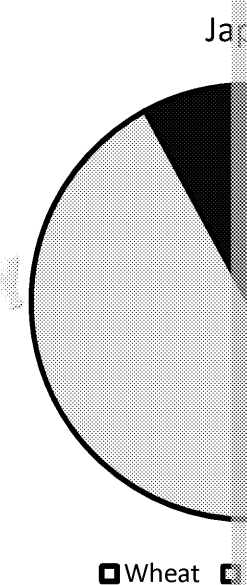
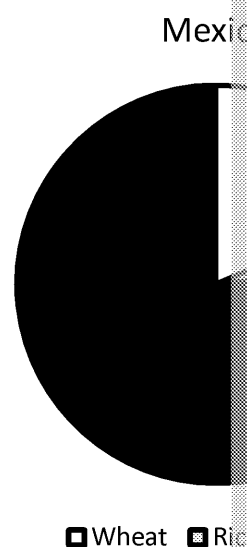
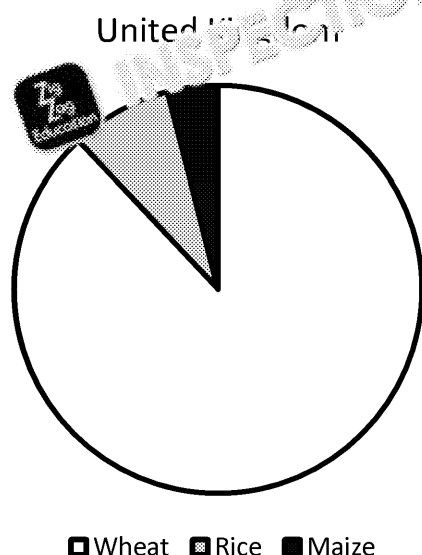


The region in which people live often determines what can be grown and, therefore, decides their diet. This usually is embodied in national dishes; for example, Mexican cuisine uses a lot of sweetcorn because maize grows in Mexico, but traditional British cuisine doesn't have any sweetcorn in it because the grain was introduced to the UK only at the end of the fifteenth century, and for a long time couldn't even be grown here because of the climate.

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The charts below illustrate the main three grains consumed around the world – w

Notice how consumption patterns change with the region and climate of each co
certain produce. According to *National Geographic*, the most popular foods in the
consumption) and wheat (18% of total consumption). Next, there are vegetable c



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Classification of fruit and vegetables

Botanically, fruits are plant parts which develop from fertilised flowers. They usually carry one or more seeds, which allow the reproduction of the plant. Due to the development of technology, it is possible to produce fruit which are seedless. Generally, fruit consist of a seed or seeds surrounded by a pericarp (the soft or hard fleshy part) and covered with skin. An exception is the strawberry, which has its seeds on the outside.

Fruit can be classified depending on how many flowers they are developed from. This means we can differentiate between simple fruit (developed from one ovary in a flower), multiple fruit (developed from multiple flowers gathered into a mass) and aggregate fruit (developed from multiple ovaries of a single flower).

Raspberries are multiple fruit

Fruit can also be classified according to their type / culinary use

Tree fruit	grow on trees, have an edible skin and firm texture	apple
Stone fruit	have a hard stone in the middle, usually surrounded by soft, fleshy pericarp	plum
Berries / soft fruit	soft texture and small pips	strawberry
Dry fruit	their skin becomes dry once they reach maturity	popcorn
Exotic fruit	characteristic of tropical countries, not grown in the UK	banana
Citrus fruit	surrounded by tough, aromatic skin, have a juice texture	orange

Vegetables can be classified depending on which part of the plant they come from

Fruits	ingredients which are botanically fruit, but are used as vegetables in cooking	courgette, cucumber, melon, aubergine
Seeds	those which grow in pods (which are also sometimes eaten)	green peas, beans
Flowers	the edible flowers	artichoke, broccoli
Leaves	made of the leaves	lettuce, kale, spinach
Stems	the edible stem which constitutes the main part of the vegetable	asparagus, celery
Roots	usually long or round-shaped	carrot, parsnip, beetroot, sugar beet
Bulbs	grow just below the surface of the ground and are built of many layers	garlic, onion, leek
Tubers	grow underground on the root of the plant	potato, yam, Jerusalem artichoke
Fungi	mushrooms can grow both above and under the ground	Portobello, button, truffle

Cereals can be generally classified as starchy cereals (e.g. wheat, barley, oats, rice, rapeseed).

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Things to think about (1.1)

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of growing foods in fields and gardens

Reared foods

People have learnt to rear a number of species to satisfy the needs of growing populations (among others) cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, rabbits and poultry. Animals are reared for their milk and wool, and for their muscle power (for example, horses are still used as working animals in some countries). Also their excrement is used to produce energy or as a fertiliser. According to local habits or requests, people can rear camels, reindeer or even snails.

The need to maintain economic growth and produce more and more food has led to the development of **factory farms**. These are usually large enterprises, rearing hundreds or often thousands of live stock. This applies especially to cows (dairy farms), pigs (reared for pork) and hens (reared for eggs or meat). Factory farms often apply the rules of **intensive farming**, to increase production and the profit it brings.

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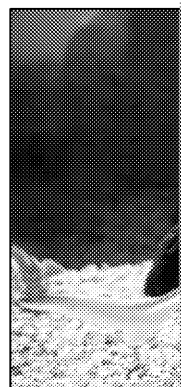
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The following table gives a summary of what animals people rear and why.

What people rear...	... and why
Cattle	Leather, beef, milk and dairy, energy
Poultry	Meat, eggs, feathers
Horses	Meat, entertainment, muscle
Pigs	Pork, leather, fertiliser

Also, some fish are considered reared foods. These include salmon, trout, cod, carp, catfish and some shellfish raised on **fish farms** that were created especially for human needs. In fish farms, fish are kept in large containers (fish tanks), which are sometimes seriously overcrowded.

Although this might be ethically dubious, fish farms help to prevent and avoid overfishing of the seas and oceans, and help to preserve naturally occurring species. The fish in fish farms is reared for meat and caviar, and leftovers or non-edible parts are used to produce animal feed.



Sturgeon

Research

Read more about fish farming in the UK at zzed.uk/8227-farming-fish and discover the steps in fish production. Do fish farms use organic or conventional farming methods?

Poultry, such as hens, ducks, geese and turkeys, are reared all around the world for their meat and eggs. These animals are usually kept in henhouses. The birds may be kept in tight cages, or more free-range, where they can move around the henhouse and even be allowed to go outside. The way in which poultry are reared affects the quality of the meat and eggs produced. Also, **organic farming** rules may apply here – this is why organic meat and eggs are more expensive. (organic farming will be discussed in more detail in this chapter.)

Nowadays, it is more and more popular to rear animals which were traditionally not reared, such as boar.

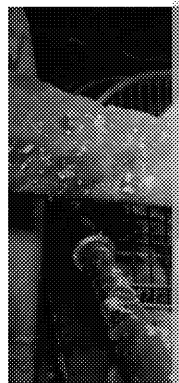
You may sometimes meet ecologists or animal welfare activists who are protesting about the conditions the animals are kept in or the way they are treated.

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An example of this is rearing geese in France using a method in which feed is forced into their stomachs via tubes to increase the growth of liver and fat tissue, for the production of foie gras. This method of rearing has been labelled as cruel and, therefore, banned in the UK, although it is legal to buy foie gras.

Another example is squeezing many animals in tight boxes placed on top of each other, as is the case in battery farms (these have been banned in the UK). The hens can also have their wings cut to prevent them from moving too much and their beaks trimmed to prevent them from fighting with each other.



Force-feed
fattening

Other concerns regarding rearing of the animals include:

- keeping animals in closed conditions without access to natural sunlight
- cramming in animals so they can't turn around or move (e.g. cows in feed trucks)
- using antibiotics to prevent diseases and speed up the growth of animals, resulting in microorganisms (which, in the near future, may lead to creation of superbugs)
- genetically manipulating DNA of animals to produce more muscle tissue, so animals would
- overexploiting animals, which shortens their life (an intensely reared cow compared to around 20 for one living in the wild)
- transport conditions – when animals are finally transported to slaughterhouses, trucks and often spend a couple of days without food or water before the slaughter
- slaughtering conditions, in which animals' throats are slit open and the animal is left alive

Classification of meat and poultry

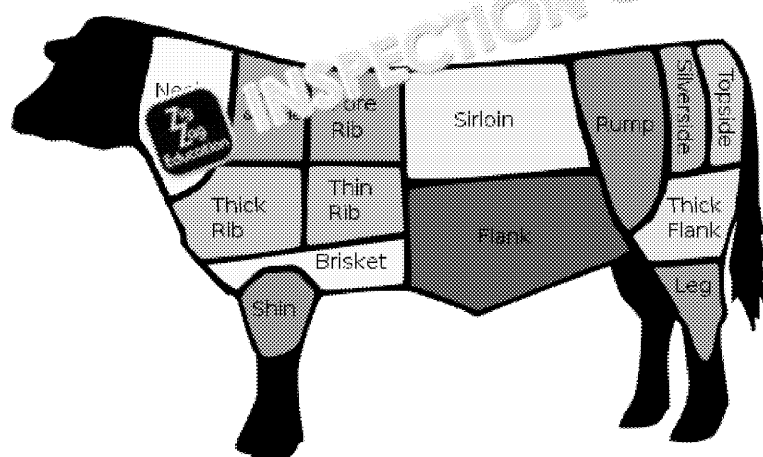
Meat is the muscle tissue of animals. Usually it can be divided into:

- lamb (meat from sheep younger than 12 months)
- beef and veal
- pork (from pigs)
- poultry (from chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, etc.)
- game (both from mammals and birds – see caught foods for more information)
- offal (the edible internal organs of the animal)

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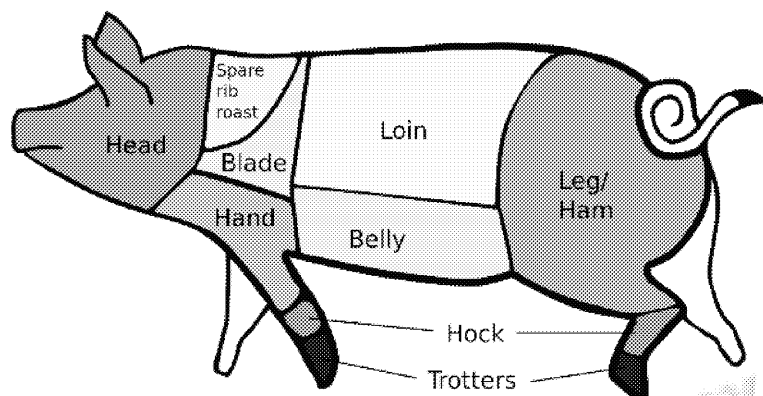
The origin of meat and the way the animal was reared determine its quality, flavour and texture. Different cuts of beef, pork and lamb, and their culinary uses, are shown in the diagrams below.



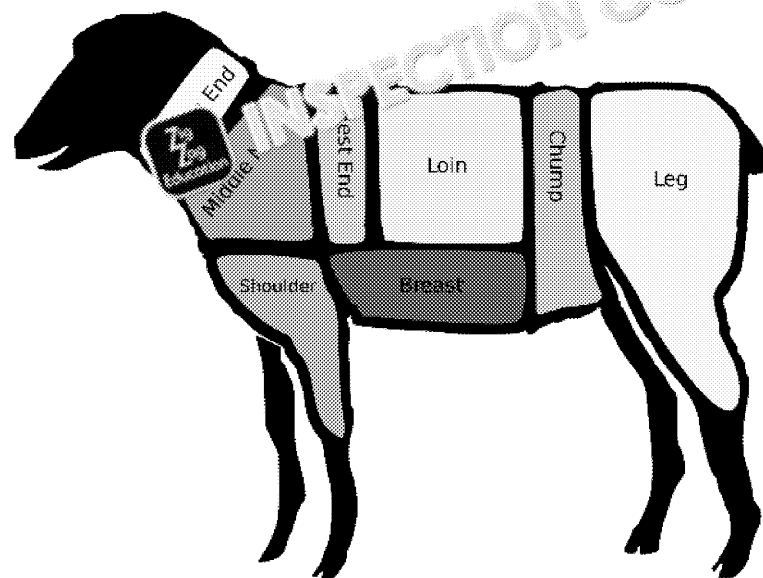
- Chuck and brisket – used for braising
- Fore rib – used for roasting
- Sirloin – steaks, also used in mince
- Rump – steaks
- Silverside and Flank (skirt) – used for roasting
- Leg and shank – used for roasting
- Thin rib – used for roasting
- Thick rib – used for roasting
- Brisket – used for roasting

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Head – slow
Spare rib –
Blade – slow
Loin – grilling
Leg (ham) –
braising, roasting
Belly – braising, roasting
Hand – slow
Hocks and



Scrag end and
braising, roasting
Best end (roasting)
Loin – grilling
Chump – grilling
Leg – roasting
Breast – roasting
Shoulder –
slow cooking

Meat can also be divided into fatty and lean, depending on the amount of fat in it. Bacon, while tenderloin is an example of lean meat.

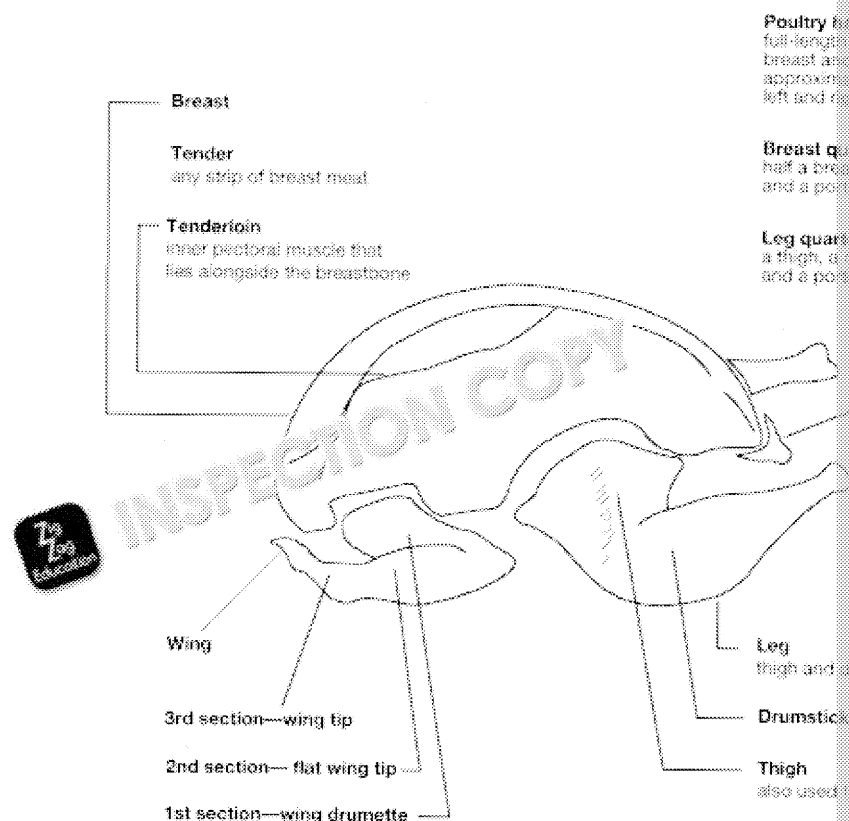
Research

Go to [zzed.uk/8227-meat-clasification](https://www.zzed.uk/8227-meat-clasification) to see how lamb, beef and pork are

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Poultry includes the meat of domesticated fowls, such as chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese. This diagram shows the main cuts of poultry carcass.



The breast is usually the most tender part, which requires short cooking. The wings are usually cooked longer than the breast. The wings make them a suitable base for preparing aspic (savory jelly). After marinating, they can be steamed, stewed, fried or roasted. The carcass that is left after portioning (consisting of the backbone, neck and tail) can be used as a base for preparing soups and stocks. It is important to remove the skin as it accumulates mainly under the skin, so removing it is a good way of reducing the fat content.

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Caught foods

Caught foods include all wild animals that can be hunted and eaten. This includes game and wild fish that live in the seas and oceans (such as tuna, mackerel, herring and shellfish).

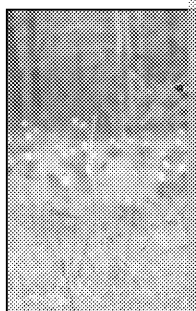
In the United Kingdom, game (or quarry) is defined by the Game Act of 1831 and the Deer Act of 1991. The name applies to such animal species as grouse, ducks, geese, pheasants, hares, rabbits and deer. The deer meat can be also called *venison*.

People have been hunting animals for centuries – either for food, horns and antlers, sport or entertainment. Since this has led to the extinction of many species, it is now often either forbidden to hunt certain species or it is allowed in certain seasons only.

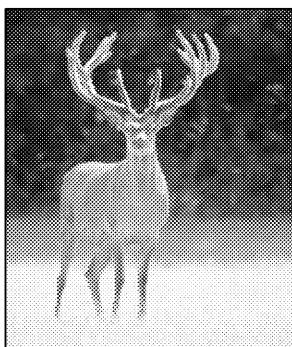
Some wild animals – especially those high in numbers and causing damage to crops – can be hunted all year long with a permit. This applies to wild boar, for example.



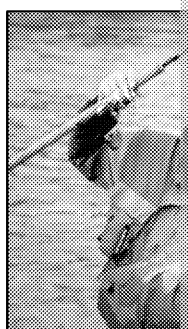
Pheasant is often hunted for its delicate meat



Certain breeds of deer can be hunted



Some species, such as deer, can only be hunted outside the breeding season. This is to protect the species and prevent its extinction.



A man showing a fish

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Classification of fish and game

Caught animals can be divided into:

- small birds, e.g. thrush, quail
- winged game, e.g. pheasant, wild goose, woodcock, grouse, partridge
- ground game, e.g. hare, rabbit
- big game, e.g. deer, wild boar, moose, caribou

Since these animals live in the wild, we have no control over what they may have could carry. For that reason, it is advisable to have them checked by a vet before they could carry parasites such as *Trichinella spiralis*.

Fish for culinary purposes can be divided into subgroups depending on:

- their natural environment – saltwater fish and freshwater fish
- their shape – flatfish or round fish
- their fat content – lean fish (less than 5% fat), mid-fat fish and oily fish (more than 5% fat)

The examples for each are shown in the table below.

Criterion	Type of fish	Examples
origin	Saltwater fish	Cod, Mackerel, Sea bream
	Freshwater fish	Carp, Salmon
shape	Flatfish	Sea bream, Sole
	Roundfish	Carp, Salmon
fat content	Lean fish	Cod, Sea bream
	Mid-fat fish	Halibut
	Oily fish	Herring, Mackerel

Nowadays, more and more animals that have traditionally been classified as caught animals are now farmed, e.g. oyster farms. This helps to control their quality and safety, as well as the amount is produced. It also helps to preserve the environment and protect wildlife.

Did you know?

In some countries and communities, gathering foods is still popular. This includes gathering herbs, mushrooms, wild berries and roots.

Herbs such as stinging nettles may then be used in the production of herb teas, certain kinds of cheese, medicines and dietary supplements, cosmetics and as animal feed. Mushroom picking is popular especially in Eastern Europe where various kinds of mushrooms are picked from early May (e.g. chanterelles) to late October (e.g. porcini).

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Check your understanding

Where food is grown, reared and

1. Cattle are reared for...
 - a. meat ☐
 - b. milk ☐
 - c. biofuel ☐
 - d. all of the above ☐
2. Oily fish do NOT include...
 - a. mackerel ☐
 - b. trout ☐
 - c. cod ☐
 - d. salmon ☐
3. Kiwi is an example of...
 - a. exotic fruit ☐
 - b. citrus fruit ☐
 - c. berry ☐
 - d. stone fruit ☐
4. Give two examples of each type of the vegetables shown in the table.

leaves	
roots	
fruit	

5. Give two reasons for rearing fish in fish farms.
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6. Evaluate the factors for and against growing plants in polytunnels.
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How food is grown, reared and c

All food ingredients can be grown or reared in various ways. Most commonly use and **factory farming**, although in the past decade **organic** farming has been gaining you will learn about various methods of food production, including various metho production.

Conventional farming

Conventional (or **intensive**) farming is a kind of agriculture in which the main target To achieve that, farmers may choose to use:

- pesticides
- herbicides
- GM seeds which are resistant to bad weather conditions
- artificial fertilisers
- or all of the above

Conventional farming usually leads to deterioration in soil quality, which means it cannot be used for growing any more. Conventional farming may also lead to low compromised ecosystems, since so many chemicals are introduced. Since conventional agriculture) allows the use of fertilisers, pesticides, chemicals and GM organisms, yield crops and, therefore, produce a larger amount of food for a greater number more and more often since it increases production and raises the profits.

Studies have shown that various pesticides and chemicals used in conventional farming may be harmful for human health. Also, intensive farming includes the choice of certain breeds to increase crops, which may lead to some species extinction. For example, genetically modified seeds are more resistant to water, so will survive during a flood, while naturally occurring seeds will rot. Also, choosing to rear just one breed of cow because it produces more muscle tissue for meat means that all the other breeds will not be reared any more.

Did you

The use of antibiotics has led to antibiotic-resistant bacteria species

This is dangerous because there may be no antibiotic to help people fight

Factory farming

Factory farming is an agriculture method in which a large amount of **livestock** is kept to increase production of meat, milk or eggs, and to lower possible costs and invest profit is the most important consideration, factory farmers can choose to rear certain (with low biodiversity) and use antibiotics to prevent potential diseases. Other practices may include cutting birds' wings or beaks to prevent them fighting with each other, with welfare activists and organisations.

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Organic farming

As opposed to conventional and factory farming, organic farming is focused on producing food while maintaining soil quality, ecosystems, natural resources and biodiversity. Organic farming is subject to many legal restrictions; it can only use very restricted chemicals – not including artificial fertilisers, pesticides, herbicides – and cannot use preventive antibiotics, **genetically modified (GM)** crops or animal feed made with the use of GM crops (you will learn more about genetically modified food later on in this course). Farmers can sustain their crops by the use of crop rotation and natural fertilisers (e.g. manure) to support soil health. Antibiotics can be used (to cure it, not to prevent it).

Did you know?
The use of antibiotics in farming can lead to the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, which can then be passed on to humans through the food chain or direct contact with the animals.

Revision Tip

'Organic' means:

- fewer pesticides
- no artificial colours or preservatives
- the highest standards of animal welfare
- no routine use of antibiotics
- GM-free

The way we grow and rear our food has a big impact on the environment and our health.

Organic farming means that fewer fertilisers and pesticides are used (under restrictions), and that are natural.

It is believed that organic food is healthier than conventional foods. Organic farmers use a different way of preserving nutrients in the soil. They use natural plants to fertilise the crops and fight pests. This allows maintenance of species diversity and allows farmers to plant many different species to ensure a healthy soil.

Also, as naturally occurring plants have various requirements for minerals, water and nutrients, farmers around the world have to use different varieties, as others would simply not survive.

Research

Find out more about organic food at [zzed.uk/8227-organic-food](https://www.zzed.uk/8227-organic-food)



Soil Association
organic symbol



EU organic logo

Organic farming in the United Kingdom is promoted by the Soil Association, which sets standards and is a certification body for farmers. Specific and detailed restrictions are in place for the European Union (EU) to ensure standards are met around the continent.

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Sustainable farming

Sustainable farming allows the use of modern technologies but under the condition of the ability to maintain their populations. It is especially important in fishing, since extensive countries and corporations have put many wild fish species at risk of extinction (e.g. cod). Sustainable farming means that eco-friendly rules are applied in order to maintain animal welfare and quality of life are maintained, and various resources (such as water)

It is worth noting that sustainable farming and intensive farming can work together to ensure the maintenance of high-yield crops, and keep soil healthy and nutritious for future generations.

Other forms of sustainable agriculture include the use of such methods as nitrogen fertiliser, crop rotation, soil amendment or soil steaming. They allow the maintenance of high-yield crops as well as being necessary for the proper growth of plants.

The best-known example of sustainable farming is fish farms.

Sustainable fishing

Fish is a source of high biological value (HBV) proteins, omega-3 fatty acids and vitamins A and D. Fish should, therefore, be a part of a healthy diet.

Unfortunately, the growing need for them and illegal fishing have led to a situation where 90% of natural fisheries are overexploited. This is not only because a large number of fish have been caught, but also because destructive catching methods were being used. For example, bottom trawling includes dragging the fishing net along the sea floor, which disrupts the ecosystem. Another method is pair trawling, in which a fishing net is stretched between two boats. This leads to a by-catch, which means catching unwanted fish, seaweed and other sea creatures. Also, the size of fishing nets plays a role, as using openings which are too small will lead to the catching of very small fish, which won't be used for food and also won't be able to grow and rebuild the population.

For this reason, the Common Fisheries Policy was implemented. It states the way in which fish should be caught (especially in wild fisheries) and at what rate – this is important to avoid extinction and allow them to regrow their population.

Sustainable fish farms should implement two general rules: ensure the health of the fish and the catching method. Fish farms help to protect wild fish and other species that are not being caught, and produce enough food to feed the growing population.

Fish farms allow producers to rear fish and seafood for their own use, or for caviar, for example. This is done for various reasons.

Fish can also be sustainably obtained from wild fisheries (those naturally occurring). There are various methods of fishing – some of them more destructive than others.

- **Purse seining** means fishing with the use of a large net in which fish and other sea creatures are caught. This leads to by-catch.
- **Long lining** means fishing with the use of a long line to which other lines are attached, each of which ends with a hook; this is not a sustainable method of fishing as it often attracts unwanted species of fish and other sea animals (e.g. turtles) leading to a significant by-catch.
- **Bottom trawling** means pulling a large net along the sea bottom, used to catch shrimp and bottom-dwelling fish; this can damage the fish habitats and permanently affect the fish population.

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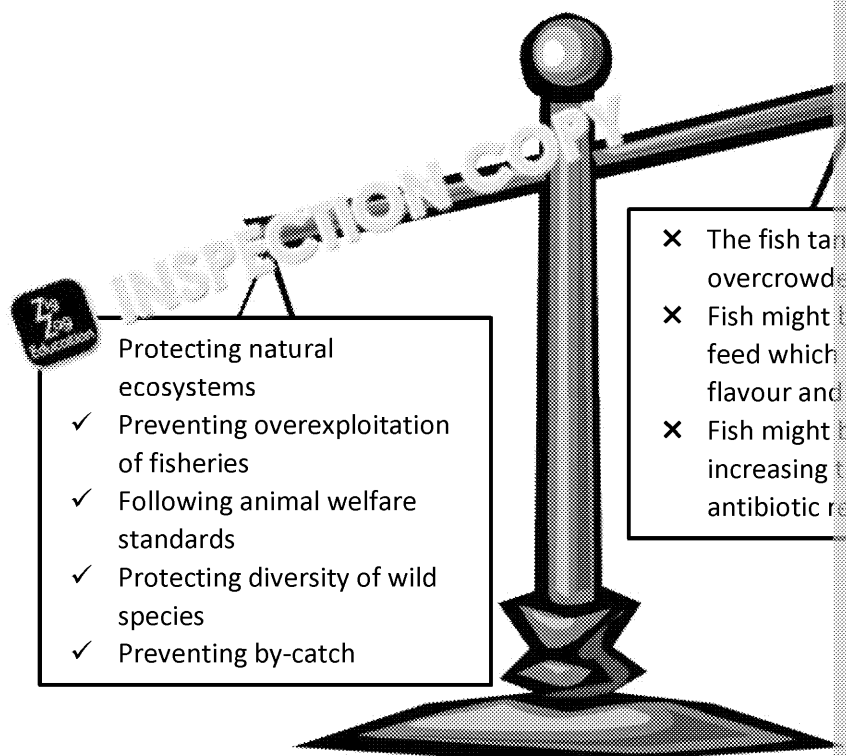
By catching a sea turtle, you were also catching the fish it was eating.

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- **Harpooning** means using harpoons, which are thrown at individual fish; this method since only the intended fish are caught (no by-catch).
- **Floating traps** in which traps and weirs are suspended in water, attracting fish. Fish are trapped inside a box, but is not harmed; once the box is removed from the water, the fish may be released back to the sea if it wasn't the intended fish or shellfish.

The advantages and disadvantages of sustainable fishing are shown below.



Research

Visit the website [zzed.uk/8227-sustainable-seafood](https://www.zzed.uk/8227-sustainable-seafood) and list fish species which are endangered due to overfishing. Then try to research fish species which are sustainable.

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Seasonal and locally produced foods

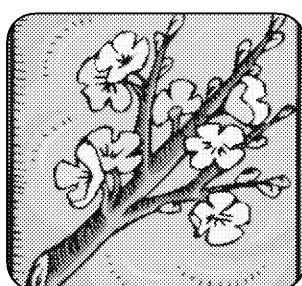
Before the development of modern technologies, people had to eat what was available in their environment. This forced them to eat only seasonally growing, **local foods** (for example, no lemons or oranges). Today, some people are turning back to the idea, claiming

There are four main seasons of the year, and each can be characterised by different

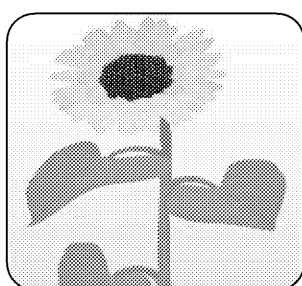
- In spring, most plants start to bloom and produce their first shoots. As June becomes available.
- Summer is usually very rich in various fruit and vegetables, because sunlight, warmth and moisture provide them with excellent growth conditions.
- In autumn, most root vegetables are harvested. Also, while the crops last, fruit and vegetables can be produced for the winter.
- In winter very few plants produce any food, and, therefore, the diet is based on whatever was preserved or kept during the whole year – full of stored fruit!

Did you know?

This is one of 'five' the diet seasons.



Spring



Summer



Autumn

sprouts
rhubarb
leeks
cauliflowers
lettuces
kale
spring onions

peas
berries
courgettes
cucumbers
cherries
peaches
apricots

aubergines
apples
pears
plums
pumpkins
celery
cabbages

Plant foods characteristic of each season

The development of transportation, increasing in ports and new technologies have allowed people to break these rules. Thanks to these developments, tomatoes, for example, can be produced in polytunnels and oranges can be brought from overseas, and some fruit and vegetables (such as strawberries) are available all year long!

Seasonality applies also to non-plant foods. It may just as well be linked to fish, meat, poultry and eggs. This is based on the natural cycles of animals' lives – from birth, through growth to maturity and breeding.

Also, cheese production has, for hundreds of years, been linked to the lactation of cows and sheep produce milk between March and October only and, therefore, it is tastier then. However, intensive farming methods allow production of milk all year, so we can enjoy tasty, fresh cheese whenever we wish.

Did you know?

Nature does not wait for the cold.

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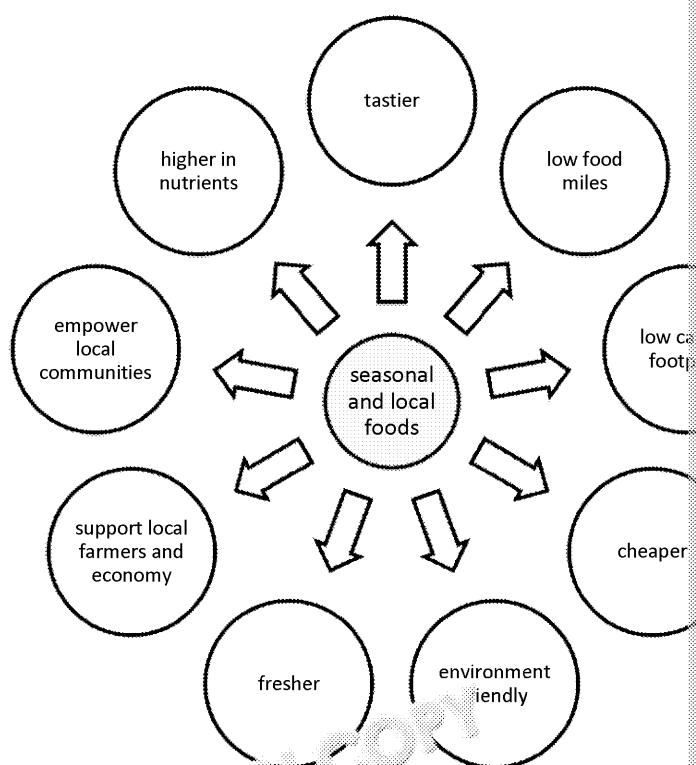


Examples of seasonal animal-based foods are shown in the table below.

Month	Food available
January	Duck, turkey, haddock, halibut, lobster, oysters
February	Hare, partridge, venison, lemon sole, scallops, turbot
March	Mussels, oysters, salmon, mackerel
April	Lamb, wood pigeon, crab, plaice, sea trout
May	Lamb, prawns, sardines, shrimps
June	Scallops, coley, herring
July	Rabbit, pollock, whitebait
August	Beef, lamb, rabbit, venison, monkfish, perch
September	Beef, duck, grouse, guinea fowl, rabbit
October	Goose, venison, mackerel, oysters
November	Malton cheese, pheasant, turkey, skate, winkles
December	Goose, rabbit, turkey, venison, cod, Dover sole, queen scallop

Advantages and disadvantages of local and seasonal foods

As with anything, seasonal and local foods have their benefits and downsides.



Advantages of seasonal and local foods

It is believed that seasonal foods are higher in nutrients – that's because they were grown in natural conditions with access to water, nutrient-rich soil and natural sunlight. As they are often produced locally and, therefore, there is no need to pick them prematurely in distant places.

For this reason, the foods are fresher, because there is no need to store them for long periods of time because they don't have to travel long distances from producer to customer. Because they ripen naturally, they are higher in sugars and other substances that make them taste better. They are also environmentally friendly because it reduces the food miles and lowers the carbon footprint (see Chapter 3). Low transport costs is a factor that affects the final price of the food.

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Buying locally also enables economic growth, supports local communities and enables local farmers.

The disadvantages of seasonal and local food include:

- narrow choice – because only certain foods can be produced on an area of land (especially to plants)
- lack of diversity
- unpredictability – weather changes, floods or droughts and vermin may lead to small quantities of crops, which may result in food shortage or food waste and the need for storage)
- loss of convenience – because you can eat or cook only what's just growing (e.g. you can't have sushi for dinner (unless there are rice crops nearby))
- need for creativity – so that your meals aren't boring (after all, you only have a limited choice)

Research

Visit the  [zigzag.co.uk/8227-seasonal-food](https://www.zigzag.co.uk/8227-seasonal-food) to list the foods which are currently in season. Are any of them produced in your area?

Apply

Design a dinner which consists of seasonal foods only.



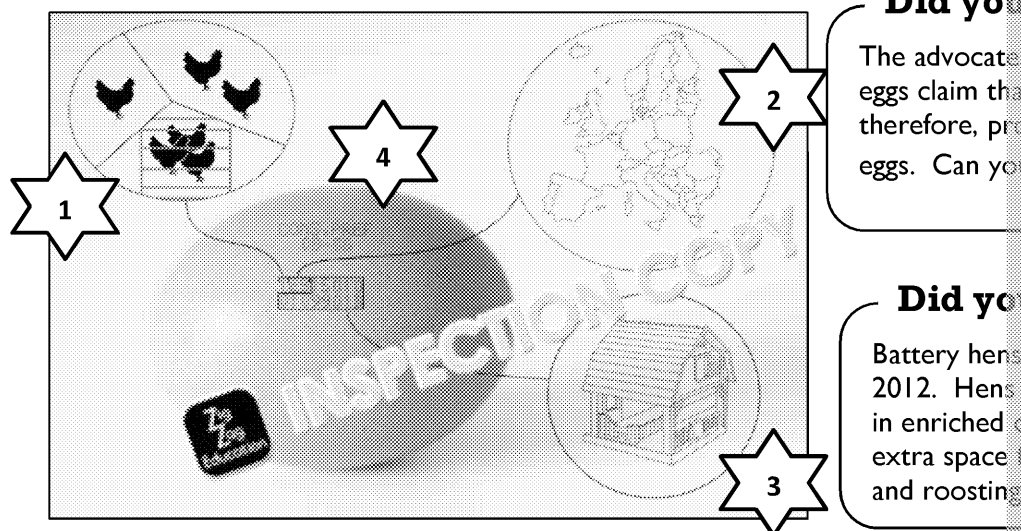
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Egg production – cage, barn, free-range and organic

The way eggs are produced affects their safety and nutritional value. In the European Union, eggs are labeled with a stamp that contains certain information about their origin and method of production. This may change in the UK as a result of laws changing because of Brexit.



Did you know?

The advocates of free-range eggs claim that they are healthier and therefore, produce better eggs. Can you prove it?

Did you know?

Battery hens were banned in 2012. Hens must now be kept in enriched cages with extra space for exercise and roosting.

The stamp on the eggs has to contain the following information: 1) method of production; 2) producer's ID; 3) date mark; 4) date of production.

1. The first information in the code is **method of production**. That refers to the way the hens are kept. It shows whether they were kept in cages, allowed to move around the barn or free-range.

The details of egg production methods are specified in the table below.

Method of production	Description
Enriched cage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hens are kept in tight cages placed on top of each other Hens cannot move around the barn Hens often have cut wings to minimise movement Hens may have trimmed beaks to avoid fights The most popular method in Great Britain Very cost-effective
Barn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hens can move freely around the barn Hens can have cut wings to prevent them from flying Hens may have trimmed beaks to avoid fights Their activity–sleep time is regulated by artificial lights
Free-range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hens are let outside for at least part of the day Space per bird is increased, stocking density is nine hens per square metre Perching space is provided for each hen Hens have access to natural sunlight for at least part of the day Second most popular method in Great Britain
Organic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has to respect all criteria for free-range rearing Birds have to be fed organic feed only Flock sizes are smaller Birds have more opportunity to roam outside and from an organic feed

In the United Kingdom, animal welfare can be ensured by following the standards set by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA). The logo can be found on foods where the standards are met. This applies to meat and poultry.

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The code on the label also indicates the following:

2. The country of origin is indicated by the letters following method of production and uses commonly recognised country symbols; for example, UK means United Kingdom, ES means Spain, DE stands for Germany and NL is the Netherlands.
3. The farm ID allows you to trace which farm produced the egg; this is especially important if food poisoning occurs, because it can help stop further spread of disease.
4. Best before date.

Some people prefer to buy eggs directly from local farmers. This may affect the safety as they often do not perform antimicrobial tests for *Salmonella* or wash the eggs, for example. The risk of spreading *Salmonella* bacteria is prevented in the UK by following the rules of the British Lion Quality scheme.



Did you know?

In 2015, there were 10.02 billion eggs produced in the UK. An additional 2.1 billion eggs were imported.



Apply

While shopping, look at the labels on eggs and think about their origin and method of production. Which is most popular?

Research

Visit the website zzed.uk/8227-egg-info and find out differences in the quality of eggs.



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Check your understanding

How food is grown, reared and processed

- Which of the following statements about organic farming is TRUE?
a. It allows the use of artificial herbicides. ☐ b. It allows routine use of antibiotics. ☐
c. It allows the use of GM feed. ☐ d. None of the above. ☐
- Which of the following is TRUE about free-range hens?
a. They live in cages. ☐ b. They are allowed to roam freely. ☐
c. They live in barns. ☐ d. They only eat organic feed. ☐
- Which of the following is FALSE?
a. Locally produced food helps to decrease emission of greenhouse gases. ☐
b. Locally produced food is always organic. ☐
c. Seasonal foods are often more nutritious than non-seasonal food. ☐
d. Seasonal foods are usually less expensive than non-seasonal food. ☐
- Compare organic and intensive farming methods.

Organic farming	Intensive farming

- State two benefits of sustainable farming.
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- Assess the impact various farming methods have on the quality and safety of food.
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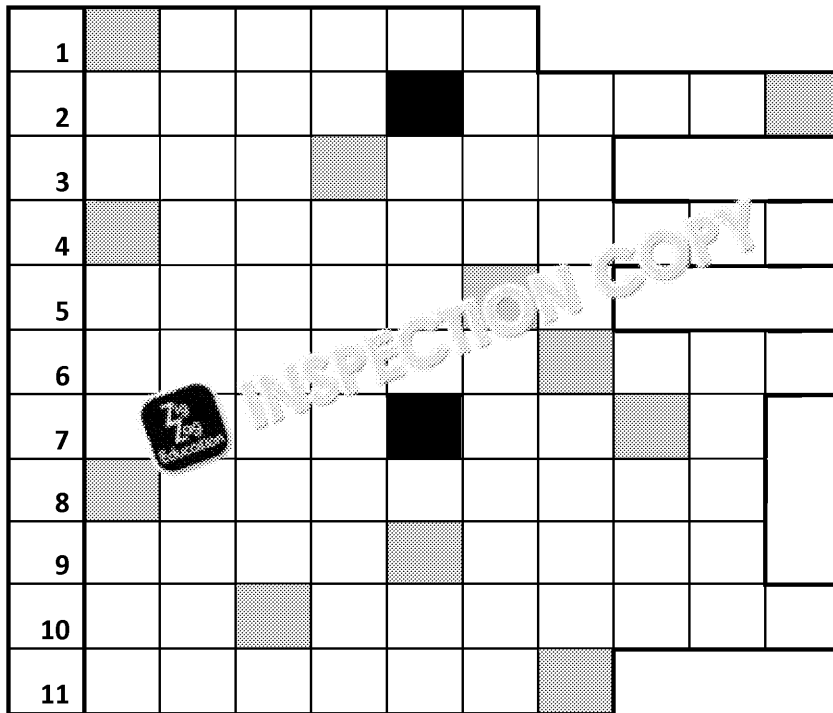
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Quiz-ine

Fill in the answers to the questions below to reveal a word relevant to food provenance (the black squares are spaces between words).



1. Oily fish caught for its characteristic pink flesh. (6)
2. Farmed animals and birds which are allowed to roam outside. (4-5)
3. Ingredients and foods produced without any artificial substances. (7)
4. The only fruit which has its seeds on the outside. (10)
5. The meat of a deer. (7)
6. This allows year-round availability of vegetables and herbs. (10)
7. Greasy pate made of goose liver. (4, 4)
8. Animals reared to provide food or other goods. (9)
9. Chemical used to kill weeds. (9)
10. Drug used in conventional farming to prevent diseases. (10)
11. Meat of a chicken or turkey is classified as _____. (7)

The shaded squares reveal this word: _____

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Chapter 2: Food processing and

Overview

In this chapter you will learn what primary and secondary processes foods go through before finding their way to your plate. You will also learn how the processing affects nutritional and sensory features of the foods you eat. Lastly, you will discover various methods of food preservation, both domestic and industrial, that allow our foods to last much longer.

Learning outcomes

After studying this chapter you should be able to

- ☐ describe the difference between primary processes
- ☐ distinguish between processed and unprocessed foods
- ☐ explain how processing affects the nutritional value of foods
- ☐ explain how various preservation methods work

Key Terms

AFD	Accelerated freeze-drying; processing method during which food is frozen under pressure to enable sublimation of water (without the liquid stage) and removal of moisture from the food
Bran	Outer layer of a grain
CAP	Controlled atmosphere packaging; storage method in which the composition of air (amount of various gases, humidity and temperature) is controlled
Coagulation	A process by which proteins aggregate together and form a solid mass, e.g. in the production of yoghurt and cheese
Curd	Coagulated milk, a stage in cheese production
Fermentation	A process in which sugar is turned into lactic acid or alcohol, often conducted by bacteria and yeast
Homogenisation	The process of breaking down fat molecules to make them more evenly distributed throughout the mixture
Lactose	Milk sugar
MAP	Modified atmosphere packaging; packaging method in which the composition of various gases inside a package of food is altered
Pasteurisation	A process in which product is heated to 72 °C to kill harmful bacteria and extend shelf life
Primary processing	All actions applied to food that do not change its features significantly
Probiotic	Bacteria species that are beneficial for health
Rennet	An enzyme found in calves' stomachs, used in cheese production to coagulate milk
Secondary processing	Actions applied to food which change its features significantly
Sterilisation	A process in which a food is heated to high temperatures to kill all microorganisms and spores and enhance shelf life (e.g. in the production of sterilised milk)
Trans fats	Harmful fats generated as an effect of partial (incomplete) hydrogenation of unsaturated fats
Whey	A milky liquid by-product of cheese production

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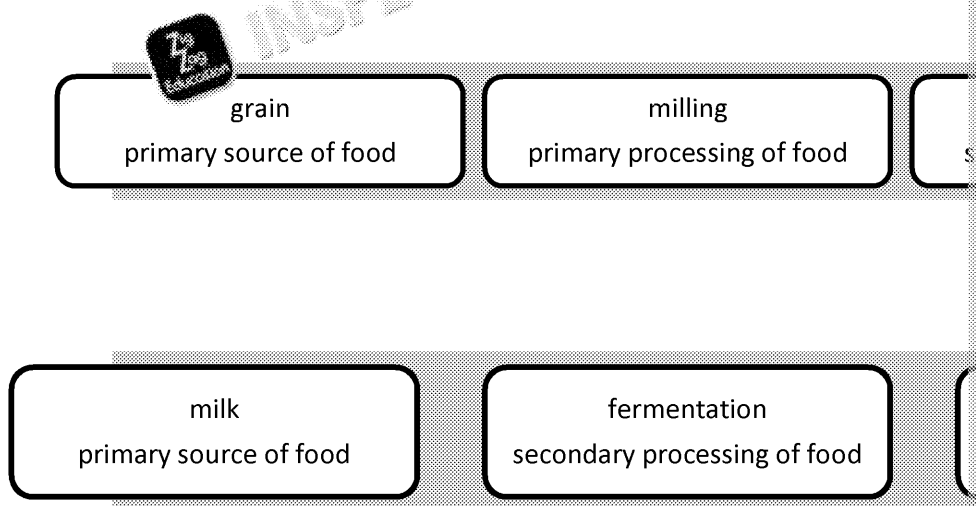


Food processing

Food production is the process of growing crops and rearing animals, and then converting them into appetising meals. Many raw products are edible, but still have to go through some processing before they can be actually eaten; for example, strawberries have to be washed and potatoes have to be processed to ensure it's safe to eat, lengthen its shelf life, maintain its nutritional value, and assure its variety and affordability. Food processing includes two main stages:

1. **Primary processing**, which makes the food usable
2. **Secondary processing**, to make food more convenient to use and lengthen its shelf life

The foods in their natural state are called primary sources of food – they include fruits, vegetables and eggs in their natural, raw state. If they are processed in any way, they are called secondary sources of food. You can see examples of primary and secondary sources of food on the diagram below.



Primary processing of food

Primary processing of food consists of all actions taken to make raw produce ready for consumption. It does not affect the features of nutritional value of food products in a significant way.

Primary processing of plant-derived foods

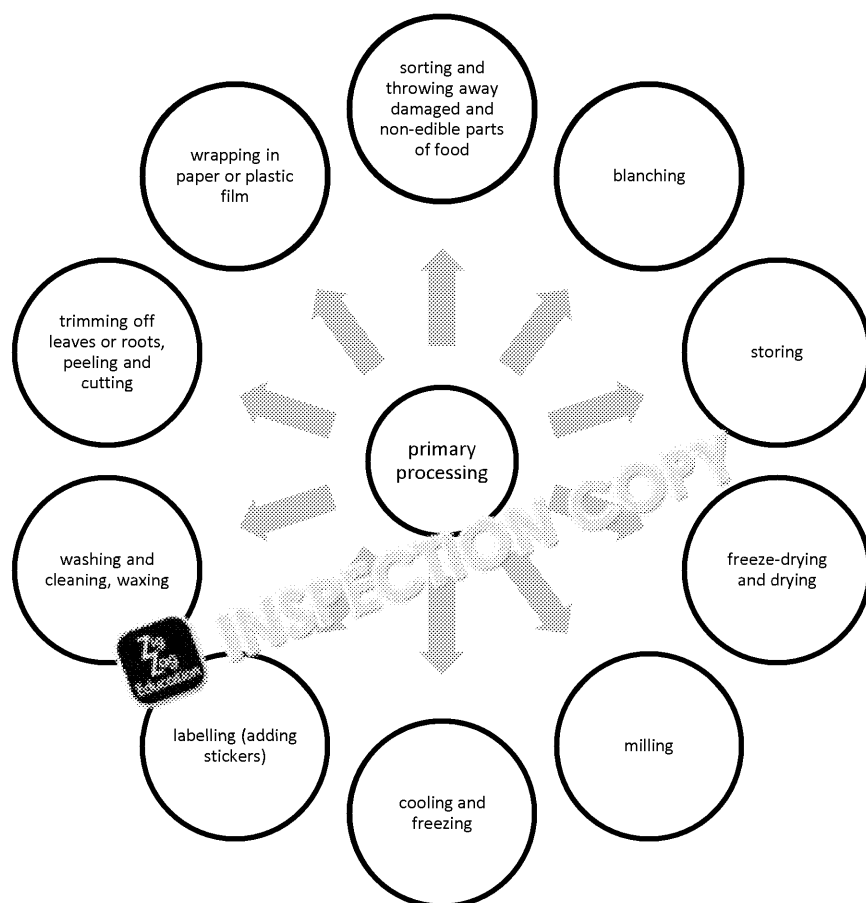
That includes actions taken after the produce has been harvested or picked, such as washing, slicing, bagging, labelling and many other actions taken to ensure the plant-derived foods are safe to be eaten or used for further processing.

Primary processed fruit and vegetables are usually sold raw, dried or frozen, either as whole or cut. The primary processes applied to plant-derived foods are shown in the diagram on the next page.

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The first few steps of primary processing are pretty straightforward – the food has to be washed, sorted, and trimmed to remove inedible parts, and sorted to separate it from missing parts. The food can be either prepared for sale (e.g. by waxing and adding stickers) or processed further. The food can be prepared for sale or processed further to make it more convenient or safer to use. These stages could include one or more of the following:

Blanching is the process in which fruit or vegetables are immersed into boiling water (for around two minutes) and then plunged into ice-cold water. The process is mainly used to prevent food from becoming susceptible to enzymic browning, such as apples or potatoes. Blanching is used on some fruit and vegetables before freezing. Blanching prevents the food from becoming discoloured and preserves its nutritional value.

Cooling includes refrigeration and freezing foods – all the way from the factory to the point of sale. The point of this is to slow down the growth of microorganisms which could spoil the food and reduce its value.

Drying is a process in which most of the water in food is evaporated at high temperatures. Dried food is less prone to microorganism growth and, therefore, extends its shelf life. Drying can be used on heat-resistant foods, and helps obtain products such as powdered milk, cereals, potato flakes, etc.

Storing the food is the final step of primary processing, which means keeping it in coolers, fridges, freezers or other kinds of storage for a prolonged period of time. Storage conditions are very important and have to be tailored to fit a particular product. During storage, the proper temperature, lighting, air quality and protection from pests have to be ensured, as otherwise the food could be spoiled and lose its nutritional value, as well as other features.

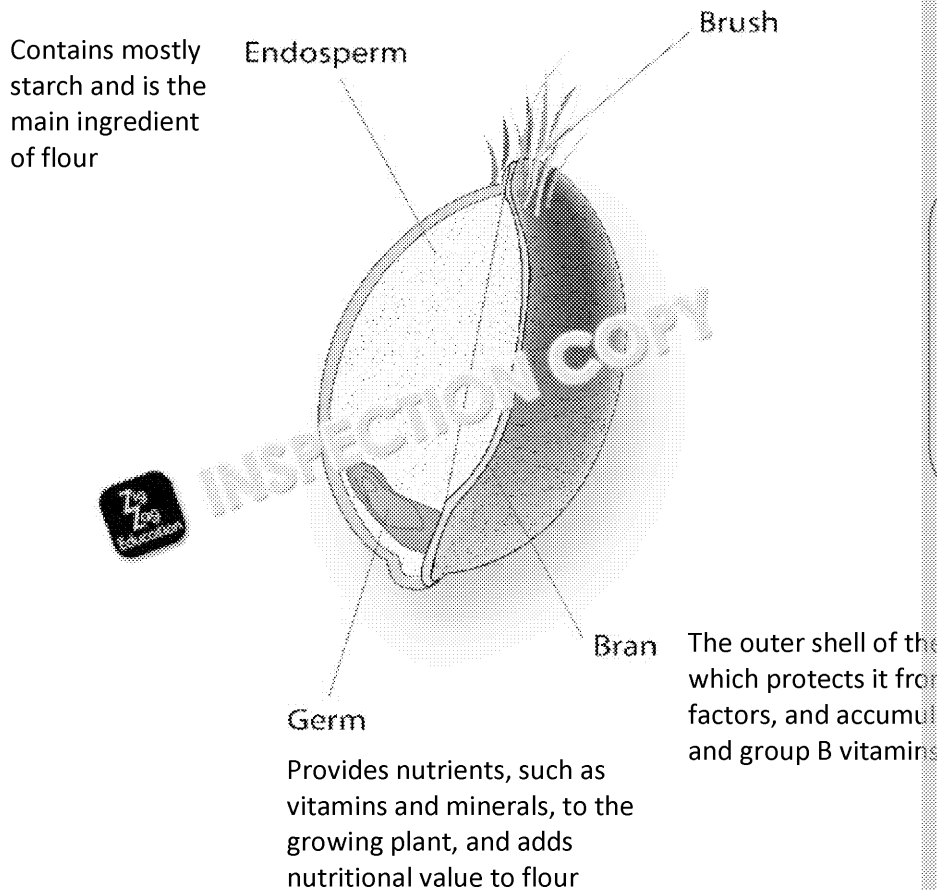
Primary processing also includes **milling** – turning grains into flour, which can then be used to make other foods during secondary processing – refining of sugar or extraction of corn kernels from the cob.

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How wheat is milled and processed to produce flour

Flour is a powder obtained as a result of milling grains, such as wheat, barley, rye,



After the grains have been harvested, they are sieved to separate dirt, stones, little pieces of metal and other possible contaminants. That stage is called 'purification'.

After the grain has been purified, it is washed in warm water and dried in a centrifuge. This usually increases the amount of water in the grain and makes it easier to peel.

Afterwards, the grain is ground – it goes through breaker rolls, which open it and separate the **bran**. As a result, a 'first break flour', semolina and large pieces of wheat

The 'first break flour' is then removed, and the semolina and large pieces of wheat grain are rolled repeatedly a few times (usually up to five) to produce fine flour.

After each roller roll, the flour goes through metal sieves, which sort the final product into plain flour and germ. If the flour is not separated, it is called wholemeal flour.

Since most of the micronutrients in grains are located close to the bran, white wheat flour is fairly poor in them, and, therefore, is obligatorily fortified in iron, thiamine, nicotinic acid (a form of niacin) and calcium carbonate (another form of calcium).

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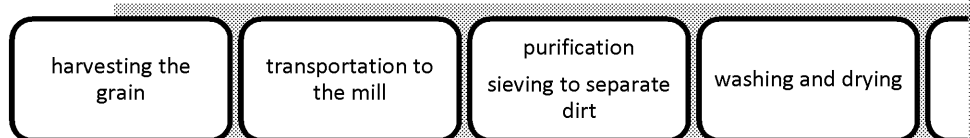
Semolina is obtained from the outer part of the grain and is usually used for making pasta.

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The germ that's left from milling can be used to produce wholemeal flour, bran or edible plates!

The main stages of flour production are presented in the diagram below.



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There are many varieties of flour available on the market – many of them are made from other kinds of grain. They differ in gluten content, micronutrient content and use.

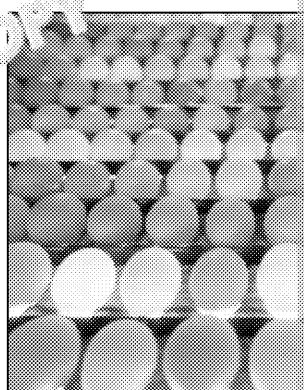
Type of flour	Description and
Strong flour	As it is high in gluten, it is best for making
Plain flour	Low in gluten, it is best for shortcrust and in baking (biscuits, cakes, scones, doughnuts)
Self-raising flour	Contains a raising agent, so can be used with scones and biscuits
Wholemeal flour	High in fibre; usually added to bread to improve texture
Semolina	Coarse flour used to make pasta
Gluten-free flour (e.g. cornstarch)	As it has no gluten, it is not ideal for making bread and crumbly) but can be used as a thickener for gluten-free pasta
Rye flour	High in gluten; can be used to prepare a sourdough

Primary processing of animal-derived foods

Primary processing of animal foods includes all actions taken to prepare the raw materials for further processing, such as draining blood from killed animals, skinning, removing the carcasses (which can also be left whole), plucking feathers, filleting, or removing bones. For raw animal foods edible, eggs are washed (and labelled) and milk is pasteurised.



Feathers are plucked and chicken is portioned



Eggs are washed and sorted through quality control before being packed

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Heat treatment of milk

After the milk has been collected from cows, it is transported to dairy factories, where it is **sterilised**, **homogenised** and even turned into other products such as yoghurt or cheese.

1. **Pasteurisation** of milk is a process in which the milk is heated to 72 °C for 15 seconds and then cooled. This process kills harmful bacteria and extends shelf life. It doesn't usually affect nutritional value or any other features of the milk.
2. Ultra-high temperature (UHT) processing of milk is a process in which milk is quickly heated to 135 °C for one second and immediately cooled. As a result, all the bacteria are killed (also the good ones). Milk can then be stored for a very long time in ambient temperature. Since the process is very short, it doesn't affect the value or other features of milk in a significant way.
3. Milk is an emulsion in which fat molecules and other nutrients are suspended. Without processing, the fat would separate from the liquid. To prevent this, milk is processed through **homogenisation**. Homogenisation uses high pressure to break down fat globules into smaller droplets. Consequently, fat molecules become very stable, creating a uniform mixture, ready to drink or use. Homogenisation doesn't affect the nutritional value but can improve its colour since fat molecules are dispersed more evenly in the liquid, allowing light to pass through more efficiently (thus, milk can look whiter).
4. **Sterilisation** is a process designed to kill all microorganisms present in raw milk. It involves heating milk to 110 °C for 30 minutes. Sterilisation inactivates enzymes and damages cell membranes. However, high temperature also causes complex reactions to happen between molecules of milk. As a result, brown pigments and aromatic agents are produced. Therefore, sterilised milk often has a different flavour, colour or smell. Also, the temperature and length of sterilisation will affect the amount of B vitamins in milk.
5. Milk can also be microfiltered. During microfiltration, milk passes under low pressure through very fine membranes, which collect bacteria and some fat. For that reason, microfiltered milk contains a smaller amount of fat in milk in order to obtain semi-skimmed or skimmed milk. Semi-skimmed milk can be poorer in fat-soluble vitamins, since they are removed, together with the fat. This can also change the flavour of the milk, which may become more watery and provide a different mouthfeel from whole milk. Microfiltration helps to extend milk's shelf life by up to 45 days.

Did you know?

In some countries, milk is sold in machines. Farmers can collect milk directly from the cows with the machine.



Did you know?

Organisms which can grow in the presence of pesticides are called resistant.

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Research

Visit the website [zzed.uk/8227-surprising-facts](https://www.zzed.uk/8227-surprising-facts) to discover how much milk is consumed in Great Britain.

Further Reading:**Primary processing of meat**

Meat is obtained from the muscle tissue of animals, such as cows, lambs, pigs and chickens. Muscle is built of:

- two types of proteins (myosin and actin) which make the muscle fibres contract and stretch; during cooking, the protein in meat will denature, causing the whole piece of meat to become smaller and leak some meat juices.
- connective tissue (made of collagen and elastin) which surrounds the fibres and attaches it to the bones, forming tendons.
 - When the meat is cooked, the collagen dissolves and softens, and can be extracted and used to set savoury and sweet dishes.
 - The elastin builds mainly the tendons and ligaments which join the bones together, making them tough even after cooking.
- fatty tissue, which is located both in the muscle structure (intramuscular fat) and around it (visceral fat). During cooking, the fat will melt and make the meat juicier.

After the animal has been killed, it has to be shaved or plucked, skinned and divided into parts (the rules differ between countries).

The animals are cut into various pieces depending on the muscle structure and the amount of connective tissue. More tender parts, such as sirloin, are low in connective tissue and usually require less cooking time (sirloin can be used for steaks). Tougher cuts are high in connective tissue and require more cooking time (brisket). Some parts, such as the hocks and trotters of the pig, are very high in collagen and are used to prepare aspic (a savoury jelly made with meat and vegetables). The less-popular parts, such as the offal, are usually minced to produce various kinds of sausages.

You already learnt about the different cuts of beef, pork and lamb, and their uses.

After being killed, the body of an animal goes through many chemical changes. To improve the tenderness of the meat, it can be hung. Hanging requires low temperature and a certain length of time (at least seven days for red meat, around two days for poultry). During this time, the proteins in the meat relax and are partially broken down by the enzymes produced. This makes the meat softer and easier to digest. Also, during that time, certain aromatic compounds are released, giving the meat its characteristic colour of the meat becomes dark red.

Primary processing of fish

The primary processes applied to fish differ depending on various factors, such as:

- whether the fish is to be sold fresh, frozen, smoked, or canned
- whether the fish is to be sold whole, in fillets or in pieces

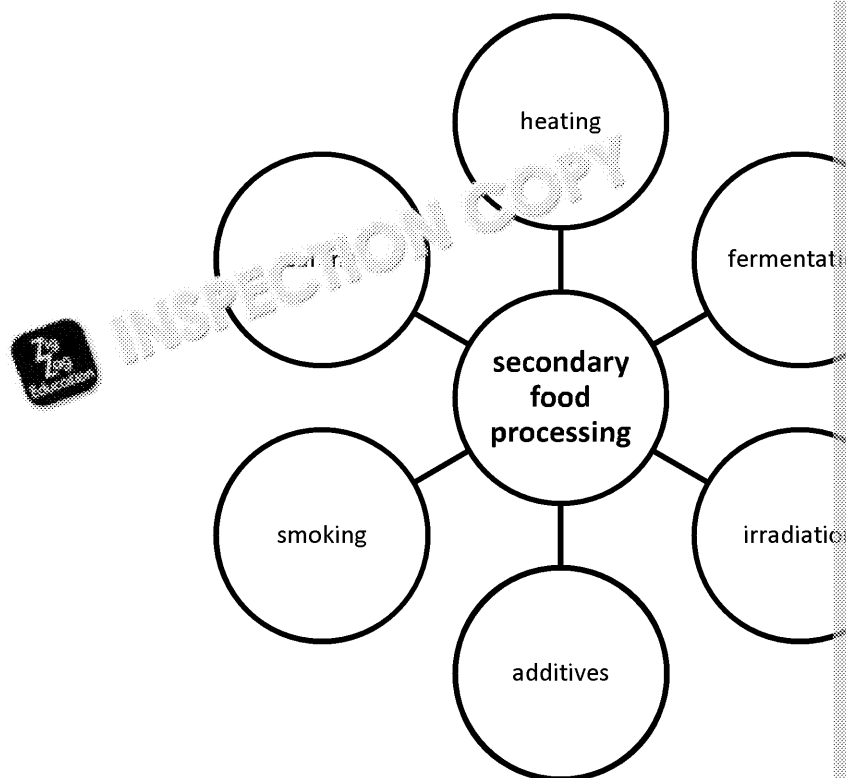
The muscles of fish are built of short fibres surrounded by connective tissue built of collagen. Collagen is very thin, it softens and dissolves quickly during cooking – for this reason, fish requires less cooking time. Collagen from the connective tissue and bones releases some gelatin, which is used to produce aspic.

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Secondary processing of food

Secondary processing of food allows it to be used to make new products, which are different from the ingredients they were made from. This may be turning flour and eggs into a cake or turning milk into yoghurt.

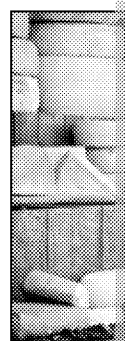
The main methods of secondary food processing include:



Heating is about cooking food in order to kill pathogenic microbes, changing its taste, and making it more convenient and appealing to consumers. Heating increases the shelf life of food so that the package remains closed. Heating also includes **pasteurisation** and **sterilisation** of milk and meat and vegetable preserves. You will learn more about these processes later on.

Fermentation is a process in which microorganisms – such as bacteria, mould or yeast – turn sugars into carbon dioxide and other substances, such as lactic acid or alcohol. Fermentation is used to obtain yoghurt, kefir, cheese, wine, beer, bread, and even cold cuts such as salami.

The addition of food **additives** changes its flavour, colour, and/or texture and extends shelf life. This will be discussed in more detail in Chapter 4.



Cheese

Did you know?

Another way of preserving the nutritional value of foods and extending their shelf life is through the process, ionising radiation is applied to foods in order to kill harmful bacteria and extend shelf life. In the United Kingdom, irradiation of seven food groups is legal: cereals, bulbs and tubers, spices and condiments, fish and shellfish, and poultry. The packaging must provide appropriate information on the packaging if the food or any of its ingredients were irradiated. Currently, no company holds a licence to carry out irradiation of food in the UK.

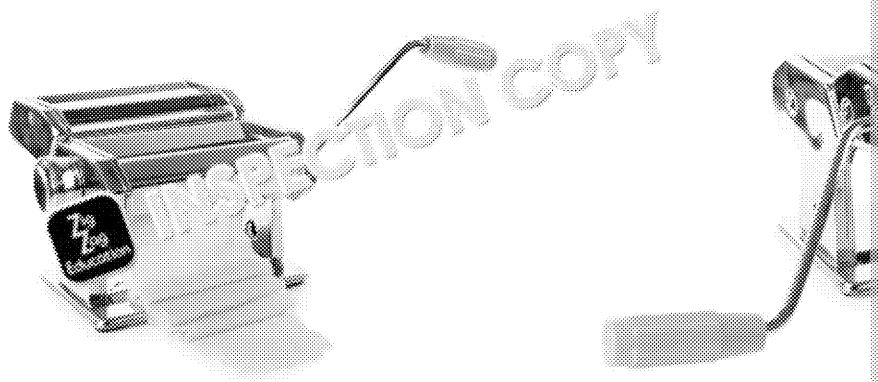
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How flour is used to produce pasta

Flour is a product of primary processing of grains. It can be used later to produce bread, pasta, cakes, shortbread, pizza, sauces, waffles, muffins and pancakes.

The basic recipe for pasta includes flour and warm water. To change the flavour, eggs, spices and colourants (natural or artificial) can be also added. First, flour is mixed with other ingredients are added (such as eggs, colourants and herbs). Once the dough is pressed between large cylinders, changing the dough into a thin sheet, which is then cut into small pieces. The sheet can be cut into small pieces, which are then dried. Afterwards, the sheet can be cut into small pieces, which are then dried. pasta can then be cooked, refrigerated, frozen or dried.



A pasta maker can be used for both pressing and cutting the dough – and the width of the pasta can be adjusted.

How flour is used to make bread

Bread, in many different forms, is known in various countries all around the world. Bread is most popular in many countries such as Great Britain or the USA, more so in countries where bread is a staple food. There are many different breads from different cuisines, such as naan bread from India or South American bread.

The main ingredients of bread include flour, water and salt. Depending on the type of bread, it can be sourdough or yeast.

Flour is necessary to make the structure and bulk of the bread. When the flour is mixed with water, it forms gluten. Gluten has the form of a net, which creates the structure of the bread. The quality of the flour plays a vital role in the final texture and taste of the bread.

Water helps to develop gluten in the dough.

Salt is used for many reasons. It improves the flavour of the bread, strengthens the gluten, slows down the growth of microorganisms and prevents the dough from overgrowing. Since it competes with sugars from flour for water, it also helps to make the crust crisp during baking, as the sugars caramelise.

The last ingredient – either sourdough or yeast – is used in bread as a leavening agent. In the presence of warmth, water and food (sugar), the microorganisms ferment the sugar and produce carbon dioxide. The gas expands and rises, and is trapped in the gluten net, which helps to obtain the final structure and volume of the bread.

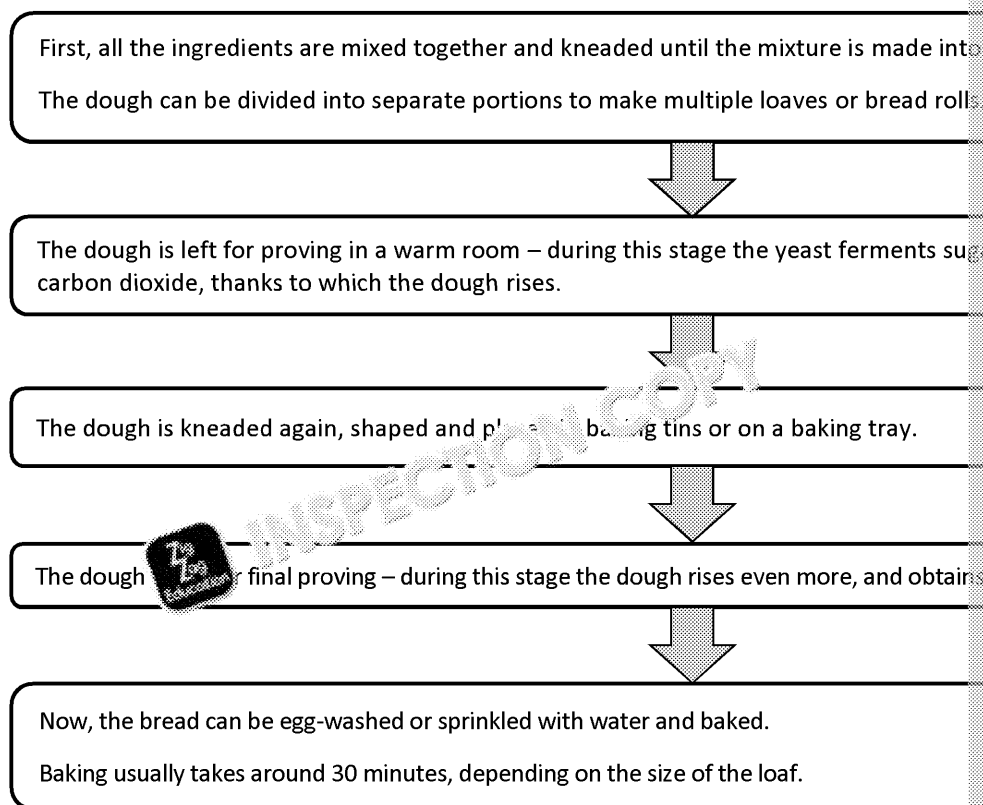


Baked bread

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The stages of bread making are shown in the diagram below.



Various producers may also choose to add:

- seeds, nuts, herbs or spices – to improve the taste, aroma and nutritional value of the bread; they can be both added to the dough and sprinkled on top
- vinegar – to preserve the bread and extend its shelf life
- vegetable fat – to make the dough lighter due to aeration and to extend its shelf life

How milk is processed to make yoghurt

Yoghurt is a result of milk **fermentation**, conducted by the **probiotic** bacteria. During this process, lactose is turned into lactic acid. Depending on the species of bacteria and fat content in the milk, the yoghurt can be thicker or more liquid, and will have a tangy or more delicate flavour.

Ready-to-eat yoghurt should contain live bacteria, which are advantageous for health.

First, milk has to be **pasteurised** to kill all the harmful bacteria and protect it from spoilage. It is also filtered and **homogenised**, to obtain a smooth texture. Next, bacteria are added and stirred into the milk, which then spends some time in warm conditions – around 40 °C – to allow the bacteria to grow and process the sugar to produce lactic acid. Since acid causes proteins to denature and coagulate, yoghurt is much thicker than milk and has a sour taste.

Once the yoghurt is set, various **additives** may be added to it – most popular yoghurts contain fruits or jams, cereals, sugar, coffee extracts or toffee sauce.

Did you know?

The bacteria used in yoghurt are probiotic species, such as *Bifidobacterium* and *Streptococcus*.

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There are various types of yoghurt available, depending on the quality of ingredients and the production process.

Yoghurt type	Description
Natural full-fat yoghurt	Made of whole milk with the use of probiotic bacteria The most basic type of yoghurt Creamy and tangy
Low-fat yoghurt	Made of semi-skimmed or skimmed milk Usually runnier than full-fat yoghurt Can contain starch, gelatine or other thickening agents
Greek yoghurt	Thick and creamy High in fat Whey is drained off during production
Live yoghurt (bio yoghurt)	Less acidic than 'normal' yoghurt Contains various bacteria types to support the work of

Yoghurt is a source of **probiotic** bacteria and high biological value proteins. Since it can also be considered as part of a diet for lactose-intolerant people.



Did you know?

Probiotic bacteria are

- They limit the growth of bad bacteria in the gut
- They boost the immune system
- They regulate bowel function
- They help fight off infections and constipation.
- They improve the absorption of many micronutrients.
- They produce vitamins

Apply

You can make yoghurt yourself!

1. Heat up 1 litre of milk until it reaches 80 °C.
2. Cool it down to 42 °C.
3. Add 60 g of natural yoghurt with live bacteria (check the label!) and stir.
4. Keep the container in a warm conditions for a couple of hours.
5. Once the yoghurt is ready, put it in the fridge and it will last for a few days!

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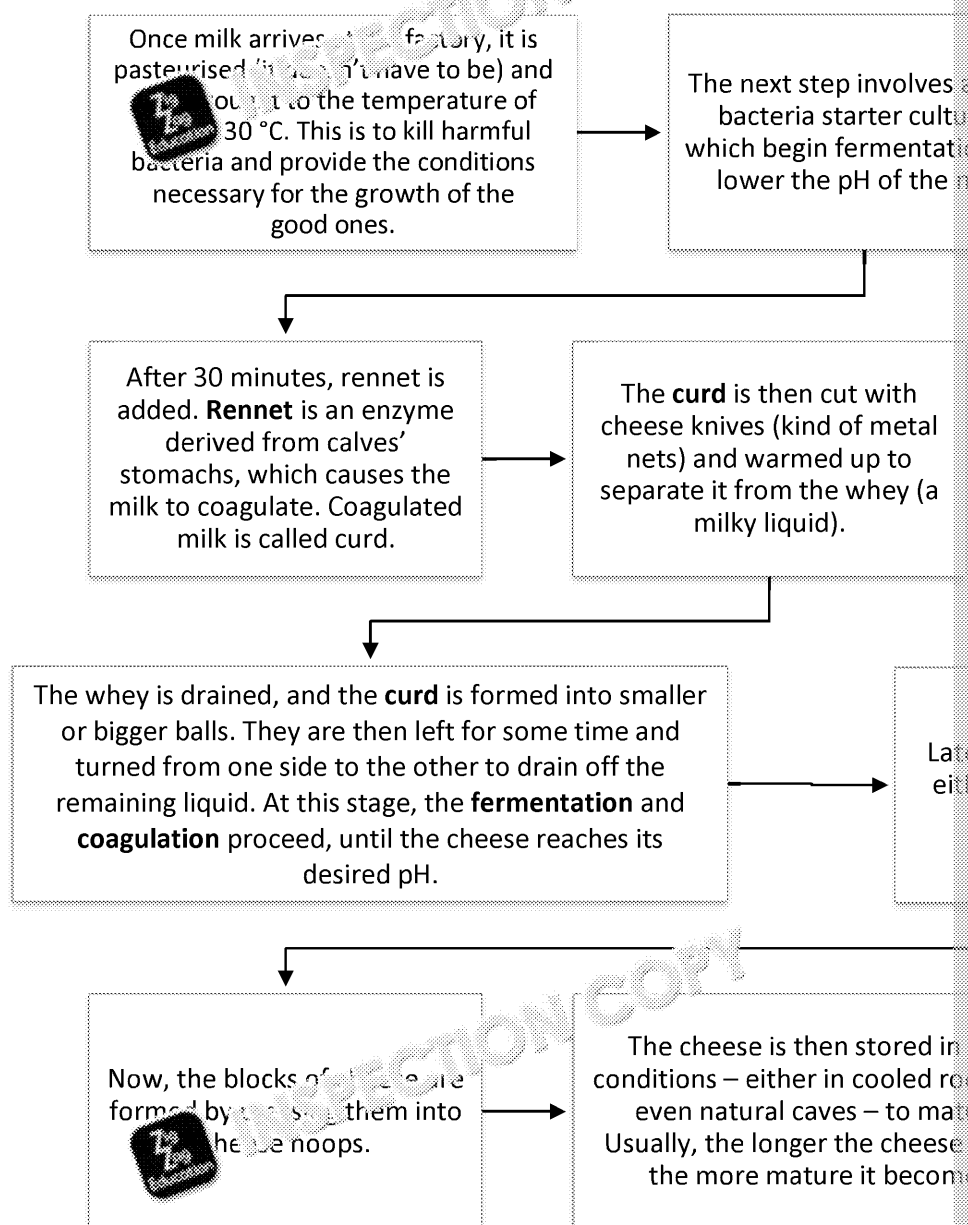


How milk is processed to make cheese

Cheese is a nutrient-rich product made of milk. Its look, flavour, smell, nutritional value and other features depend on many factors, such as:

- what kind of milk was used to make the cheese
- what type of coagulant was used to process the milk (bacteria, mould, rennet...)
- whether any additives were added, such as herbs or leaves
- how long the cheese was processed
- what the processing conditions were
- and even what the cow (or sheep, or goat, or buffalo...) ate

Cheese can be made from either raw or pasteurised milk. The milk that also affects its texture. The milk in large factories is always pasteurised, but the milk in small farm production doesn't have to be.



There are many various types of cheese – soft, firm, hard, fresh and smoked. The texture or have big holes inside. All these features depend on the bacteria species. Sometimes mould such as *Penicillium* is added too (usually to obtain blue- or green-veined cheese). The bacteria in milk include *Lactococcus*, *Lactobacillus*, *Streptococcus*, *Propionobacterium* and

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Cheese is an important source of calcium, phosphorus, proteins, fats and fat-soluble vitamins. It is an important part of cuisines in various countries all around the world.

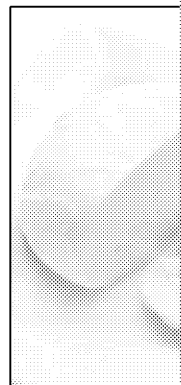
Since the **lactose** in it is usually processed by the microorganisms, it can also be eaten by lactose-intolerant people.

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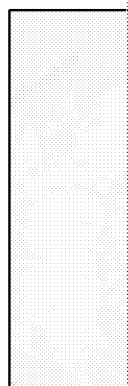
Various types of cheese



Mozzarella cheese



Cottage cheese can be eaten on toast, in pancakes, or can be used to make a cheesecake



The white cheese

Research

Learn more about cheese at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9wLhRrj5Ug

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How milk is processed to produce cream

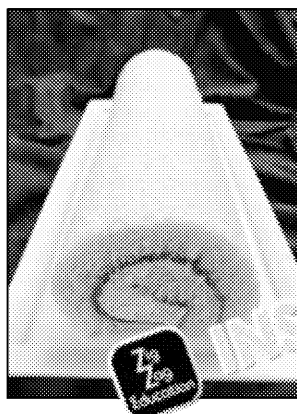
Cream is the milk fat which has been skimmed off the milk's surface. The amount of cream depends on the animal's breed and diet. So how is cream made?

1. First, milk is pasteurised to kill the pathogenic bacteria.
2. Then, it is either left out to naturally separate (this method is characteristic for domestic and small business production) or poured into a large container called centrifugal cream separator. In the separator, the milk is whirled at high speed so that the centrifugal force breaks it up and causes it to separate.
3. In the next step, milk is drained off and the cream is standardised to obtain the desired fat content – this process is crucial as it makes it possible to obtain various types of cream.
4. After that, the cream is homogenised to improve its viscosity, and sometimes pasteurised (especially if raw milk was used).
5. At this point, the cream is ready to use and pour into pots – but some producers add preservatives, which will ferment it (this allows for the production of sour cream, but it is rarely used with the use of modified starch).

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The different types of cream available in the UK and their culinary uses are shown in the table below.

Type of cream	Description and culinary uses
single cream	fat content 18%; usually liquid; used to pour over desserts and sauces
double cream	fat content 48%; can be liquid or very thick (extra-thick double cream); can be poured over desserts or fruit, or piped for decoration on sweet and/or savoury dishes
whipping cream	fat content 36%; thick liquid consistency; can be whipped to make cream, fruit, or to fill pastries
soured cream	fat content 18%; acidic taste; adds taste to soups, sauces and dressings
crème fraîche	fat content around 48%; slightly acidic taste; fit for whipping and use in sweet or savoury foods
clotted cream	fat content minimum 55%; thick and creamy texture; it is made by heating milk over a low heat to evaporate most of the water; most common in Devon and Cornwall



Whipping cream is often used to fill roulades...



... and choux buns

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Things to think about (2.1)

Discuss whether it would be possible to make cream from homogenised milk.

How milk is processed to produce butter

According to CMO Regulation (European Council regulation)¹, butter is a dairy product which contains between 80% and 90% milk fat (so there is no such thing as 'low-fat' butter), and a maximum of 16% water. During production of butter, milk or cream is churned in order to break up its structure and separate fat from liquid (buttermilk). The liquid is then drained off and the remaining fat is washed to remove traces of protein and other substances – this improves its flavour and enhances the shelf life.

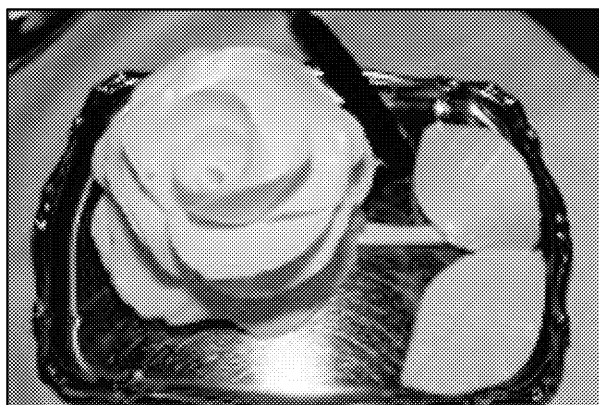
Butter can be made either from fresh or soured milk/cream. In the UK, we can enjoy a variety of types of butter, such as:

- **unsalted butter** – made from fresh or soured cream, without any other ingredients
- **salted butter** – with the addition of salt or coarse sea salt
- **clarified butter** / **ghee** – during production, it is melted so that most of the water is removed; as a result, clarified butter has a higher smoking point and is better for frying

Did you know?

The yellow colour of butter depends on the diet of the cow. Higher levels of beta-carotene in the diet result in a more orange butter.

Butter can be used in many sweet and savoury dishes. It is used to make a roux, bread, pastry, and many other foods.



Rose decoration made of buttercream

Apply

During shopping, check the labels of spreads to see if they contain any butter (and how much).



Things to think about (2.2)

Discuss how primary and secondary food processing has a negative impact on the health of foods, and consider ways of preventing this.

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¹ The requirements for butter, as for other food products, may change in the UK after Brexit.



Check your understanding: Food p

1. Primary processing does not include...
 - a. trimming off leaves ☐
 - b. milling flour ☐
 - c. cheese production ☐
 - d. milk pasteurisation ☐
2. Processing of foods extends shelf life because...
 - a. it kills microorganisms ☐
 - b. it reduces the amount of water ☐
 - c. preservatives are added ☐
 - d. all of the above ☐
3. A by-product of cheese production is called...
 - a. curd ☐
 - b. whey ☐
 - c. cheese hoop ☐
 - d. rennet ☐
4. Explain how the type of flour affects bread quality.



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5. State one function of the following ingredients in cheese production.

probiotic bacteria	
rennet	

6. Explain how two different heat treatment methods affect the quality and nutritional value of milk.

Method 1:

How it works:

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Method 2:

How it works:

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Food preservation methods

Food production requires the use of various processes to make the desired food product. The methods applied have a smaller or larger impact on its quality. Production processes can be designed to maintain the nutritional value and sensory characteristics of food. In this section you will learn how these methods work and how they affect the nutritional value of food.

Methods of food preservation – high temperatures

Food production uses various simple and more complex processes in order to obtain food that is to be nutritious, appealing to the consumer, durable and convenient to use. Preservation helps to conserve the food and secure it from the various factors which could affect its quality.

Pasteurisation

Pasteurisation is a process in which food is heated up to around 72 °C for 15 seconds to kill off any pathogenic bacteria in the food without affecting its quality or nutritional value. It is commonly used in the production of milk (see previous section), but also other foods such as fruit juices.

Ultra-heat treatment (UHT)

Ultra-heat treatment is a special technique in which food is heated up to a very high temperature (over 135 °C) for a very short time (a few seconds). This helps to kill all bacteria and spores without affecting the nutritional value of food in a significant way.

Apply

This process is used for sterilising cans of food.

Sterilisation

During sterilisation, food is subjected to a very high temperature for a long time. Usually, the process is carried out at around 110–130 °C for about 30 minutes. The process helps to kill all bacteria and spores in the food, significantly enhancing its shelf life. Unfortunately, the process may also affect the sensory characteristics and nutritional value of food. For example, milk proteins can denature and break down vitamins. As the temperature is high, a reaction called the Maillard reaction occurs between protein and sugar in milk, causing it to obtain a brown colour and specific flavour.

Canning

Canning is a fairly cheap and effective way of preserving a large amount of food for long periods. It was developed as a product of the Industrial Revolution – they were first used for preserving foods at the end of the 18th century.

Today, canning is used to preserve all types of food – meats, vegetables, fruit, milk and fish. It is only applied to foods which are already processed (cooked, cut, minced or prepared).

Once the food has been cooked, it is poured into cans which are then closed with a lid. The cans are then sterilised using steam or a superheated water bath. The pressure inside the can is lowered, which lowers the pressure outside the can, creating a vacuum seal (as a result, the cans are airtight).

The process of canning can greatly affect the nutritional value and sensory characteristics of food.

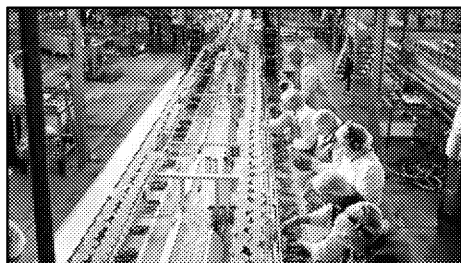
- some fruits and vegetables may become too soft, or even mushy
- acidic foods, such as chopped tomatoes and citrus fruit, may react with the metal of the can, so a protective plastic layer has to be added to the inside of the can
- some vitamins may become damaged
- as many fruits are covered with syrup, their sugar content and calorific value increase
- as many vegetables are covered with brine, their salt content greatly increases

Canning greatly increases the shelf life of food as the seal prevents exposure to oxygen and water kills all remaining microorganisms in the food. Canned foods are stamped with a 'best before' date, but there are cases when the canned food is still edible long after that time.

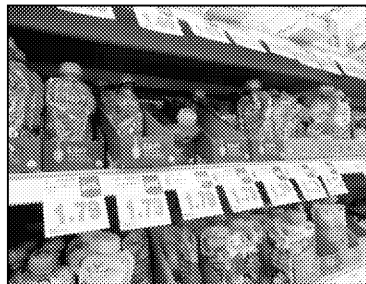
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Workers putting food into cans before they are filled with brine and sealed



Some fruit and vegetable mousses under sterilisation in plastic pouches

Methods of food preservation – cold temperatures

Cold temperatures are also helpful in the preservation of food. This is because they are less active, so the microorganisms cannot multiply. Also, as water in food freezes, microorganisms (remember that they cannot multiply without water!). In this section, we will look at the most common preservation methods which use low temperatures.

Chilling

Chilling means that the food is cooled to between 0 °C and 5 °C. In the food industry, this process is carried out as quickly as possible, as this shortens the risk of bacterial growth.

In *blast chilling*, the food is cooled to below 3 °C in a maximum of 90 minutes. Blast chilling is used for hot, cooked food – you cannot use a fridge for that as it would increase the internal temperature of the fridge and overburden its cooling system, putting other foods in it at risk. Once the foods are chilled, you can store them safely in a fridge for no more than five days.

The *cook-freeze* system allows the cooked food to cool down from over 70 °C to -18 °C in less than 240 minutes (four hours). There are usually two options available – soft chill, which is suitable for delicate foods, such as fruit and vegetables, as it doesn't develop ice crystals and so does not affect the texture of the food, and hard chill, where small ice crystals are formed. The latter is suitable for meat, fish pie or lasagne. Once the food is frozen, you can store it in a freezer. Remember to use proper packaging to avoid freezer burn, and mark it with the date of freezing.



Aisle with chilled food in a supermarket

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Freezing

Freezing means chilling the food to below 0 °C. Freezing enables formation of ice crystals; the smaller the crystals, and the smoother the texture of the food. Freezing disables microorganisms in two ways: by reducing the speed of chemical reactions, and by physical damage. Various methods of industrial freezing include:

- air-blast freezing – in this method, air at a temperature of -30 °C is blown over the food; usually requires a lot of time and allows the growth of large ice crystals; a form of air-blast freezing is *fluidised bed*, in which food travels through a stream of cold air at -40 °C is blown from the bottom so that the food is suspended and the rate of freezing and helps to maintain the quality of food; this method can be used for many types of food only
- contact freezing – food is placed between two cold metal plates and frozen
- immersion freezing – food is immersed in a low temperature brine or other liquid
- cryogenic freezing – food passes through a long channel where it is cooled by liquid carbon dioxide

All of these methods can be combined.

Once the food is frozen, it needs to be stored in a freezer. Domestic freezers are usually set to -18 °C; industrial freezers can be set down to -40 °C (in freezers cooled with liquid nitrogen as low as -184 °C; however, these are only used for freezing the food, and not storing it, as the very low temperature would cause the food to shatter).

Research

Find out why brine is suitable for immersion freezing.



Accelerated freeze-drying

Accelerated freeze-drying (lyophilisation) helps to extend the shelf life of food by removing almost all water from it, while maintaining its taste. In this technique, food is first frozen (e.g. in liquid nitrogen) and then the pressure is lowered to a point at which water sublimates (changes directly from solid to gas) – this helps to remove extra moisture from the food and keep it dry. The effect is a powder or granules – such as instant coffee. Freeze-drying is also used to dry herbs and fruit. Drying and freeze-drying may lower the amount of water-soluble vitamins in the final product, as they may be evaporated together with water.



The process of accelerated freeze-drying using liquid nitrogen can significantly reduce the time taken to dry food.

Sublimation is the process by which a solid changes directly into a gas, without passing through the liquid phase.

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The use of acids, salt and sugar

The use of acids

Acids are used in food for many reasons:

- they lower the pH of the food, making it unsuitable for the growth of microorganisms
- they prevent oxidation and enzymatic browning by deactivating enzymes
- they improve the texture and flavour of foods

Acids used in food production include various types of vinegar (the most popular one is spirit vinegar, as it is cheap to produce), lemon juice, and ascorbic acid (found in many fruits and vegetables). As you may know, acids can react with metal, so have to be packaged accordingly (e.g. into plastic-lined cans or glass jars).

Acids are used in the production of various food products, such as dill pickles, salted eggs.

What is interesting, is that pickling can be done with the use of brine (solution of salt). Pickled vegetables will have different nutritional values compared to fresh ones, and are often used. Vegetables pickled in brine often undergo bacterial fermentation, which means they contain bacteria – an example of such a product is sauerkraut.

Research

Research different types of fish which are preserved in acid. Mark on a map where they are found.

The use of salt

Salt has been used for food preservation since ancient times. Today it is used to cure mushrooms, cure meat and fish, and produce mature cheese. Salt is used either by dry salting, in which it is immersed. Brine (the solution of water and salt) is hypertonic, which means it has a higher concentration of salt than the cells of living organisms (such as bacteria). For this reason, the water from organisms is removed by osmosis, causing them to dehydrate and die.

Salting usually is applied to meats and fish. This is a very old technique, which was used before the food before fridges were invented. Salting changes the structure of the food and significantly extends the shelf life. An example of a salted food is beef jerky.

The use of sugar

A high concentration of sugar (above 60% of the final product) also helps to prevent spoilage. Sugar curing is used in the production of jams, jellies, candied fruit and other food products. Sugar attracts and binds water from the solution, making it unavailable for microorganisms (which are crucial to grow). However, sugar-cured products can be spoiled by certain species of bacteria. One of the most popular foods preserved with the use of sugar is fruit jam. In jam, sugar is used for several reasons:

- it adds sweetness and improves the taste of the jam
- it attracts and binds water, helping to thicken the jam
- it acts as a preservative, as it makes the water unavailable for microorganisms

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Preservation through drying and smoking

Smoking is a process applied mainly to cheese, fish and meats. It is carried out in specially designed smoking chambers. Smoke preserves the food and changes its flavour, so it is important to use the right kind of wood – e.g. oak, beech, alder or maple – with addition of other kinds of wood (such as juniper), herbs and vegetables (such as garlic) to alter the flavour and obtain the desired product. Smoking can be conducted in cool temperatures (around 30 °C) or in warm conditions (up to 90 °C), and usually takes from a couple of hours to as much as a month.



Ham and sausage

Drying is a process during which water is removed from the food, either by using natural means (such as exposing food to sunlight) or technology (such as using industrial ovens). Drying can be applied to both solids such as fruits, vegetables, nuts, herbs and spices, and liquids. Solids are gently heated to allow water to evaporate. Liquids, such as milk, are heated to a higher temperature and then sprayed to enable fast evaporation of water. Consequently, the resulting product is a fine powder.

Drying significantly changes the texture of food (usually making it tougher) and some water-soluble vitamins may be lost together with water.

Controlled atmosphere and modified atmosphere packaging

Dry foods, and fresh fruit and vegetables can be stored in a **controlled atmosphere** where the chemical composition of the air, its temperature and humidity are regulated in order to prevent spoilage and extend the shelf life of food. The air used usually has a lower oxygen content or higher carbon dioxide content, which makes it unsuitable for most living organisms (including pests). For fruit, ultra-low oxygen (ULO) levels and low temperatures help to delay the ripening and

Research

Look up different types of packaging used for food.

Apply

Find out how a modified atmosphere was packed and how it was observed.

Modified atmosphere refers to the packaging of food. In a modified atmosphere, the oxygen level is reduced and replaced with nitrogen or carbon dioxide in order to prevent the growth of aerobic microorganisms. Also, carbon monoxide can be used to preserve the red colour of fresh meat. Foods are usually wrapped in clear plastic film, so that you can see the product and observe any changes.

Vacuum packing

In vacuum packing, the food is placed in a container or bag, from which the air is immediately sealed. Vacuum packing is used to pack fresh foods, as it protects it from microorganisms. Also, some dry foods (e.g. cereals) can be vacuum-packed in order to

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Things to think about (2.3)

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of various preservation methods.



Check your understanding

Food processing and preserving

1. Which of the following is TRUE about canning?
 - a. The process uses metal cans only ☐
 - b. It doesn't affect the texture of food ☐
 - c. It can only be used to pack processed foods ☐
 - d. It is used to pack raw foods only ☐
2. Which of the following statements is TRUE about sterilisation?
 - a. It can trigger the Maillard reaction. ☐
 - b. It is conducted at low temperatures. ☐
 - c. It kills all bacteria and viruses. ☐
 - d. It is conducted at high temperatures. ☐
3. The amount of which of the following gases is reduced in MAP?
 - a. Carbon dioxide ☐
 - b. Oxygen ☐
 - c. Carbon monoxide ☐
 - d. Nitrogen ☐
4. Name the two processes that are prevented by the use of CAP in fruit.
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5. Give one reason why blast chilling has to take less than 90 minutes.
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6. Explain why brine is a suitable liquid for use in immersion freezing.
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Quiz-ine

Fill in the answers to the questions below and then use the letters from the shaded squares to reveal the word relevant to food processing and production (the black squares are spaces between words).

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1. Preservation method in which all air is removed. (6, 7)
2. Dairy product made with the use of probiotic bacteria. (7)
3. Process of heating raw milk to 72 °C (14)
4. Solution of water and salt, used as a preservation method. (5)
5. Liquid gas used in cryogenic freezing. (8)
6. Coarse flour used to produce pasta. (8)
7. Heat transfer method used in contact freezing. (10)
8. Type of protein in meat which dissolves during cooking. (8)

The shaded squares reveal this word:

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Chapter 3: Food security

Overview

In this chapter we explore various factors which affect food security in the world. You will learn about the impact of food on local and global markets and communities – here you will learn about climate change and global warming and the challenges of providing a sustainable and secure supply of nutritional food.

Learning outcomes

After studying this chapter, you should be able to do the following:

- ☐ describe how various factors affect availability of food
- ☐ explain why fair trade is important for global development
- ☐ evaluate the negative and positive impact of genetic modification on food and health
- ☐ identify the main environmental issues associated with food production
- ☐ explain what a carbon footprint is and how to minimise it
- ☐ explain how climate change is having worldwide impacts on food production
- ☐ explain what is meant by sustainability of resources

Key Terms

Affordability	Ability to purchase a sufficient amount of quality food
Availability	Access to a sufficient supply of safe, nutritious food
Carbon footprint	How much energy has to be used, and, therefore, how much greenhouse gas is produced, in the production, processing and transportation of food
Fairtrade	Ethical category that enables fair wages and prices for producers in developing countries; designed to prevent human exploitation
Fish farms	Tanks or enclosed sea areas in which fish or seafood is raised for commercial purposes
Food miles	How far the food has to travel from the producer to the consumer
Food poverty	Inability to provide oneself with enough food, in terms of access, availability and affordability
Food security	A term created by the United Nations, meaning that, in any given place in the world, each person should have access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food
Food waste	Food that is rotten, spoilt or wasted in another way, such as food that is thrown away
Genetically modified (GM)	When the DNA of a given organism is manipulated by genetic engineering to alter its features
Greenhouse gases	Gases which have the ability to trap the warmth in the atmosphere, increasing the average temperature on Earth: include water vapour, carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, ozone and other gases
Sustainability	Ability to maintain the natural environment and produce food in a way that does not deplete resources

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Moral and ethical issues involved in food

Food security is a global concern. Climate change, environmental exploitation and species extinction lead to a situation where there might not be enough food to feed the growing population of the world.

Food availability

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), **food availability** means that at any given time and place, any person should have access to sufficient amounts of safe and nutritious food.¹ The growth of the human population means that more and more food has to be produced to feed people.

What makes food available?

- **Sufficient production** – means that enough food is made; intensive farming (such as GM) have made it possible, but unfortunately almost all that food is eaten by the rich
- **Accessibility** – means that shops or farmers are close enough for people to get food from them
- **Affordability** – means that a person has enough money to buy the food they need

What threatens food availability?

- Climate change and the effects of global warming
- Droughts, which make growing plants impossible
- Floods, which damage the crops
- Pollution caused by production and transportation of goods
- Insufficient land for growing food – there are more and more people to feed
- Lack of resources, such as water or fossil fuels
- Overexploitation of soil, which decreases its usefulness for growing plants
- Poverty and lack of money

In developed countries, such as the UK, there are also other factors, such as the distance to the nearest shop, the price of the food, and lack of transportation to bring the food back home.

What does 'nutritious food' mean?

Food should not only fill you up and stop you feeling hungry – it is also a source of micronutrients, which are crucial for the proper growth, development and function of the body. Food should, therefore, be rich in nutrients such as proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals. The abundance of cheap, low-quality food in developed countries has led to the situation where more and more people worldwide are overweight or obese,² and at the same time 30% of them are undernourished.³

Food poverty (food accessibility)

Food poverty means that a person or a family doesn't have enough money to buy healthy and nutritious food. In many areas, especially in developing countries, food poverty is a major problem. Unicef states that half of the deaths among children under five are due to undernutrition.⁴ Food poverty is not restricted to poor countries only. Even rich countries like the United Kingdom struggle with the problem. According to Oxfam, 2 million British people live in food poverty and another 500,000 rely on food parcels from charities to feed their families.⁵

¹ http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/sustainability/Presentations/Availability.pdf

² <http://hungerreport.org/2016/infographics-2/>

³ <http://drhyman.com/blog/2012/02/29/how-malnutrition-causes-obesity/>

⁴ <http://data.unicef.org/topic/nutrition/malnutrition/>

⁵ http://policy-practice.oxfam.org.uk/our-work/inequality/food-poverty#contentprimary_0_ct100_P

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What can be done to make food available?

- Many international organisations, such as the Red Cross, deliver free food in war zones
- Increase salaries – although this is not easy to do, since it depends on many factors
- Decrease prices and make food more affordable for people, especially those in developing countries, by supporting local farmers
- Food vouchers – which are a way of helping people financially without giving them cash, as the money from being misused, because it can be spent on food only, and not on anything else, for example
- Create food banks – places where food can be given for free to those in need
- Avoid food waste – and give what you don't eat to those who might need it
- Use modern technologies, such as GM crops, to increase food production and more efficient agriculture
- Improve storage conditions to increase the shelf life, e.g. by the use of modified atmosphere packaging or vacuum packaging



Research

Read the research on [zigzag.co.uk](http://www.zigzag.co.uk) and list the reasons for the shortage of food production.

How climate change affects food availability

Earth's climate changes in cycles – just like seasons. Temperatures on Earth have varied for the last 650,000 years, causing the ice to form or melt, depending on the stage of a given cycle. Because of that, Earth has already experienced six glacial periods!

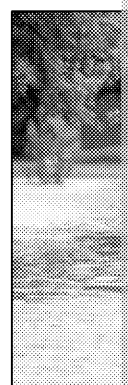
For centuries, climate change was caused by variations in Earth's orbit and in solar activity, which then determined the amount of warmth the planet received from the Sun. The Sun's rays pass through the atmosphere and are then reflected by Earth's surface. In normal conditions, the heat would spread into space without further consequences. Unfortunately, greenhouse gases (such as carbon dioxide) create a coat around Earth's atmosphere which traps the warmth. Therefore, Earth's surface and the air around it are warming up.

The main reasons for rising carbon dioxide levels are:

- burning coal, oil and wood to obtain energy, and also for food production and transportation between countries
- deforestation to obtain fuel and land for agriculture

Global warming is dangerous. It can lead to:

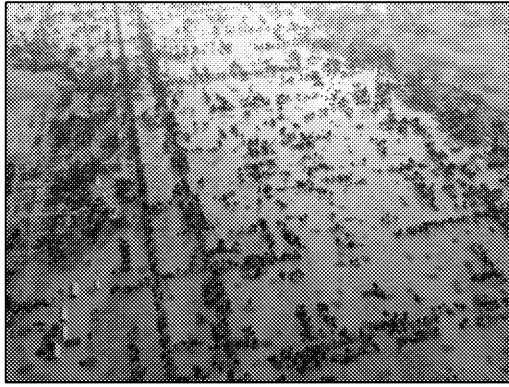
- melting of glaciers and a rise in sea levels
- a rise in global temperatures
- warming of the oceans
- extreme events such as hurricanes, intense rainfall, heatwaves, droughts and floods
- acidification of the oceans



Droughts and floods are caused by climate change and have a major impact on food availability.

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A flooded farm

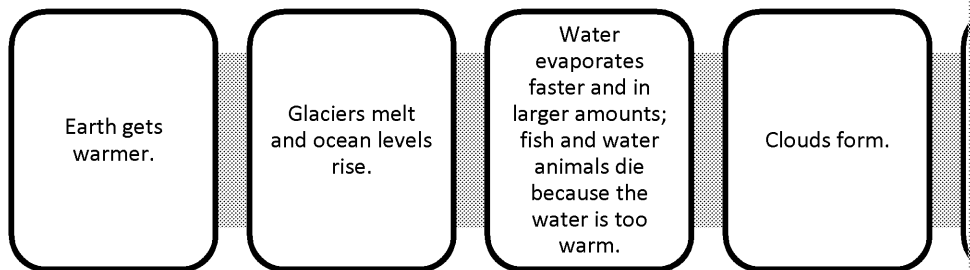


A farm which is so badly flooded that it is impossible to farm any more

The effects of global warming that have been observed over the past 50 years are:

- They cause the mass extinction of many animal and plant species, as many of the new conditions (such as high temperatures or lack of water).
- They lead to the disappearance of land and whole countries under water, of land which can be used for planting crops or grazing farm animals.
- They can cause food shortages and famine by causing crop failure (due to drought or flooding).
- They change the pattern of the seasons, which can affect plants' life cycle.

How does this work?



How can we ensure food availability when facing climate change?

Climate change is a global problem. It affects individuals, communities and whole countries. Around the world are involved in the fight against carbon dioxide emissions. An example is the Paris Agreement, which obligates 197 countries to undertake certain actions to help reduce global warming. Actions have to be taken to:

- mitigate (stabilise and reduce) levels of CO₂ released into the atmosphere by switching from energy from fossil fuels to water or solar power, limiting transportation and air travel, limiting the use of packaging, lowering food waste, recycling and reusing materials.
- adapt to the changes that have already happened. This involves making use of new technologies and experience, such as a prolonged summer which allows more crops to grow.



Resources

Visit the [nasa](https://www.nasa.gov) and [epa](https://www.epa.gov) websites for more information on climate change and how to reduce your family's carbon footprint. Try to lower your own carbon footprint towards the end of the year.

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Moral issues in food production: Fairtrade

Although slavery was banned in 1833, modern societies tend to overexploit their resources – including labour – in order to produce more goods and create a bigger profit. In many countries, children are forced to work, and people are not paid fairly for their work – which leads to high poverty rates in such countries as China, Indonesia and India.⁶

Fairtrade is, therefore, a way of stopping modern slavery. It has the following benefits:

- fair prices and wages for producers, farmers and farm workers
- decent working conditions (such as working hours, breaks and tools)
- ends child labour and forced labour
- empowers local farmers, their families and communities – having more money allows them to make choices about their lives and send their children to school
- enables local development and sustainability (e.g. schools and health centres can now pay for the medical care)

Fairtrade rules are designed to enhance the social, economic and environmental lives of producers – not large intercontinental corporations.

The most popular Fairtrade products include:⁷

- bananas
- chocolate / cocoa beans
- coffee beans and tea leaves
- cotton
- sugar

Apply

While shopping, try to find five products that come from Fairtrade producers.



Research

Research and prepare a presentation on what Fairtrade standards are.



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⁶ <http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/poverty/overview>

⁷ <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/buying-fairtrade>

Ethical issues in food production: genetically modified

All food comes from living organisms – plants, fungi or animals – and, therefore, every organism has a unique DNA code. DNA contains genes, which determine all the features of a given organism, including its nutritional value. Modification of DNA – replacing one or more of the genes in the DNA of a particular organism – in various plant and animal species that grow larger, are resistant to pests or produce

Why we use GM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to increase crops and avoid food shortages • to improve 'shelf life' in foods and lengthen storage time • to produce biofuel • to develop resistance to pests in plants • to decrease the amount of herbicides and pesticides needed • to increase the amount of eggs, milk, meat produced • to increase immunity in animals • to increase the amount of vitamins and other nutrients in food • to overcome climate challenges • to prevent malnutrition and fight off hunger • to improve flavour, colour, appearance or size of fruit and vegetables

The experiments to design and produce GM foods started in the 1980s and, therefore, (yet) whether they are safe and healthy to consume, because that requires longitudinal studies (performed over a long time, e.g. 50 years). Currently, the European Union law allows for GM crops of cotton, maize, oilseed rape, soya beans and sugar beet. *(Note that EU laws may change after Brexit)*

Did you know?

So-called 'Golden Rice' was developed to prevent widespread vitamin A deficiency in developing countries. It was successful at the beginning, but people refused to eat yellow rice!

Many people oppose GM foods because:

- there is no scientific proof that long-term use of GM food is healthy and safe
- they believe GM food increases the risk of allergies and cancer
- they may contribute to increased body mass and so to the recent growth in obesity around the world
- they may lead to antibiotic resistance (that's because genes responsible for antibiotic resistance are used as markers to determine whether a gene was successfully introduced into the plant tissue will kill all of the non-modified cells, leaving the antibiotic resistance gene behind)
- GM seeds mix with naturally occurring plants and may cause their extinction (e.g. if a GM plant is more competitive than a naturally occurring plant, its numbers may increase and the numbers of the naturally occurring plant may decrease)
- genetic modifications often require the use of viruses or bacteria, such as those used in the creation and spread of new diseases

On the other hand, genetically modified foods have multiple advantages, and scientists around the world work hard to ensure the newly produced species are not only environmentally friendly, but also safe to consume.

Compared with naturally occurring plants and animals, genetically modified ones can:

- contain more macronutrients, such as protein, which help to alleviate hunger in poor countries
- contain more polyunsaturated fatty acids, which may help to lower heart attacks and stroke incidence in rich countries
- contain more micronutrients, necessary to prevent malnutrition

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- require fewer resources, such as water, and can be grown almost everywhere
- have a longer shelf life, so help to limit **food waste**
- are resistant to pests, so no chemicals have to be used
- produce more meat, milk or eggs, so fewer animals have to be reared and less land has to be devoted to pastures or animal farms
- are resistant to bacteria, so no antibiotics have to be used

Did you know?

Almost 60% of the world's population live in countries where GM crops are grown.

GM advocates also claim that for these reasons GM foods are a way of providing food for future generations.

Research

Read about GM crops and food at www.uk/8227-genewatch and find out:

- whether GM crops or animals are grown/reared in Great Britain
- whether any products of GM crops enter Europe
- whether it's easy to find GM-free products in the shops

Genetically modified foods and their impact on health

The development of modern technologies has allowed scientists to manipulate the DNA of organisms such as viruses, bacteria, plants and animals. There is a strong correlation between diet, nutrition and health, and it is no surprise that genetically modified foods also have an impact on human health.

Did you know?

Golden Rice is a GM crop producing beta-carotene, which can help prevent blindness.

Introducing new genes to DNA or removing faulty ones has many advantages for human health and well-being.

- The food is more nutritious – in fact, crops can produce more vitamins and minerals, and less fat and fatty acids, thanks to which the food we eat (cereals, vegetables, fruit, eggs) is healthier
- Higher nutrient content can help to prevent malnutrition, especially in poor countries
- Higher nutrient content can help to prevent and cure the effects of deficiencies in macro- and micronutrients
- Higher content of antioxidants may be beneficial in prevention of many diseases, including coronary heart disease
- High-yield crops can help to fight off hunger, as more food can be produced on the same amount of land

Genetically modified organisms have been in use since the 1930s. During this time, many concerns about using them – due to both the environmental and health-related issues – have been raised. In fact, there is no sufficient data to prove or disprove how GM foods affect the health of humans. Some of the concerns include:

- Higher incidence of allergies – this is usually linked to GM soya beans, which have been found to react with the immune system
- Fear of new diseases, which can be caused by creating new bacteria species that are resistant to all known antibiotics
- A belief that GM foods contribute to the growing rates of obesity in developed countries, such as the USA
- A belief that GM foods increase the risk of cancer in those eating them
- Fear of antibiotic resistance developing in animals and in people eating them

In Great Britain, it is obligatory to state that a food contains GM ingredients if the content in the final product is higher than 0.9%.

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Check your understanding

Moral and ethical issues involved in food

1. Which of the following statements about food poverty is UNTRUE?
 - a. It only affects people in poor countries.
 - b. It occurs also in rich, developed countries.
 - c. It causes malnutrition.
 - d. It affects food availability.
2. Which of the following is TRUE about GM food?
 - a. It is usually less nutritious than conventional food.
 - b. It can increase the risk of food allergies.
 - c. It supports biodiversity of species.
 - d. GM animals are rare.

3. State three advantages of buying Fairtrade products.

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4. Explain the effect that climate change has on food availability on Earth.

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5. Evaluate the impact of GM food on health.

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Environmental issues and food production

Food production and transportation have an enormous impact on the environment. The use of natural resources, many of which are non-renewable. The expanding industrialisation has led to a situation where there will be no resources left for the future generations to produce food.

Food waste

Food waste is, in general terms, all the food that is rotten, spoiled or wasted, and is thrown away. It can be created by food producers, retailers and households. Food waste is one of the major problems of rich developed countries. In 2012, in the United Kingdom alone, the amount of food waste produced by households was about seven megatons, and by manufacturers – 3.9 megatons.⁸

Here are five reasons why food waste is wrong:

1. **Wasting food is unethical.** We live in a world of large social inequalities, where over one third of the population is obese, while another billion people suffer from famine.^{9,10}
2. **Wasting food is environmentally unfriendly.** Many resources – water, electricity – are used to produce and transport it. Not only were they used, but, in the meantime, the food is wasted.
3. **Wasting food is uneconomical.** Many people were involved in the process of production, and the food was paid for. The Waste and Resources Action Programme estimates that each family could save £700 a year simply by avoiding food waste.¹¹
4. **Wasting food requires organisation.** After all, someone has to pick up the rubbish from your home and either recycle it or store at a rubbish dump. That, again, contributes to the carbon footprint and increases the social cost of food waste.
5. **Wasting food creates pollution.** The food had to be produced (carbon dioxide), transported (greenhouse gases), packed (plastic), stored (refrigeration) and then thrown away (again). All the by-products of food production and consumption find their way to the landfill and contribute to the overall pollution of the planet.

Did you know?

The top five food waste items in the United Kingdom are:

- bread
- potatoes
- apples
- meat
- vegetables

A number of policies were designed to help prevent food waste:

- **Recycling** – of both food and food packaging. The leftover food can be used in a number of ways, e.g. as animal feed.
- **First in, first out** – rotation of stock helps prevent food waste by controlling 'best before' dates.
- **Storing the food in proper conditions** – helps prevent food spoilage by eliminating microorganisms, vermin or other environmental factors.
- **Redistribution** – giving away anything that cannot be sold. Some of the leftover food goes to charities which help distribute the food to those who are in need.

⁸ <http://www.wrap.org.uk/sites/files/wrap/UK%20Estimates%20October%2015%20%28FINAL%29.pdf>

⁹ <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs311/en/>

¹⁰ <https://www.thelifyoucansave.org/Causes/Hunger-and-Nutrition?gclid=CPPwk4nIvNACFUNmGx>

¹¹ <https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/>

Food waste in food production

There are several reasons why food may be wasted before it even gets to a shop or consumer.

- **Crop failure** – poor weather conditions, drought, flood, vermin, pests – all these factors can cause a lot of food to go to waste before it is even harvested.
- **Overproduction** – sometimes good weather conditions support growth of fruit and vegetables so efficiently that too much is produced and, as a result, farmers can't sell the overabundance; in these cases food is often left in the field to rot.
- **Throwing away** – producers may choose to throw away 'ugly', misshapen fruit or vegetables; this is because, in many cases, the produce doesn't meet the standards, as otherwise it can't be sold in shops.
- **Faulty methods** – faulty methods of production, e.g. in factories, may lead to food waste.



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Limiting food waste at the production stage might not be easy, as it may require legal changes and measures which farmers might not want to limit the wastage.

- Farmers may choose to use pesticides or herbicides, or to grow foods in protected environments to avoid crop failure caused by pests, vermin or weather conditions.
- Farmers can choose GM crops which are resistant to weather conditions.
- Farmers can try to sell the food more cheaply for freezing or canning.
- Factories can adjust their processing methods to minimise wastage.
- Factories can sell the food waste to produce natural fertilisers or animal feed.
- At all stages of production – when transporting, cleaning, sorting, cooking – producers can maintain proper conditions to prevent spoilage caused by bacteria.
- Factories can use packaging to protect food from external factors – modern packaging methods, such as modified atmosphere packaging or vacuum packaging can help to extend the shelf life of food while not affecting nutritional value.
- Producers can use preservatives – although this might be socially unacceptable, it is a proven method of extending the shelf life of food products.

Food waste in retailers

Smaller and larger shops struggle with large amounts of food which are not sold.

- not paying attention to date marks
- not storing the food in the correct conditions
- improper management and over-ordering

Shop managers may need to implement a couple of strategies to reduce food waste such as:

- Daily check of date marks, especially of fresh produce – a food past its date mark cannot be sold.
- If a food is past its 'best before' date, it is usually still edible, so can be donated to food banks or given for free to the shop workers and customers.
- Control storage conditions, both in the storeroom and in the sales hall – this is especially to temperature and sunlight, as many foods will be packaged at this stage so will be protected from other external factors.
- Lower the price for foods which are close to their 'use by' date as they will be sold.

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What can you do to stop wasting food?

Food waste in homes is usually caused by buying too much, cooking too much, not paying attention to date marks or improper storage conditions. Food may also be wasted due to lack of skills or knowledge, for example, when a person buys a new product and doesn't know what to cook with it or when a person can't cook and burns the meal.

Reducing food waste at home can include:

- Planning your meals and writing a shopping list – buy only the foods you need, in the amount you need. That applies especially to fresh foods, which cannot be stored for a long time.
- Using leftovers – you can use cooked vegetables to prepare a salad (or a cream soup), leftover mashed potato can be used to prepare fish cakes, and stale bread is great for a pudding or simply for breadcrumbs).
- Freezing foods that you cannot eat right away – that applies especially to meat and fish, and cooked meals. Vegetables have to be blanched or pre-cooked before freezing.
- Serving as much as you need. If there is too little, you can always ask for an extra helping.

If your food unfortunately gets spoiled or goes rotten, don't worry – store it in a compost (or give it to someone who owns a garden).

Research

Visit the website zzed.uk/8227-food-waste and try to list five ways in which you can contribute towards lowering food waste.

Did you know?

A major contribution towards food-related wastage comes from packaging. British people buy 22 million metric tonnes of food every year – and all that food comes in packaging. It is important to dispose of the packaging properly, so it can be recycled or destroyed in a controllable, environmentally friendly way. This is because materials such as glass or plastic will not decompose at all or the process will take a very long time. For this reason, the government and many international organisations strive to limit the number of plastic bags used (introducing the 5p payment per bag has already halved the number!).



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Recycling

Recycling is a way of getting rid of waste in an eco-friendly way. To facilitate this, colour-coded bins were introduced in the United Kingdom to help people identify what litter goes where. Note that different countries (and even different city councils) can have different policies – some use more colours, some only sort waste into ‘dry’ and ‘wet’, etc.

Research

Visit the website [zzed.uk/ 8227-recycle-now](https://www.zzed.uk/8227-recycle-now) and create a poster in which you explain what goes in each bin and how you can recycle in your area.

Typical colour of the bin	What goes in it	What it is for
Blue 	Paper, newspapers, magazines, metal cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, plastic food trays and yogurt pots	The materials are recycled into new packages, etc.
Brown	Food waste, vegetable peel, egg shells, teabags, garden waste (cut grass, flowers, etc.)	This is decomposed into compost for example.
Green or grey	Plastic bags, polystyrene, light bulbs, mirrors, sanitary products, nappies	These are not recycled and have to be disposed of (e.g. burnt) or landfilled.

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¹² <https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/household-waste-and-recycling/what-goes-in-your-bins>

Carbon footprint and the transportation of material

Food can be transported even from very distant countries by trains, lorries, ships. All means of transport need a lot of energy – from either carbon, petrol or wood. Combustion produces smoke, producing dust, exhaust gases and carbon dioxide. They contribute to general air pollution of the air and ground (especially near main roads and motorways).

Transport by land



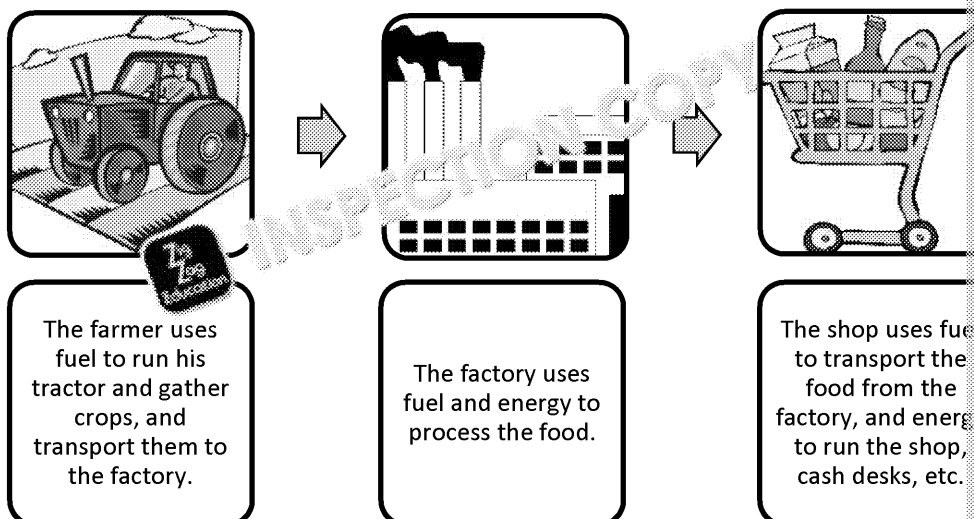
Transport by water

Transport by air

Foods and other goods are transported by different means. Which do you think produces the most carbon footprint?

An important effect of rising global transportation (and consumption of fuels) is global climate change. This is because large amounts of greenhouse gases are produced during the transport of foods. Greenhouse gases include water vapour, carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide. They are produced in large amounts by households (e.g. when heating the house and using gas) and by people (e.g. buses and cars). All the greenhouse gases produced as a result of something are part of its **carbon footprint**.

Buying locally reduces the need for transportation of produce, and, therefore, is a good way to reduce carbon footprint. It also reduces **food miles** – the distance which food has to travel.



Food miles and carbon footprint are built up all the way from the field to the shop.

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Reducing the amount of greenhouse gases produced during production and transport for saving the Earth. It can be achieved by:

- using alternative sources of energy such as wind or solar panels to run factories
- using more effective ways of transportation and improving exhaust filters
- choosing local foods to reduce the need for transportation at all
- planting more trees and stopping deforestation

Research

Visit the website [zzed.uk/ 8227-WWF-footprint](http://www.zzed.uk/8227-WWF-footprint) and discuss how YOU can reduce your footprint.



Things to think about (3.1)

Discuss how food waste, transportation and packaging contribute to greenhouse gas emissions.



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Sustainability of resources

Sustainability of food concerns scientists, governments and ecologists all around the world. Climate change and growing population, may affect food availability in the future. New technologies can come to the rescue, keeping the most pessimistic visions at bay.

As the world population grows, more and more food has to be produced to meet the demand. Currently (March 2017) there are 7.5 billion people living on Earth, and the United Nations predicts that the world population will grow to 11 billion by 2100.

The more people there are, the more food is needed – but the area and resources available for food production are limited. Food production and transportation require a lot of resources, such as water and energy, and generate a lot of waste and pollution. Intensive farming and fishing can lead to environmental damage, loss of biodiversity and to soil exhaustion. For these reasons, the idea of **sustainable food** is becoming increasingly important. The point of sustainable food is to use the available resources only to the extent that they can be replenished.

The main principles of food sustainability are:

- reducing waste of food and packaging
- eating more vegetables and fruit, and less meat and dairy to limit the amount of greenhouse gases
- buying locally and seasonally to limit the carbon footprint
- choosing fair trade certified products to promote fair wages and prices
- selecting fish from sustainable resources only
- avoid or limit the consumption of sugar, salt and food additives
- growing food yourself if possible

The idea of sustainability is currently supported by the European Union*, which has adopted the 'Resource Efficient Europe' policy. The aim of the policy is to reduce waste, improve efficiency and optimise consumption in order to protect the environment.

Research

Discover more about the sustainability of food at zzed.uk/8227-EU-environment

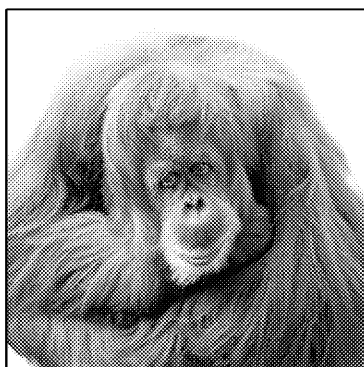
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*(Note that EU laws may change after Brexit)

An example of how the policy is implemented is **fish farms** (you can learn more at <https://www.gov.uk/government/topics/fish-farming>)

Why is sustainability of resources important?



Food production has contributed to loss of biodiversity and habitats and endangered wildlife such as orangutans and Sumatran tigers.



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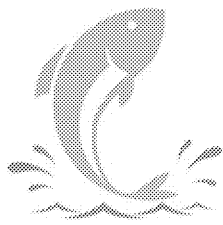

Sustainability is the ability to keep harvesting or using a product without causing long-term damage or harm to the environment, the animal or to the economy or livelihood of developing countries.



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Sustainability issues have surrounded the following food products:

FISH	PALM OIL	
		
Some fish stocks have become endangered through overfishing or habitat loss. Sustainable fish is fish that is caught or farmed in a way that causes minimal damage to marine environments or other wildlife. The Marine Conservation Society and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall have campaigned for Marine Conservation Areas (also known as Marine Protected Areas) to help protect the UK's most fragile marine environments from overfishing or damage.	Palm oil is grown in South East Asia and is found in many products, such as food, shampoo, biofuel and cosmetics. Palm oil plantations have resulted in mass deforestation of tropical forests leading to loss of biodiversity and wildlife, including the orangutan (over 80 % according to the Orangutan Project). Some supermarkets state that they source palm oil from plantations which can demonstrate that they have not endangered tropical rainforests – this is referred to as <i>sustainable</i> palm oil	Mass order plan resp eco rain Only bea with live sme pro The com pro
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Check your understanding

Environmental issues and food production

1. Which of the following does not contribute to an increase in carbon footprint?
 - a. Using oil as fuel
 - b. Using carbon as fuel
 - c. Using wood as fuel
 - d. Building wind- and solar-driven power plants
2. Which of the following statements is TRUE about food waste?
 - a. The most food waste is produced by households.
 - b. The most food waste is produced by retailers.
 - c. The most food waste is produced in food factories.
 - d. The most food waste is produced by farmers.

3. What is meant by carbon footprint.

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4. Suggest two ways in which food waste can be reduced during the production process.

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5. Explain how fish farms help to support sustainability of resources.

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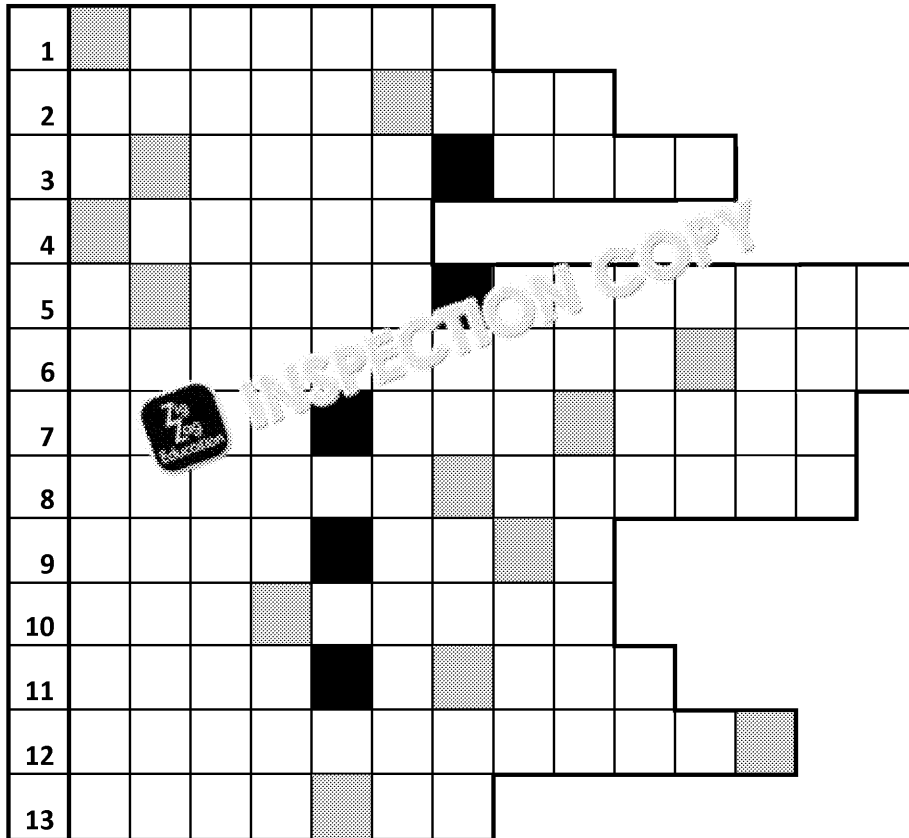
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Quiz-ine

Fill in the answers to the questions below to reveal a word relevant to food security (black squares are spaces between words).



1. Mass of ice which melts as an effect of climate change. (7)
2. The practice of reusing items that would otherwise be discarded as waste. (9)
3. GM cereal introduced in South America to prevent vitamin A deficiency. (6, 4)
4. The most common Fairtrade fruit in the world. (6)
5. One of the greenhouse gases. (6, 7)
6. Ability to maintain the natural environment and produce goods without despoiling it. (10)
7. Fishing method in which a net is spread between two boats. (4, 8)
8. Situation where people have the purchasing power to buy a sufficient amount of food. (10)
9. Artificial tank where fish are reared for commercial purposes. (4, 4)
10. Metal from which tins and cans are made. (9)
11. The distance travelled by food between the farm and the plate. (4, 5)
12. A condition where a person's diet doesn't contain sufficient nutrients. (12)
13. Lengthy period of no rainfall that leads to crop failure. (7)

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Chapter 4: Technological developments to support better health and food

Overview

In this chapter you will discover how technology helps obtain food that improves health. You will also learn what additives in foods are used for, their positive impacts and their negative impacts. Lastly, you will learn about probiotics and prebiotics, and how they affect health.

Learning outcomes

After studying this chapter you should be able to do the following:

- ☐ list what additives are used in foods and their functions
- ☐ explain how technology can help make food safer and healthier
- ☐ explain the difference between probiotics and prebiotics
- ☐ identify the benefits associated with probiotics and prebiotics

Key Terms

Additives	Artificial or natural substances that do not usually occur naturally in foods, but are added to them to enhance their features or shelf life
Antioxidant	A chemical which can prevent oxidation by donating electrons
Atherosclerosis	A condition in which cholesterol plaque builds up and causes the arteries to narrow and stiffen
Cholesterol	A fatty substance necessary to build cell membranes, but is also transported in the blood by lipoproteins
Enriching	Addition of vitamins and minerals to foods which have been lost during processing
Fermentation	A process in which sugar is turned into lactic acid or alcohol, often conducted by bacteria and yeast
Fortification	A process in which vitamins and minerals are added to foods to increase their nutritional value
Lipoproteins	Molecules built from protein and fat, responsible for transporting cholesterol from the cells
Phytosterol	A chemical derived from plants which helps to lower cholesterol and prevent atherosclerosis
Prebiotic	Substances and chemicals which support the growth of beneficial bacteria
Probiotic	Bacteria species that are beneficial for health
Trans fats	Harmful fats generated as an effect of incomplete hydrogenation

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Fortification of foods

Processing of foods leads to (sometimes significant) changes in their nutritional value. Vitamins and minerals, along with high intake of calories, can lead to diet-related diseases, such as anaemia, atherosclerosis, or beriberi. For that reason, in many countries in the world vitamins and minerals are added to foods to increase their nutritional value and reduce the risk of such diseases.

Did you know?

Beriberi is caused by a lack of thiamine.

Modern technologies also allow further changes in the structure and nutritional value of food. Some of these changes are used to improve the palatability of food, while others are applied to improve the food's impact on health.

Fortification of foods

Fortification of foods is a process in which certain vitamins and/or minerals are added in order to:

- increase its nutritional value
- restore its nutritional value which has been lost during processing
- make it more suitable for certain consumer groups (e.g. children)
- prevent diseases caused by lack of these vitamins and minerals

Did you know?

In some countries it is mandatory to add iodine to salt to prevent thyroid gland diseases.



According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), 'fortification' is applied to foods whether or not they contain a given micronutrient, while foods that have lost their nutritional value during processing are 'enriched'.

There are two important rules about food fortification:

1. Fortification cannot be applied to unprocessed foods.
2. If micronutrients are added, it is obligatory to list the amount on the label.

Foods can be fortified obligatorily or voluntarily.

Mandatory fortification	Voluntary fortification
Wheat flour for bread iron, folic acid, niacin, calcium carbonate	Bread Calcium, iron, vitamins A and D
Margarine Vitamins A and D	
Semi-skimmed and skimmed milk Vitamin A	Whole milk and other milk products Vitamin A

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FOLIC ACID
VITAMIN B12
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These are the nutrients that must be listed on the label of fortified foods.

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¹ <https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/multimedia/pdfs/breadflourguide.pdf>

² <https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/multimedia/pdfs/yellowfatguidance0610.pdf>

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Voluntary fortification of foods is designed to make foods more suitable for certain populations. For example, the addition of calcium makes cereals better for children, who need it to grow healthy. Another example is the addition of vitamin C to foods; this increases the intake of this vitamin, which in turn extends the shelf life – because vitamin C works as a preservative/antioxidant.



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Although generally beneficial, fortification can have its downsides. For example, products fortified with calcium might not be suitable for people suffering from kidney stones, and products fortified with iodine might be harmful for those suffering from thyroid gland diseases.

Ingredients Cereal Grains (Whole Grain **Wheat** Flour (32.5%), Rice Flour), Sugar, Vitamins and Minerals (Calcium, Niacin, Pantothenic Acid, Iron, Vitamin B6, Vitamin B12, Folic Acid), Maize Starch, Salt, Cinnamon, Trisodium Phosphate, Emulsifier: Sunflower Lecithin, Roasted Barley, Flavouring: Cinnamon Flavour, Colour: Annatto.

ALLERGY ADVICE: For allergens, including cereals containing gluten, see ingredients in **bold**. May also contain Milk, **Peanuts** and other **Nuts**.

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In many cases, food fortification may also be a costly process, and as a result the final foods may be too expensive to be bought by those who need them most (e.g., those who cannot afford a healthy, balanced diet based on fresh produce).

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Check your understanding: Fortification

1. Which of the following statements about food fortification is UNTRUE?
 - a. It increases nutritional value of food
 - b. It restores the nutritional value in processed foods
 - c. It is used to prevent certain diseases
 - d. It is unhealthy to eat fortified products

2. List two foods which are fortified by law and state one nutrient which

Fortified food	Nutrient

3. Explain why foods are voluntarily fortified. Give two examples to support your answer.

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4. Explain why some kinds of milk are fortified by law.

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Additives in foods

There are various additives added to food, and currently their use is strictly regulated by European Union law. The use of them has to be clearly stated on the food label, along with their function and E number.

Food additives are grouped by their function in the food.

The safety of additives is currently assessed by the European Food Safety Authority. They can tell you if an additive can be used in food and in what amount. However, the usage of food additives is still a topic of debate.

One of the most controversial food additives is aspartame, which is a very sweet, low-calorie substitute for sugar. Since its discovery in the 1980s, it has been believed to cause brain tumours and cancer. However, the most recent study shows no link between aspartame and these diseases, and, therefore, it is considered safe to consume. However, since it is broken down into phenylalanine in the body, it cannot be eaten by people suffering from PKU (phenylketonuria).

Use of additives can be harmful to people suffering from food allergies, such as sulphite allergy. Sulphites are commonly used in dried fruits and many other products, so it is important to read the label carefully when buying foods.

Did you know?

Phenylketonuria (PKU) is a genetic condition in which one of the amino acids, phenylalanine, cannot be broken down and used by the body (like other amino acids). If it is accumulated in the blood, it leads to brain damage. People with PKU need to avoid foods that contain phenylalanine.

Cereal (41 %) and milk chocolate chip (5 %) bar half covered with milk chocolate (20 %)

Ingredients: **Oat** flakes (21 %), invert sugar syrup, sugar, glucose syrup, **wheat** flour, vegetable fats (palm, shea), rice flour, cocoa butter, cocoa mass, honey (2 %), dried skimmed **milk**, wheat bran, dried whey (from **milk**), dried whole **milk**, humectant (glycerol), **milk** fat, **barley** malt extract, emulsifiers (**soya** lecithin, E471, E476, sunflower lecithin), salt, molasses, flavourings.
May contain peanuts, nuts, egg.

Cereal and milk chocolate chip bars are made with many different food additives.

PASTEURISED HOMOGENISED SEMI-SKIMMED MILK
* LESS THAN 1% FAT
INGREDIENTS:
Semi Skimmed Milk, Lactose
Allergy advice: For allergic people Lactofree is not suitable for consumption. If in doubt please consult your doctor.

Lactose-free milk is made with lactase to improve digestibility.

Ingredients: Sugar, Glucose Syrup, Flavourings & Colours May Contain **E102, E110, E122, E155, E171. E no's listed in BOLD, may have an adverse effect on activity.**
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This product contains additives which might cause health issues.

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Advantages and disadvantages of food additives

Group	Function/Advantage	Disadvantage
Colourings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the colour Change the colour Make food more appealing Make food more appetising Improve appearance of food Some of them are natural 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be used to hide poor quality of ingredients Can increase consumption, leading to obesity Tartrazine is linked to lethal asthma attacks and other allergic reactions, such as skin rashes, throat tumours and Some of them are artificial
Emulsifiers and stabilisers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep mixtures from separating Keep emulsions and other mixtures stable Prevent crystallisation of mixtures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be used to hide poor quality of ingredients Can damage the lining of the intestines, and cause bloating and flatulence Some emulsifiers are linked to causing <i>leaky gut syndrome</i>
Gelling agents and thickeners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help to obtain the desired texture/viscosity of food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be used to hide poor quality of ingredients May cause diarrhoea and allergic reactions
Flavourings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the flavour Change the flavour Add new flavour to a food Make food more appealing and appetising 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSG can cause allergic symptoms such as itching or sweating May increase consumption, leading to obesity
Sweeteners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substitute for sugar Have a lower calorific value than sugar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May increase consumption, leading to obesity Aspartame is a source of phenylalanine, so can't be eaten by people suffering from phenylketonuria
Preservatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance shelf life Prevent bacterial growth Prevent growth of moulds and fungi Prevent food spoilage Lower food waste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sulphites can cause allergic reactions, including anaphylactic shock Nitrates used in cold cuts can cause stomach cancer Benzoates can cause asthma, skin rashes and other allergic reactions Sorbates can cause dermatitis (skin inflammation)
Antioxidants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevent food spoilage Prevent oxidation of food and help to maintain its quality Stop oils and fats in food from becoming rancid 	Some people may not like the fact that they are often synthetic (not natural)

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Where can we find additives?

Additives cannot be added to foods which are labelled as 'natural', and artificial additives cannot be added to foods labelled as 'organic'. Nevertheless, manufacturers can choose what substances they want to add to their products.

So where are they used most often?

- Colourants usually make their way into beverages, fruit yoghurts, lollipops, ice lollies and condiments.
- Sweeteners, such as glucose syrup, are added to cereals and cereal bars, sweets and ice creams, and even sauces and condiments.
- Monosodium glutamate is added to savoury foods such as instant soups and stock cubes.
- Sodium nitrite is added to curing meats and meat preserves.
- Aspartame and other sugar substitutes are often found in low-sugar, 'light' products.



For a tasty stock dissolve 1 cube in 190ml of boiling water

No artificial preservatives

INGREDIENTS (GREATEST FIRST):

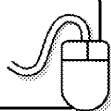
Wheat Flour (with added Calcium, Iron, Niacin, Thiamin), Salt, Dried Glucose Syrup, Flavour Enhancer (Monosodium Glutamate), Yeast Extract, Flavourings, Chicken Fat (3%), Potato Starch, Sugar, Concentrated Chicken Extract (2%), Colour (Ammonia Caramel).

Stock cubes are made with the use of glucose syrup, monosodium glutamate, flavourings and colourants. They also contain potato starch, which acts as a thickener.

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Research

Research different types of food additive to show the natural and artificial ones.



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Check your understanding: Additives

1. Which statement about food additives is TRUE?
 - a. They increase nutritional value of food. ☐
 - b. They prevent certain diseases. ☐
 - c. They can cause health issues. ☐
 - d. Their use is mandatory. ☐
2. Common problems linked to food additives include...
 - a. allergies ☐
 - b. nervous system disorders ☐
 - c. asthma ☐
 - d. all of the above ☐
3. State one function of each of the additives below in food production.

Additive	Function
Monosodium glutamate	
Tartrazine	
Aspartame	
Sulphur dioxide	
Lecithin	

4. Give three positive outcomes of using sweeteners in food products.

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New and emerging foods

When talking about new trends in food production, it is worth mentioning functional foods. Functional foods are products which:

- provide extra health benefits (beyond their normal nutritional value)
- are similar in appearance to conventional food (so, for example, pills and capsules do not count)
- can be consumed as part of a healthy, balanced diet.

Did you know?

The term 'functional food' was first used in 1980.

Functional foods are usually labelled with a health claim on the package, so that it is easier to identify them. Functional foods include those which are designed to improve cardiovascular health and support immunity and digestion.

Probiotics

Probiotics are 'good' bacteria living in the human body. They live mainly in the digestive system, and their levels are highest in the large intestine. In the body, they play multiple functions:

- improve immunity by fighting off the 'bad' bacteria in the intestine
- improve digestion by breaking down some dietary fibre
- produce short fatty acids, which can be used by our bodies as an extra source of energy
- produce vitamins, such as vitamin K, B12, B1 and B2
- increase absorption of iron, calcium and magnesium
- prevent diarrhoea
- maintain the proper pH of the skin and vagina
- help to maintain a healthy body weight

Probiotic bacteria usually belong to one of two species: *Lactobacillus* (e.g. *L. casei*, *L. acidophilus*) and *Bifidobacterium* (e.g. *B. lactis*). They are also used in the production of food products such as yoghurt, cheese, fermented milk beverages (e.g. Yakult®, Actimel™), sauerkraut and gherkins. The positive health effect of consuming probiotics depends on their ability to survive the journey from your mouth to the large intestine, as only the live bacteria can thrive and multiply in the gut.

functional foods can also be used as a source of energy

Did you know?

Probiotics can help to maintain a healthy body weight.

Did you know?

Trans fats can be found in many processed foods, including margarine and fast food.



Things to think about

Discuss why some doctors might prescribe you probiotic supplements if you have taken antibiotics.



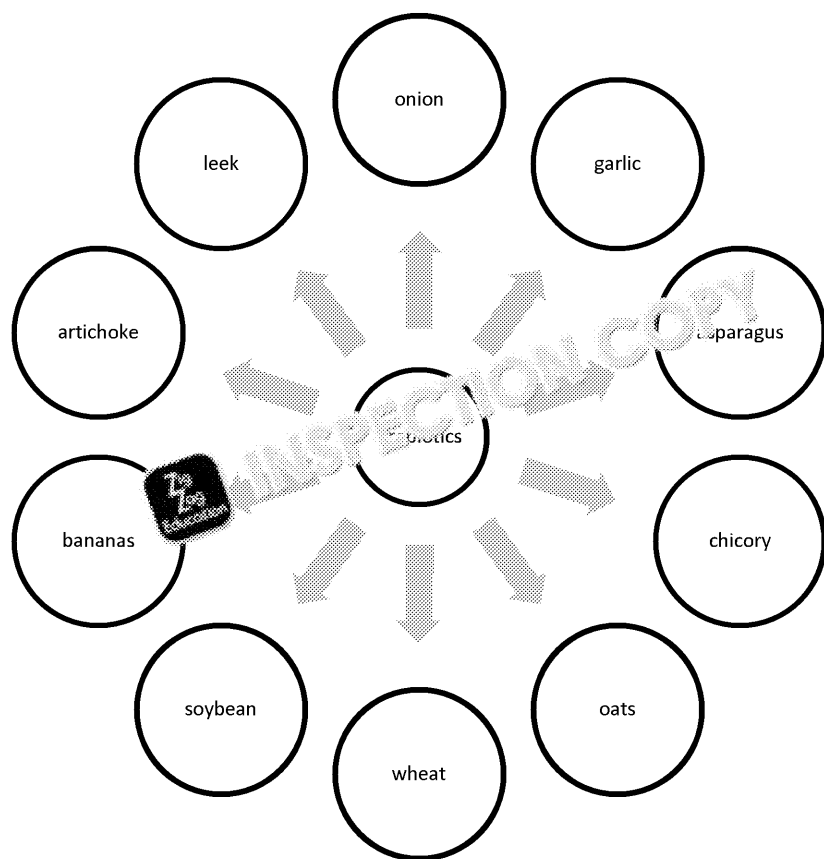
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Prebiotics

Prebiotics are indigestible substances which support the growth of probiotic bacteria. They are found in dietary fibre, inulin and fructo-oligosaccharides. Prebiotics are naturally found in



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Further Reading:

Phytosterols

Cholesterol is a fatty substance necessary to build cell membranes, bile acid and some hormones. It is transported in the blood by lipoproteins.

Low-density lipoproteins (LDL) transport fat from the liver to the cells; they increase the levels of blood cholesterol and are, therefore, called 'bad'.

High-density lipoproteins (HDL) transport fat from the blood to the liver, where it is stored or removed from the body; they reduce the amount of cholesterol and fat in the blood and are, therefore, called 'good'.

High levels of LDL cholesterol are linked to an increased risk of cardiovascular disease, heart attack, hypertension and stroke.

To prevent this, especially among the elderly, cholesterol-lowering spreads are a mix of vegetable oils (such as rapeseed oil, sunflower oil and olive oil), to which are added. Also, special care is taken to make sure that no **trans fats** are released.

Studies have shown that an intake of 1.5–2.4 g of these substances lowers the level of LDL cholesterol, thereby decreasing the risk of death from heart attack.

The producers of such spreads have also introduced other products containing phytosterols, which include milk drinks and yogurt.

Such products are especially beneficial for people at risk of overweight, obesity, high blood cholesterol levels. These conditions often occur together.

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1. Which of the following is TRUE?
- a. All cholesterol is harmful. ☐
 - b. Plant sterols decrease LDL level in blood. ☐
 - c. Plant sterols decrease HDL level in blood. ☐
 - d. Cholesterol level is not important for health. ☐

2. Probiotics occur in largest amount in...
- a. the large intestine ☐
 - b. the small intestine ☐
 - c. the stomach ☐
 - d. the mouth ☐

3. Name three food products made with the use of probiotics.



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4. Describe the difference between probiotics and prebiotics.

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5. State three benefits of consuming probiotic yoghurts.

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1. Sweetener which can be broken down into phenylalanine. (9)
2. The other name for a vegetable fat spread. (9)
3. Natural colourant derived from tomatoes. (8)
4. Useful species of bacteria which produces lactic acid. (13)
5. Iron is added to flour to prevent this health condition associated with iron deficiency. (10)
6. A serious health condition which may occur if the blood vessels in your brain become blocked. (6)
7. Flour made from this cereal is fortified by law. (5)
8. The main function of sulphites in food. (12)
9. Emulsifier naturally present in egg yolk. (8)

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Chapter 5: Development of culinary

Overview

In this chapter we will look at food products from British tradition and from other cuisines. We will explore different styles of cooking from different cultures and will look at the equipment and methods used to cook British and international dishes.

We will also look at the different presentation and serving styles of traditional and modern recipes

Learning outcomes

After studying this chapter you should be able to do

- ☐ understand and describe the distinctive features of cooking
- ☐ describe the equipment and cooking methods used in non-traditional cooking
- ☐ understand and describe how British and international cuisines have developed
- ☐ identify eating patterns and how they influence food choices
- ☐ identify different presentation and serving styles
- ☐ be able to prepare, create and adapt recipes from different cuisines
- ☐ understand how culture affects cuisine

Key Terms

Al fresco	Eating outside (e.g. picnics/barbecues)
Bento	A Japanese method of food preparation (in boxes)
Brunch	Late morning meal eaten in place of breakfast and lunch
Cuisine	A cooking style associated with a particular country or region
Culture	A way of living based on tradition
Eating patterns	A way of eating based on the culture of a country or region
Ethnicity	Relating to groups of people who belong to a specific culture
Etiquette	Conforming to correct customs or behaviour
Export	To send goods to another country for sale
Garnish	A decoration or embellishment of food which can be eaten
Global	Worldwide
Immigration	Individuals or groups of people from one country moving to another country
Import	To bring goods from abroad for sale
Presentation styles	A way of showing off food in a variety of different ways
Ritual	A ceremony performed in a specific order
Scandinavian	Relating to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland
Siesta	A rest break taken in Spain during the hottest part of the day
Smorgasbord	Scandinavian buffet-style food meaning <i>battered</i> and <i>assorted</i>
Sushi	A traditional Japanese food preparation method
Tagine	A traditional earthenware dish for cooking North African spicy stews
Tapas	Traditional Spanish snacks or small meals
Tradition	Something that is long established within a country or culture
Wok	Shallow frying pan associated with Chinese cooking, often used for stir-frying

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British cuisine

The way we eat can be influenced by how we have been brought up and the traditions which we live. The type of food that is specific to a particular region or country is referred to as **cuisine**. Cuisine is a country's style based on ingredients, preparation, cooking methods and presentation/serving techniques. There are many things that affect a country's cuisine. Eating and cooking may decrease as more modern methods are embraced or when factors affect **eating patterns**.

Typical British cuisine includes fish and chips, steak and kidney pie, shepherd's pie, apple pie, bangers and mash and regional variations such as *stod-in-the-hole*, Yorkshire puddings, bubble and squeak, Cumberland pie and Lancashire hotpot. Traditional desserts include bread and butter pudding, spotted dick and jam roly polly. Wales offers foods such as *barby* and Welsh rarebit and is also influenced by Italian and Mediterranean cuisines due to immigration during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The East End of London is known for its *jelly eels*. Scotland is known for porridge and has its own unique food product in haggis. A traditional breakfast in Northern Ireland is the Ulster Fry and other foods typically associated with this part of the UK are soda bread and Irish stew. Cornwall is renowned for its Cornish pasties and stargazy fish pie and Derbyshire known for its Bakewell tarts.



Spotted dick pudding

The distinctive features of traditional British cuisine are one time characterised by availability and cost, with a proportion of dishes being stodgy (high fat and starchy). With **global** trade and **import** of exotic foods, in addition to a mix of cultures and **ethnicity**, British cuisine has evolved to include and embrace foods that were not available 50 years ago. Some traditional dishes are created through the need to reuse leftover food, such as bubble and squeak, which uses leftover vegetables.

Modern food recipes are influenced by different cultures and the availability of exotic and foreign foods. Eating outside (**al fresco**) has become more popular during the summer in the UK and barbecues have increased in popularity. The UK boasts many restaurants that offer cuisines from different countries and cultures which introduce us to new or unfamiliar foods or ways of cooking.

Research

1. Look up what is included in a traditional bubble and squeak.
2. Look up the traditional method and equipment for cooking a traditional Yorkshire pudding and how it differs from making individual Yorkshire puddings.



Things to think about (5.1)

Discuss one reason why, in bubble and squeak, meat was replaced by vegetables.

Apply

List three foods that are more readily available now than they were 50 years ago.
Find recipes for four of the regional foods mentioned in this section.

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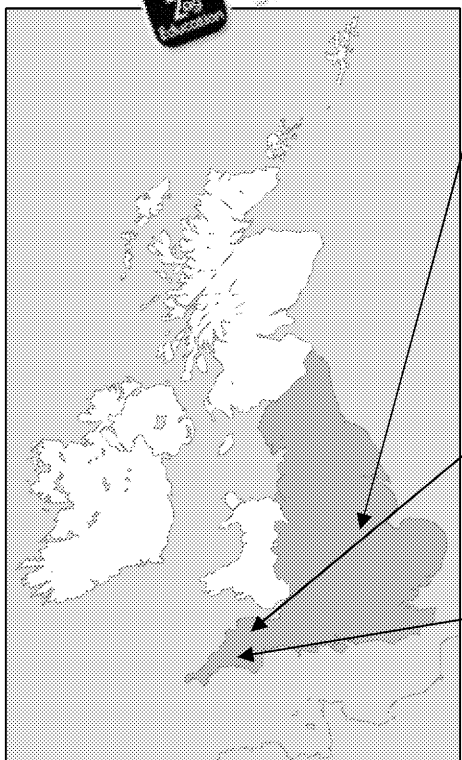
Regional variations

Cuisine in Great Britain varies more or less depending on the region. As the climate varies, so do the produce and traditional foods. According to EU law, traditional foods can be given a Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) or a Protected Geographical Indication (PGI).

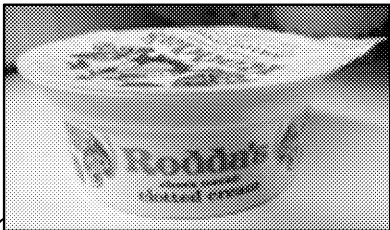
- PDO – Protected Designation of Origin – this status is given to foods produced in a specific region with the use of traditional, recognised methods
- PGI – Protected Geographical Indication – given to foods which are produced in a specific region
- TSG – Traditional Speciality Guaranteed – given to foods which are made using traditional methods, but aren't linked to any specific region or area

You don't need to know these names, BUT you need to recognise traditional foods from different regions of Great Britain.

England



Did you know?
Melton Mowbray pork pies are characteristic of central England.



Did you know?
Cornish pasties have the PGI status. This means that they need to be prepared in Cornwall, but the final baking can take place anywhere.

England can be divided into nine regions, each of which can offer a variety of food. Some of the most popular foods include:

- Cumberland pork sausages
- Cheddar, Stilton and Wensleydale cheese
- English muffins
- Eton mess
- English breakfast
- Lancashire hotpot
- Cornish pasty
- Jellyed eels
- Yorkshire pudding
- Devonshire cream tea
- Bakewell tart

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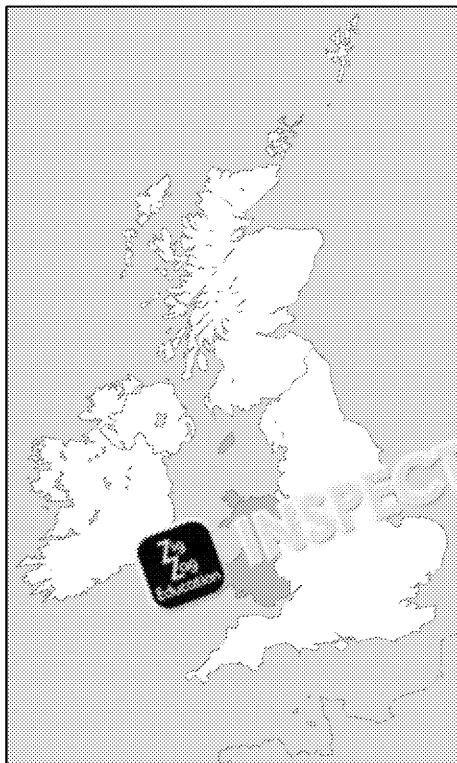
Go to [zzed.co.uk](http://www.zzed.co.uk) and search for food-festival. List the foods presented at the Ludlow Food Festival.

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Food is an important part of English culture and is celebrated during various festivals. The Cornish Pasty Festival, the Whitstable Oyster Festival and the Taste of Cumbria Food Festival.

Wales



Traditional Welsh cuisine is hearty and filling – that's because it evolved to fill the bellies of hard-working Welsh farmers, fishermen, miners and steel workers. When in Wales, make sure you taste these traditional dishes:

- cawl – a thick, hearty soup made with lamb, beef or chicken
- Welsh rarebit – a savoury cheese sauce poured over toasted bread
- Glamorgan sausages – fully vegetarian, made with cheese, leek and mustard
- leek and potato soup – the comfort food of Wales
- Welsh cakes – soft, buttery baked breads with cinnamon
- bara brith – dense loaf full of dried fruit

Welsh food is known for its quality, and exports to other countries are growing. You can enjoy a variety of Welsh foods all year round, for example, the Anglesey Oyster Festival which takes place in October.

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Find a recipe for a traditional Welsh dish and calculate its nutritional value. Then try to adapt it to suit today's society better.



Did you know?

The leek is the national flower of Wales.

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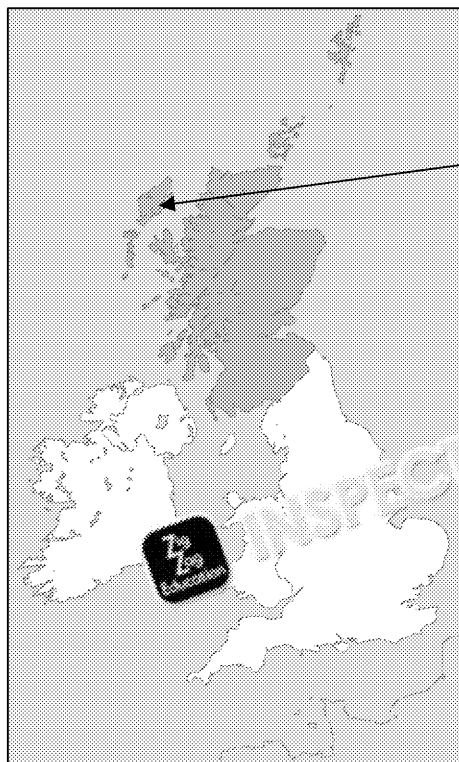


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Scotland



Did you know?

Stornoway black pudding can only be produced in the Western Isles of Scotland.



The first thing that comes to mind when you think of Scotland is Haggis. Haggis is the national dish of Scotland. It is made from sheep's offal, minced with onion, oatmeal and suet, which are then encased in the animal's stomach. Other foods associated with Scotland include:

- porridge
- Scotch broth (made with barley, pulses and sometimes cabbage)
- kippers (pickled and cold-smoked fish)
- kedgeree (flaked fish with rice, butter and spices)
- black pudding (blood sausage)
- Dunlop cheese
- shortbread and oatcakes
- scones
- Dundee cake.

Did you know?

Scotland is the birthplace of the renowned chef Gordon Ramsay.



Scotland is also known internationally for its whisky.

Research

Tom Kitchin is another popular Scottish chef. His cooking is greatly inspired by his travels. Visit www.tomkitchin.com or [zzed.uk/8227-the-kitchin-menu](http://www.zzed.uk/8227-the-kitchin-menu) and find the Scottish inspirations in the menu. Can you create a menu for your region?

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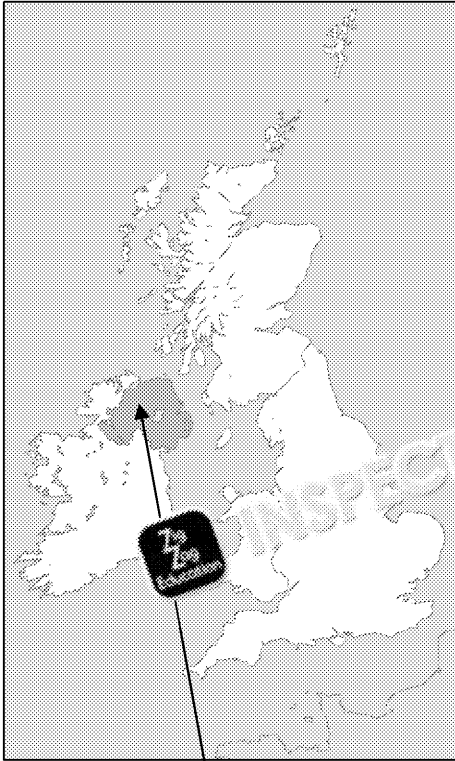


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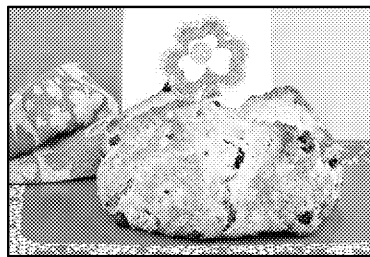
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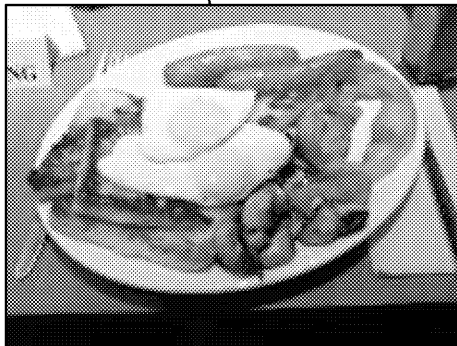
Northern Irish cuisine is a mixture of British and Irish influences. The most popular foods you will find:

- soda bread
- Ardglass potted herring (slightly milder than traditional herring, served with breadcrumbs)
- boxty (potato cake made from a mixture of potatoes and flour)
- champ (potato mash with milk and butter)
- dulse (a snack made of seaweed)
- pasties (potatoes made of sausage, potatoes and onion)
- Ulster fry (full breakfast with soda bread, sausage, steak and Guinness pie)
- Irish stew (made with mutton, potatoes and onion)

Ireland is also home to Irish whiskey (made from a blend of grains, not just barley). The country has many culinary traditions during numerous festivals, including the Bushmills Salmon & Whiskey Festival and the Sligo Food Festival.



Some of the most popular Irish foods are...



Ulster fry is an Irish take on a full 'English' breakfast



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Check your understanding: British

1. Which of the following foods is a typical example of traditional UK cuisine?
 - a. Bangers and mash ☐
 - b. Chow mein ☐
 - c. Sushi ☐
 - d. Kebabs ☐
2. Which of the following foods has been adapted to replace meat with fruit to become a UK favourite at Christmas?
 - a. Christmas pudding ☐
 - b. Christmas cake ☐
 - c. Yule log ☐
 - d. Mince pies ☐
3. Which of the following foods is characteristic of Scotland?
 - a. Ardglass potted herring ☐
 - b. Stornoway black pudding ☐
 - c. Glamorgan sausage ☐
 - d. Lancashire hotpot ☐
4. Identify two ingredients characteristic of Welsh cuisine.
1
2
3

5. Fish and chips is one of the most iconic British dishes. Below are ingredients and method for fish and chips.

Ingredients	Method
650 g haddock fillet 225 g plain flour 300 ml lager 8 large potatoes 2 l beef dripping	1. Peel the potatoes and cut into thick chips. Fry until golden brown. Remove from the pan and drain. 2. Sift the flour into a bowl and add lager. Mix until a thick batter is formed. 3. Dust the fish fillets with flour and dip in the batter. 4. Deep-fry until golden brown. Serve with chips.

Identify two ways in which the recipe could be changed to better suit a vegetarian society. Justify your choices.

- i) Change 1
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- ii) Change 2
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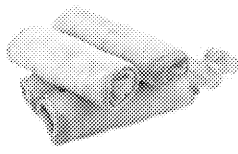
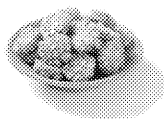

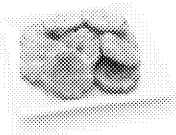
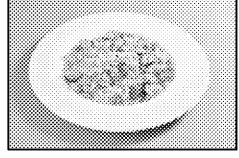
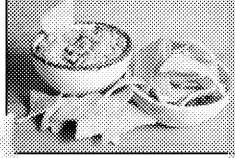





International cuisines

Almost every country has its own, distinguishable cuisine. These cuisines develop under different conditions, available produce, soil quality, availability of land to grow and rear food. Cuisine has developed also due to the dominant religion, e.g. in India the cuisine is based on Hinduism, and in Morocco – by Islam. Modern cuisines are usually a medley of various influences. People bring their own foods and traditions with them, and influence the locals.

Foods from various cultures

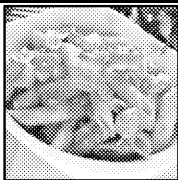
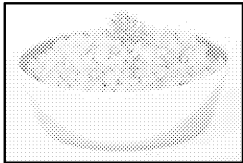

In Britain, due to global trade expansion, we sample a range of international cuisines. We can learn from other countries to describe cooking methods, particularly from France. The cuisine from France: mayonnaise, crêpes, soufflé, hollandaise sauce, omelette, quiche, croissant, fondue, gateaux to name a few. Some food terms refer to the cooking method, such as *en croûte* (in a pastry crust) and *gratin* (lightly browned crust). Some common foods consumed in Britain with an international origin include typically Italian spaghetti bolognese and pizza. The cuisine of some countries may be linked to the history, for example, Scandinavian countries may typically have recipes that are predominately meat-based. Some countries are influenced by other cultures due to travelling, importing, immigration by foreign people. For example, cuisine is varied within the African continent due to variations between countries but also to the historic influence of French and Portuguese. South American cuisine is also influenced by Spanish, French and Portuguese cuisines. To any cuisine from around the world, each with its own distinctive style, present the following typical examples:

Chinese	Japanese	French
		
Spring rolls, sweet and sour stir-fry, noodles, chow mein	Miso, tofu, rice, wasabi, sushi	Niçoise salad, dauphinoise potatoes, escargots, vol-au-vents, crêpes
Caribbean	Spanish	Mexican
		
Pepperpot, seafood, plantain, rice dishes, papaya and coconut	Patatas bravas, paella, gazpacho, chorizo	Enchiladas, tortillas, chiles con carne, tacos, guacamole, nachos
African	Indian	Asian (e.g. Thai)
		
Plantain, cassava, groundnut stew, couscous	Curries, biryani, tikka, dal, bhaji, dosa	Thai curry, stir-fry, rice dishes, coconut and vegetable soup

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Italian	Eastern European	South American
		
Lasagne, spaghetti bolognese, pizza, antipasto	Goulash, stew, bulgur wheat, dumplings	Quinoa, feijoada (black bean stew)



Research

Look up one traditional dish from each cuisine and one traditional ingredient.

Apply

List three foods from each cuisine that are traditional to that region.

List three foods from each cuisine that are traditionally eaten in your country.

You may notice that some cuisines are very similar to each other and use the same ingredients. For example, the cuisine of Southern France, Italy, Greece and Morocco can be seen as similar as they all use a lot of fresh tomatoes, aubergines, courgettes, thyme, oregano, lemon, etc. That's because they are all located in the Mediterranean region and enjoy the same mild climate. For this reason, cuisines of these countries can be collectively named as Mediterranean. Another example is East Asia, which includes China, Japan and Korea – all of these cuisines are based on rice and use other similar ingredients.

Research

Look up the characteristics of each cuisine and Italian cuisine. List three similarities and three differences.



Things to think about (5.2)

Discuss why and how the cuisine of a country can change over time.



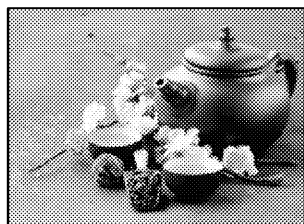
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Recipes: Traditional and modern variations

In most countries there are modern variations of traditional recipes which retain the same ingredients but which better suit a modern lifestyle. In Japan, the traditional way of eating was observed in some provinces but busy lifestyles or different outlooks mean that the traditional way of eating and the ceremonies is now in decline in the more modern cities, such as Tokyo. As traditional ways of eating decline, so do the associated recipes and food preparation techniques for that country.



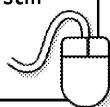
Most modern recipe variations are created to make the food more affordable, quicker to prepare and cook and use ingredients that are more readily available.

Some modern variations have different ingredients added, such as mince pies. In the Middle Ages, mince pies were made with a hard crust rather than a filling of dried fruits and spices.

In some cases, recipes are influenced by ethical, moral or health concerns. For example, a non-sustainable product, where animal welfare is in doubt or where recipes call for ingredients that may be made using similar or different ingredients.

Research

Look up a traditional British recipe that could still be prepared and cooked today with available ingredients.



Apply

List one traditional recipe that has a modern variation.



Things to think about (5.3)

Discuss why a traditional recipe may need to be adapted to meet modern requirements.

Eating Patterns

Eating patterns can influence what type of food we eat. For example, typical traditional British eating patterns may include eating a roast dinner on Sundays consisting of beef or other meat with vegetables and gravy and a full English breakfast which may consist of bacon, sausages, eggs, beans, mushrooms and toast. Other typical British traditions may include afternoon tea, dinner, supper.



Although a full English breakfast is still consumed regularly in the UK, some people prefer a healthier breakfast. For some people, their eating patterns and choices are governed by time and a busy schedule and for others it may be cost or health or ethical concerns.

Modern ways of living and working have affected the way some people eat, for reasons of time, cost and ethical concerns. Typical UK eating patterns are influenced by different ethnic groups, introducing new foods and ways of cooking, more information about healthy living and different ways of working. In Spain a traditional part of the working day is the siesta, a break taken during the hottest part of the day between 2pm and 4pm, where workers may visit a restaurant (take a later siesta) or take a rest. With air conditioning and the need to keep up with modern lifestyles, the siesta is becoming less common.

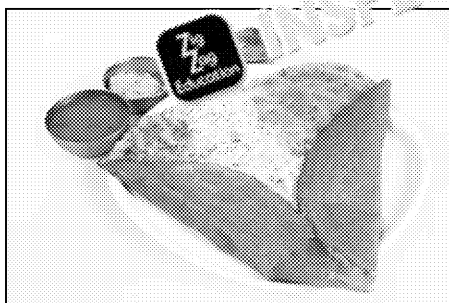
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businesses do not keep with the tradition but prefer to work throughout the day. Proposals to end the working day at 6pm instead of 7pm may mean that there is a risk that the tradition may die out eventually. A typical and traditional way of eating in Spain is to share dishes or snacks from which people can share.

Eating patterns are often influenced by religion and culture. In traditional Japan, eating was observed and the preparation and cooking were incorporated into a special ritual. In modern living and working mean that there may not be enough time to devote to traditional eating. However, some customs do still exist and small lacquered boxes containing portions of food (called **bento** boxes) which can be bought as takeaways or prepared for lunch.

A traditional Indian breakfast differs greatly from a typical English breakfast and may include dosas (thin pancakes made with lentils with a spicy filling). An American breakfast may include pancakes with syrup and sometimes fruit. Nowadays, due to time constraints and busy lifestyles, breakfast may consist of toast and a glass of milk.



Example of a traditional Indian breakfast



Example of Spanish tapas

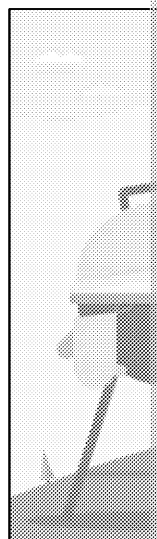
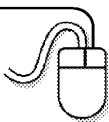
Apply

List one reason why eating a full English breakfast isn't possible for some people.



Research

Look up the difference between *brunch* and *lunch*.



Barbecues are popular in many countries.

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Things to think about (5.4)

Discuss why eating patterns may differ from country to country.



Presentation styles

Presentation styles can affect how we view food and can help to make it more appealing or appear more appetising. In some cases, the presentation of food may be unappetising and discourage consumption. Food in restaurants is presented to embellish and show off the food and make it look more creative and colourful, sometimes with **garnishes** of flower petals. Some garnishes may be for decorative purposes only while traditional garnishes such as salad vegetables can be consumed (the rule is, you shouldn't put anything inedible on the plate).

In Japan, presentation is important when providing food. **Sushi** is a type of food preparation consisting of vinegared rice with seafood or meat and/or vegetables and sometimes fruit. Sushi is usually presented in three or five small balls or rolls. The way that sushi is prepared and presented is considered an important aspect of this food. Sushi is often served with accompaniments such as soy sauce, wasabi or pickled ginger. Although most Japanese food is eaten with chopsticks it is acceptable to eat sushi with (washed) hands and some Japanese restaurants provide washing basins to ensure hands are clean before and after eating.

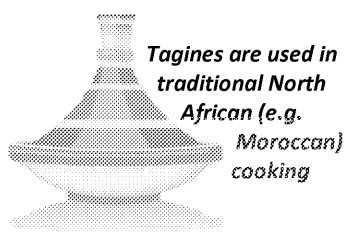
A traditional way of eating in Scandinavian countries is the **Smorgasbord** (buttered table) which consists of a variety of cold foods, such as open sandwiches, served as a buffet which can be eaten as and when required.

Equipment and cooking methods

Equipment and cooking methods vary depending on the dishes being created and the traditional cooking methods of the country of origin; some recipes call for specific cooking equipment.

Preparation

Equipment, tools and utensils that may be used for food preparation include: colanders, slicers, mixers, blenders, graters, strainers, mixing bowls, mincers, garlic or lemon presses, juicers, mashers and peelers, measuring cups, scales for measuring, cutting boards, measuring cups, can openers, knives, ladles and spoons, whisks, scissors, cheese slicers, mortars and pestles for grinding herbs and spices, and tenderisers for tenderising meat.



Tagines are used in traditional North African (e.g. Moroccan) cooking

Research

Look up the type of cooking equipment needed for creating Japanese sushi.



Cooking

Equipment and tools which are used for cooking include:


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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> barbecue for open grilling tagine – an earthenware dish with a conical lid used for slow-cooking North African spicy stews (also called tagines) baking oven and grill earthenware pizza oven skillet – frying, sautéing and browning griddle – a heavy, flat iron baking plate frying pan air fryer – fries food without the need for oil or fat | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> wok – a large pan used for stir-frying, fries, steaming, poaching sauté pans – lightly sautéing soup pots and saucepans casserole dish – for slow cooking ramekin dish – a small dish for a helping of food baking trays – for roasting potatoes stockpots – for boiling |
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Check your understanding: International

1. Which of the following statements is TRUE about tapas?
 - a. They are associated with Middle Eastern cuisine. ☐
 - b. They are associated with Spanish cuisine. ☐
 - c. They are associated with French cuisine. ☐
 - d. They are associated with Scandinavian cuisine. ☐
2. Which of the following dishes is commonly used in Northern Africa?
 - a. wok ☐
 - b. cazeula ☐
 - c. paellera ☐
 - d. tagine ☐
3. Which of the following statements is TRUE about a smorgasbord?
 - a. It is associated with Asia. ☐
 - b. It is associated with Africa. ☐
 - c. It is associated with Europe. ☐
 - d. It is associated with North America. ☐
4.  a staple food around the world and is used to produce many of the different cheeses and state which cuisine they come from.

Cheese	Cuisine

5. Describe three different factors which influence the development of a cuisine.
 - i) Factor 1
 How it affects cuisine

 - ii) Factor 2
 How it affects cuisine

 - iii) Factor 3
 How it affects cuisine

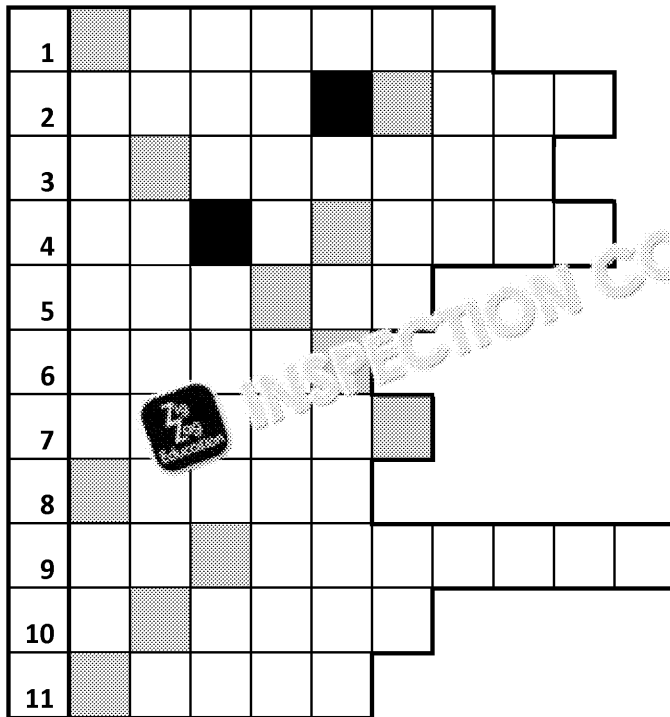
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Quiz-ine

Fill in the answers to the questions below to reveal a word relevant to cuisine in the grid. (Shaded squares are spaces between words).



1. Blue mould cheese made in England. (7)
2. Traditional dessert made of whipped cream, crushed meringue and strawberries. (8)
3. Where clotted cream and pasties originally come from. (8)
4. This French term means 'in a pastry crust'. (2, 6)
5. Large sausage made up of sheep's offal. (6)
6. Chow mein is a dish that originated in which country? (5)
7. This is made from chickpeas, olive oil and garlic and is associated with Middle East. (7)
8. Potato pancakes characteristic for Northern Ireland. (5)
9. These utensils are traditionally used in Asia to eat meals in place of a knife and fork. (6)
10. Salad niçoise originates from which country? (6)
11. Stuffed pancakes served as part of an Indian breakfast. (5)

The shaded squares reveal the word.



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Chapter 6: Factors influencing food choice

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Overview

In this chapter we will look at the factors that influence food choice such as physical activity, occasion, costs, preference, availability, lifestyle, seasons and times available to prepare and cook food. This chapter also explores how food choice may be connected to religious, ethical and moral beliefs or to food intolerances. In this chapter we will look at the importance of food labelling and how to interpret nutritional information. We will also explore various methods of food marketing and how they influence food choices.



Learning outcomes

After studying this chapter you should be able to do the following:

- ☐ understand and describe the factors that may influence food choice
- ☐ understand and describe how religious, ethical and moral beliefs affect food choice
- ☐ understand and describe how food intolerances affect food choice
- ☐ identify allergenic ingredients
- ☐ list mandatory information which should be included on food labelling and non-mandatory information
- ☐ interpret nutritional labelling
- ☐ understand how food marketing can influence food choice
- ☐ list mandatory information which must be included on food labelling and non-mandatory information
- ☐ interpret nutritional labelling
- ☐ understand how food marketing can influence food choice

Key Terms

Allergen	Usually non-harmful substance which can trigger a reaction in a person's immune system, causing an allergic reaction
Animal welfare	Protecting an animal's mental and physical needs
Balanced diet	A diet that meets the energy and nutrient needs of an individual
Best before	Date mark which applies to food quality
BMI	Body mass index indicates a healthy or unhealthy weight range based on weight (kg) by their height (in squared metres)
BMR	Basal metabolic rate refers to the rate at which calories are burned off during rest.
Calories	Units for measuring the energy producing value in food, when consumed
Consumer	Someone who uses or purchases a product or service
Ethical beliefs	Behavioural rules relating to right or wrong in a moral sense
Export	Transporting and selling goods to another country
Fairtrade	Trading between developed and developing countries providing fair prices
Fasting	A period of time without eating or eating only small amounts of food for health reasons
Food allergies	An allergic reaction to food involving the immune system
Food intolerance	An adverse reaction to certain foods involving the digestive system
Health claim	Statement which directly links consumption of a given food product to a health benefit
Lifestyle	The way in which an individual lives, eats and works
Moral beliefs	Beliefs that determine what is right and what is wrong
Non-mandatory information	Information which may appear on food labelling but is not required by law (e.g. suggestions)
Nutrition claim	Statement which indicates the content in a food product of a given nutrient or health benefit
Obesity	Being over the weight recommended for a person's height
Organic	Food which has not been treated with any artificial chemical substances
PAL	Physical activity level to estimate energy expenditure
Pester power	The ability of children to influence their parents into buying them products
Seasonality	The time of year in which food is grown/harvested or available
Sedentary	Being inactive or sitting for long periods of time
Use by	Date mark which applies to food safety
Vegan	Eating only plant food with no animal products in the diet
Vegetarian	Does not eat foods consisting of, produced with or created from animals. Does not eat meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, insects, by-products or food made with processing aids created from these.



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Factors which influence food choice

There are many factors which may influence an individual's food choice. These may be health related, connected to a belief system, be based on **animal welfare** issues or on income and/or lifestyle.

The lifestyle of a consumer will be reflected in their food choices and diet. For example, if a person leads an active life with plenty of strenuous activities they will require foods that sustain energy and endurance.

Personal, social and economic factors affecting food choice

What we eat rarely depends on what we WANT to eat. More often, it is a result of many factors. These factors include lifestyle factors, state of health, availability and affordability of food, social factors and many others. Some of these factors are presented in the table below.

Factor	Food Choice
PAL (physical activity level)	The physical activity level (PAL) of an individual is used to estimate the energy expenditure over a 24-hour period and is expressed as a number. PAL influences food choice as it indicates how much energy has been expended and how much energy needs to be gained (through food intake for weight gain). Sedentary lifestyles expend less energy and so require less calories.
Health	Health can be a governing factor in food choice, either through a diet that is chosen to maintain health or certain foods because of specific health issues, to maintain weight and a healthy and balanced lifestyle. A healthy diet is one with a variety of foods in the right proportions.
Occasions/celebrations	Food choices are affected by occasions such as birthdays, religious festivals, etc. Food consumed during these occasions may differ from day-to-day eating habits (e.g. more sweet/sugary foods, snacks, alcohol or fizzy drinks). Some religious festivals, such as Ramadan, require a period of fasting. Food for a period of time for religious, medical or health reasons.
Income/cost	A person's income can influence their food choice and determine what they can afford. A low income consumer may eat fewer expensive fresh foods and eat more processed foods compared to a high income consumer. Food costs can be a problem for some people. Processed meat can cause cancer according to the World Health Organisation.
Preferences/enjoyment	Preferences affect food choice – some consumers prefer spicy food, some prefer sweet food, some prefer tooth and prefer sugary foods, some consumers may have a preference for certain foods. Some food preferences may be linked to health. Enjoyment of food is a factor in food choice for some people. People who like to talk about food, write about food, or have a variety of food products are referred to as <i>foodies</i> . People who are passionate about the food they eat and who like to eat good food are called <i>gourmets</i> . Some people love sprouts while others love them!
Availability/seasonality	Food availability can be influenced by transport, weather, political factors (e.g. sanctions imposed on a country's ability to export), drought, fire or floods. Seasonality affects the food choices of consumers. Seasonality may also be a governing factor if food is not available all year of the year, although this is less of an issue in the UK where we import many foods. In 2015 in the UK there was a national shortage of Bourbon cream due to a fire at the Bournville factory in North East England.
Lifestyle / time of day / available time	Lifestyle can be a big factor in food choice. Some people with very busy lifestyles may not have time to eat meals at set meal times or have time to prepare or cook food. A 2015 study by the University of Cardiff showed a link between lifestyle and educational performance in the classroom.

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Factor	Food Choice
Culture	<p>The place we grow up in also can determine our food choices. The foods we are exposed to are specific to our particular culture. Later in life this can cause issues when trying foods from other cultures that are not used to them and might reject them as too strange or unusual.</p> <p>People from Western Europe are unlikely to indulge in maggots as found in Asian countries.</p>

Physical activity level (PAL)

The PAL is calculated to work out energy consumption over a 24-hour period and is used to compare food energy requirements of active or inactive people. An individual's **BMR** (basal metabolic rate) is the number of calories that are burned off during rest.

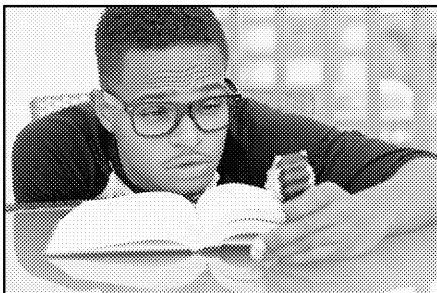


Working out physical activity level

To know a person's PAL, you need to know how active that person is. This is usually done through a survey, during which the individual answers a range of questions about their lifestyle. Although it might not be easy, you can usually assess a person's PAL using the table below.

Activity	PAL
Sedentary / light activity	1.3–1.5
Moderate activity	1.5–1.7
Vigorous activity	1.8–2.2

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Sedentary
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general

SEDENTARY	MODERATELY ACTIVE	
		
<p>Jules avoids sports or active exercise at school and when he comes home he sits in his bedroom and texts his friends, uses his computer for social media and plays computer games.</p> <p>Jules doesn't move much and prefers to sit for long periods rather than being physically active. This means Jules has a SEDENTARY lifestyle with a PAL of 1.3.</p>	<p>Ben walks two miles to college and then walks back home every weekday. At the weekend he chills with his mates and is moderately active, although some time is spent sitting watching TV or using his phone to send pictures or snapchatting to his mates.</p> <p>Ben is MODERATELY active with a PAL of 1.6.</p>	<p>Tallu and S... run... Tallu... alth... he... med... go...</p>

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Basal metabolic rate (calories used while at rest)

The Harris–Benedict equation is used to work out BMR. **You don't need to memorise the equation.**

Harris–Benedict equation female: $655 + (4.35 \times \text{weight in pounds}) + (4.7 \times \text{height in inches}) - (4.7 \times \text{age in years})$

Harris–Benedict equation male: $66 + (6.23 \times \text{weight in pounds}) + (12.7 \times \text{height in inches}) - (6.8 \times \text{age in years})$

BMR male = $(10 \times \text{weight in kg}) + (6.25 \times \text{height in cm}) - (5 \times \text{age in years}) + 5$

BMR female = $(10 \times \text{weight in kg}) + (6.25 \times \text{height in cm}) - (5 \times \text{age in years}) - 161$

By multiplying a person's BMR by PAL, you can obtain their TEE, or Total Energy Expenditure. It is the amount of energy a person needs every day to lead their lifestyle and maintain their weight.

Scenario – Sian

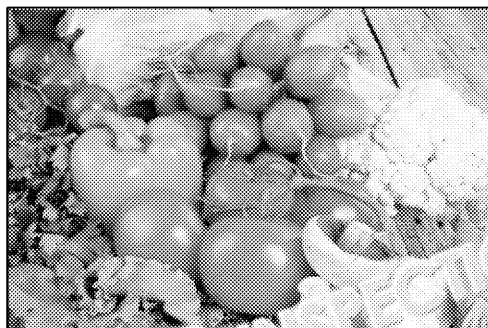
Sian is a 50-year-old woman with a height of 5' 4" (1.6 m) and a weight of 8 stone (51 kg). Sian works in a retail shop. Her job is mostly sedentary but she is reasonably active. She walks briskly for 30 minutes every evening. Sian's PAL is around 1.6.

Working out Sian's TEE (using her BMR and PAL)

The PAL for a light to moderately active person is around 1.3 to 1.7 (we can work out Sian's BMR using the Harris–Benedict equation above by calculating $(10 \times 54) + (6.25 \times 160) - (5 \times 50) - 161 = 1,129$). If we use the equation to work out Sian's TEE (BMR \times PAL) this results in 1,806 kcal as her TEE. **This equation uses Sian's weight in kilograms.**

Working out Sian's daily food energy requirements

A healthy diet should provide around 50% of energy from carbohydrates, up to 35% of energy from fat and 15% of energy from protein. This means that Sian should consume around 903 kcal from carbohydrates (that is equivalent to 240 g), 630 kcal from fat (around 70 g) and 270 kcal from protein (67 g).

**Healthy eating**

People may choose foods that benefit their health, eat a healthy **balanced diet** or because they have a condition that prevents them eating certain foods. For example, someone with a condition that prevents them eating certain foods might eat more of a certain food. For example, someone with a condition that prevents them eating certain foods might eat more of a certain food. For example, someone with a condition that prevents them eating certain foods might eat more of a certain food. For example, someone with a condition that prevents them eating certain foods might eat more of a certain food.

There is a wealth of information available about healthy eating – magazines, newspapers, social media, books, TV programmes – and these can influence food choices. Some types of media will present articles about a hyped-up superfood which promises fantastic health or slimming results and, although the claims may contain some truth, it is better to maintain a balanced approach to diet and food.

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Childhood obesity

Childhood **obesity** is a big problem in the UK and the government, as part of their childhood obesity strategy (prompted by Jamie Oliver's campaign), has imposed a 'tax' on soft drinks in order to curb unhealthy sugar intake in children. The Soft Drink Industry Levy is referred to as the 'sugar tax' in the media. This levy, or tax, means soft drinks companies will pay a charge for drinks with added sugar or total sugar of 5 grams or more per 100 millilitres. The revenue in England from these charges is spent on programmes that encourage children to eat a balanced diet and be more physically active.

Apply

Sugar tax was introduced to lower sugar intake among the young. Think about how to lower the amount of sugar or substitute sugar in a recipe for a dessert or cake of your choice.



Research

Find out about Jamie Oliver's campaign to introduce a sugar tax in order to combat childhood obesity. Visit www.jamie-oliver.com/8227-jamie-oliver



Food and education

In January 2015, the Department of Education set standards to ensure that all schools must meet requirements of a healthy, balanced diet. This includes supplying drinks with added sugar, crisps, and meals or in vending machines.

Research

Look up the healthy schools food standards. Visit www.school-food.gov.uk

Healthy weight

A healthy weight can be achieved by following a balanced diet (alongside physical activity). People's food choices reflect their desire to keep within a healthy weight range.

An individual's **BMI** (body mass index) indicates whether the weight range for their height is healthy. BMI is calculated by dividing the weight (in kg) by the height (in metres) and then dividing by the height again. BMI helps to prevent health conditions typically associated with being overweight, such as heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes. The table below shows what a BMI score indicates.

BMI Score	Result
Below 18.5	Underweight
Between 18.5 and 24.9	Normal
Between 25 and 29.9	Overweight
30 and above	Obese

Remember, a BMI score below 18.5 indicates being underweight, which can be a health concern.

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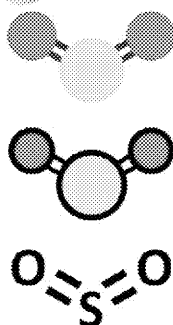


Health conditions

Some health conditions may affect food choice. Some people add certain foods to their diet to improve a health condition or avoid certain foods altogether which may trigger a reaction or allergy.

Condition	Foods that may be avoided
Diabetes	Sugar and sugary foods
High blood pressure	Salt, saturated fats, trans fats
Heart conditions	Fat, stimulants such as coffee and alcohol
Asthma and allergies	Dairy products, wheat, preservatives*, artificial colours and additives <i>allergic to dairy or wheat but not to nuts, and vice versa</i>
Digestive issues	Dairy, tea/coffee, spicy foods, pickled foods, alcohol
Eczema	Dairy products, alcohol, tobacco

*Some people are allergic to the preservative E222 (sulphur dioxide) and avoid foods containing this preservative.



Some people are allergic to sulphur dioxide (E222).

Health and age

Food choices may be related to age. Infants and toddlers have smaller stomachs and so need to eat smaller portions of food. A child's sense of taste and preference can affect food choice and make them fussy eaters with an aversion to certain foods. In the later developmental stages of a child's life they may require foods that help to maintain healthy growth and more calories to meet an active lifestyle and faster metabolism. In contrast an older individual may choose to eat smaller meals and, in the case of women over 40, eat more foods containing calcium to help maintain healthy bones. Some people may avoid crunchy, tough or hard to eat foods if they have dentures.



Some children have an aversion to certain foods such as broccoli or cabbage. They may follow through with this aversion.

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Celebrations and occasions

There are many types of celebrations and occasions which may affect food choices such as:

- Birthdays (may eat more sugary foods, cake, jellies, etc. and consume more calories)
- Religious festivals – may eat more sweets, spices, meat and sugary foods such as puddings or alternatively may fast (limit) food for a certain occasion.
- Anniversaries (may eat richer foods and consume unfamiliar food)
- Events and fairs (may eat food from burger vans or food stalls, that is usually may consume sugary drinks)
- Hallowe'en (may eat more sweets and sugary food)
- Weddings (may eat rich food, particularly rich fruit cake)
- Holidays (may eat unfamiliar foods such as snails in France or spicy sausages in Austria or Germany)
- Dinners (may eat a combination of foods which are unfamiliar to the digestion)

Apply

Chocolate fudge cake is served at big occasions. Try to modify it to lower the sugar content in it.

Income and cost of food

Food cost can be a factor in determining which foods a person buys or eats. An individual's income can affect their food choices as some foods are expensive and outside their budget. Healthy foods such as fresh vegetables and fruit may be too expensive for some individuals and families and they may adapt their diets to include cheaper foods such as tinned and processed foods.

Some ingredients are more expensive than others, such as organic fruit and vegetables. Some foods shown below can be priced far too high for the wages of some people.

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|--------------------|---------------|
| • asparagus | • saffron |
| • lemongrass | • avocados |
| • almonds | • truffles |
| • lobster | • coconut oil |
| • virgin olive oil | |

Did you know?

Some people pay too much for products to ensure they get a fair price.

A balanced diet can be maintained on a low income by incorporating cheaper healthy recipes which list expensive ingredients can be adapted to suit a lower income budget.

Preferences and enjoyment

Preferences and enjoyment of food, whether for taste, texture, colour or appearance. Some children develop an aversion to certain foods as they grow up and this continues. Some people have a 'sweet tooth' which means they prefer sweet-tasting foods to savoury foods. Some people choose not to eat meat, fish, eggs or dairy products on a diet. In this instance, food preferences may be prompted by ethical or moral reasons for welfare. It is possible to eat a varied and balanced diet regardless of preferences with a healthy diet.

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Availability and seasonality

Some foods are readily available throughout the year while others are governed by availability or seasonality. For example, pumpkins abound in the shops in the autumn ready for Hallowe'en celebrations; cranberries and turkey become more available nearer to Christmas as do certain foods such as stollen (fruit bread from Germany traditionally eaten at Christmas). Although most fruit and vegetables are readily available all year round in the UK, some people prefer to eat foods that are 'in season'. Foods that are in season have more nutrients (as they are fresher) and are often cheaper to buy. Locally sourced food that is in season can help the environment by cutting down on transport from other countries.

Foods 'in season' may include spring onions, asparagus, blackcurrants, raspberries, damsons, blackberries, strawberries, marrows, sweet potatoes and many types of fish and meat.

Lifestyle (including time of day and available time)

A person's lifestyle can affect their food choices. For example, a busy person may not have time to prepare or cook food or even sit down to eat a meal. Some people may prefer to eat small snacks while on the go throughout the day while some people may prefer to eat a meal at a table. Lifestyle can affect how healthy or balanced a person's diet is if they do not have enough time to shop or cook. Some people may find that they eat differently at the weekends as they have more time to prepare and cook food. The time of day can also affect food choices; some people like to eat a large protein-rich breakfast while some people prefer a light breakfast. Some people forego breakfast entirely, although research indicates that this can affect blood sugar levels throughout the day. The way that an individual has been brought up and the traditions associated with their childhood can also govern the time of day that meals are consumed. Some people eat when they need to eat when they are experiencing stress and may reach for tasty comfort food rather than eating a healthy meal (a fatty, salty savoury or sugary snack eaten in times of stress is often referred to as 'comfort food'). A person's activity level will also determine how much or little they should eat. A person who has a higher energy requirement than a sedentary person and so can consume more food without gaining weight.



Some research has shown that the healthiest way to eat throughout the day is to have a substantial breakfast, a lighter lunch and then a very light dinner. This is not possible for some people with busy lifestyles who may not have time to prepare or cook a large breakfast.

Did you know?

There is a breakfast prince and a dinner prince.

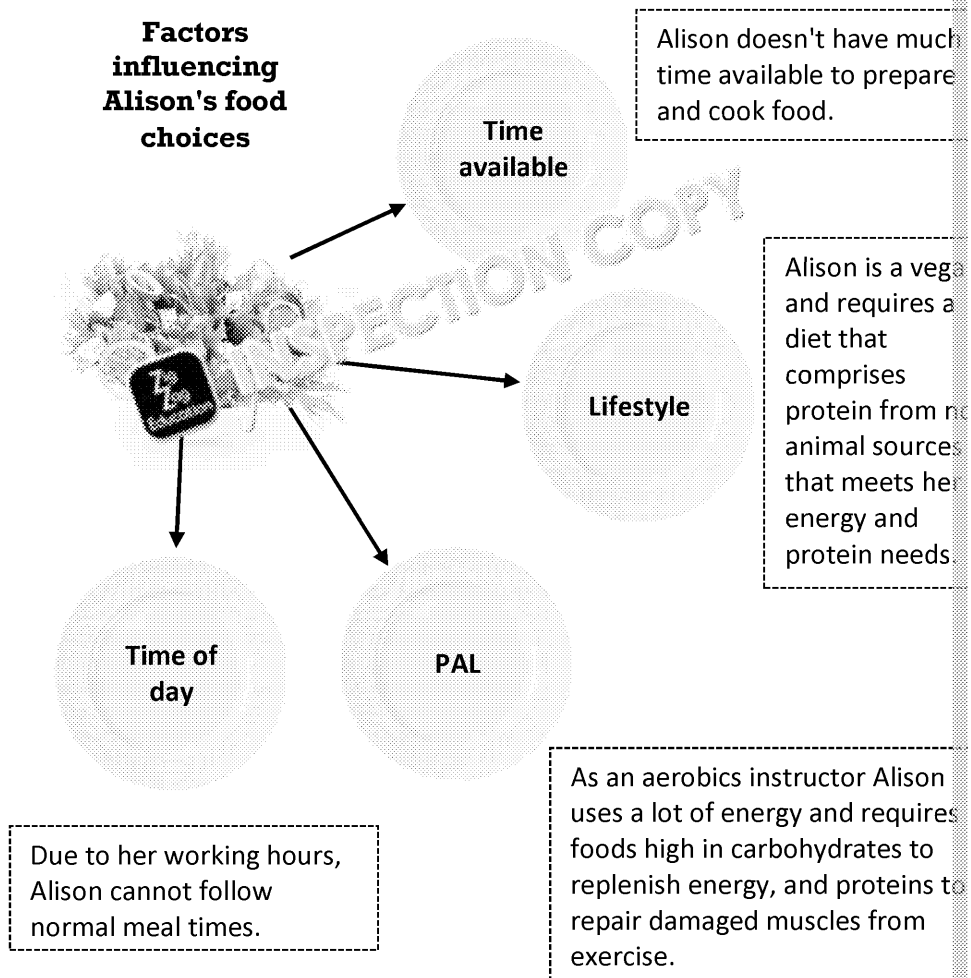
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Case studies

Scenario 1 – Alison's choices on a plate

Alison is a busy person with a physically demanding job as an aerobics instructor, which changes during the week. Her hobbies include mountain climbing and long-distance running. Her food choices are influenced by her lifestyle, physical activity level (PAL) and healthy eating habits.



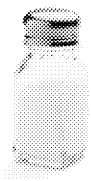
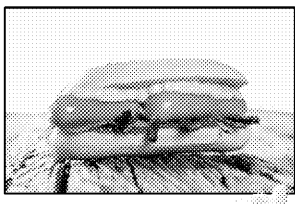

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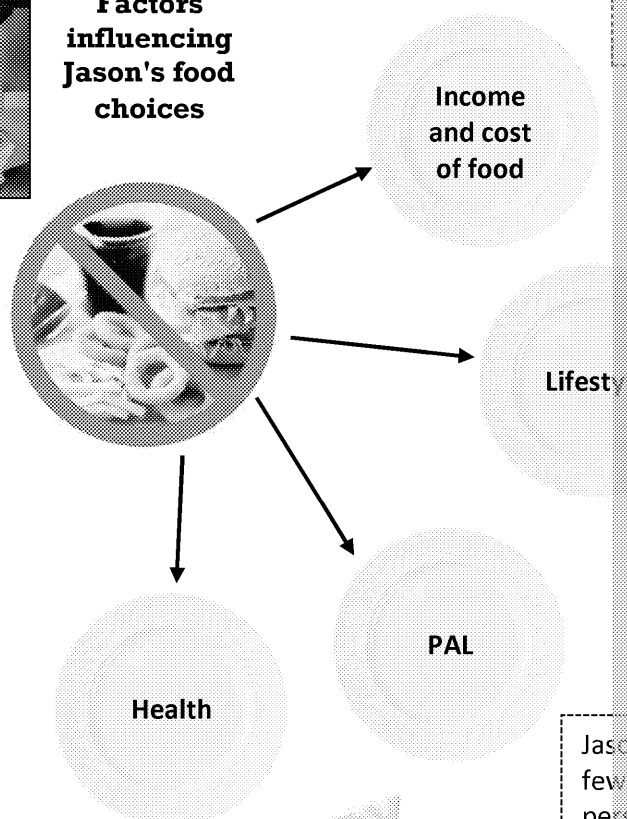
Scenario 2 – Jason's choices on a plate

Jason leads a sedentary life without much physical activity. He is on a low income influenced by enjoyment and preference, his income and food cost.

Salt	Fatty foods	Sugar
 <p>Salt can be a cause of or exacerbate high blood pressure.</p>	 <p>Fatty foods are implicated in digestive disorders, obesity and heart problems.</p>	 <p>Sugary foods are implicated in obesity and diabetes.</p>



Factors influencing Jason's food choices



Jason is overweight due to the high fat content in his diet and has been diagnosed with high blood pressure (due to salt) and diabetes (due to sugar in his diet and inactivity).

Jason has few opportunities for physical activity in his daily life.

Review the factors influencing health and wellbeing.

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Research

Look up the World Health Organization's report on red and processed meat at <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/red-and-processed-meat>

Skills example

Ali has been asked to prepare a recipe for a family of four, one of whom is a vegan and no animal products in their diet. The other three family members are meat-eaters but one has a sulphite allergy (preservative E220 sulphur dioxide). The low- to mid-income family likes to eat fresh vegetables daily.

After consideration of the dietary needs and restrictions Ali has decided to use the **Recipe from The Vegan Society ([zzed.uk/8227-aubergine-penne](https://www.vegan-society.org/recipes/8227-aubergine-penne))**

Aubergine and chickpea penne

- Large pinch of saffron threads
- 450 ml / 16 fl oz vegan stock
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion, roughly chopped
- 1 tsp cumin seeds, crushed
- 350 g / 12 oz aubergine, diced
- 1 large red pepper, deseeded and chopped
- 400 g / 14 oz canned chopped tomatoes with garlic
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 30 g / 1 oz fresh coriander, roughly chopped
- 400 g / 14 oz canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 280 g / 10 oz vegan dried penne
- Salt and pepper
- Harissa or chilli sauce, to serve

Reasons for Ali's choice:

I have chosen this recipe for a family of four, one of which is a vegan, one who has a sulphite allergy. For this reason, the recipe contains no animal products. I have used vegan penne pasta as some pasta contains egg. I have used vegan stock so there are no meat products (e.g. chicken stock). I have used fresh raw ingredients where possible to avoid the preservative sulphur dioxide and have had to be particularly careful as some vegetables are sometimes preserved using E220, sulphur dioxide, and for the same reason I have used a home-made chilli paste using chilli flakes, cumin, coriander, caraway seeds. As the recipe contains a balanced amount of protein and calories, the three meat-eaters have their meal if desired.

The low- to mid-income family is health conscious and likes to eat fresh vegetables. I have taken their lifestyle into consideration and their preference for fair trade and organic products. The recipe is within their budget into consideration: the meal costs approximately 80p-£1 per person.

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All of the factors below have been taken into consideration when choosing this

Lifestyle Preference
Health Availability
Costs Enjoyment
Income Time

How the recipe could be modified in terms of cost and availability:

- Saffron may be difficult and/or costly to obtain and so turmeric can be substituted.
- Aubergines can be replaced by squash, although this may be influenced by season.
- Fresh herbs could be replaced by dried herbs.
- Olive oil can be replaced by sunflower oil.



Did you know?

Certain foods, e.g. pumpkins or cranberries, are more seasonal and more readily available at specific times of the year such as Halloween and Christmas respectively. In these cases, tradition and consumer demand is an influence on food choice.



Things to think about (6.1)

Discuss how low-income families could maintain a healthy diet, taking into account alternatives and availability.



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Check your understanding: Personal and economic factors affecting food

1. Which of the following statements is correct about PAL?
 - a. It refers to the physical activity level of an individual.
 - b. It refers to the psychological activity of the brain.
 - c. It refers to performance analysis.
 - d. It refers to the paleo diet.
2. Which of the following statements is TRUE about a sedentary lifestyle?
 - a. It expends less energy, so fewer calories are required
 - b. It expends more energy, so more calories are required
3. Which of the following statements is TRUE about income and costs?
 - a. Socio-economic status is not normally a prohibitive factor in food choice in the UK.
 - b. A low income consumer may eat more fresh foods and less processed foods.
 - c. A low income consumer may eat fewer fresh foods and more processed foods.
 - d. An individual's income has no influence over food choice.
4. Which of the following statements is FALSE about how lifestyle may affect food choice?
 - a. Eating irregularly can interfere with concentration levels.
 - b. Eating a healthy breakfast improves performance in the day.
 - c. Busy lives can interfere with set meal times.
 - d. Busy lives have no effect on meal times.
5. Identify one health issue caused by excess consumption of each of the following:
 1. Saturated fat.....
 2. Kitchen salt.....
 3. Sugar.....
6. Explain how an occasion/celebration may affect one's food choices.
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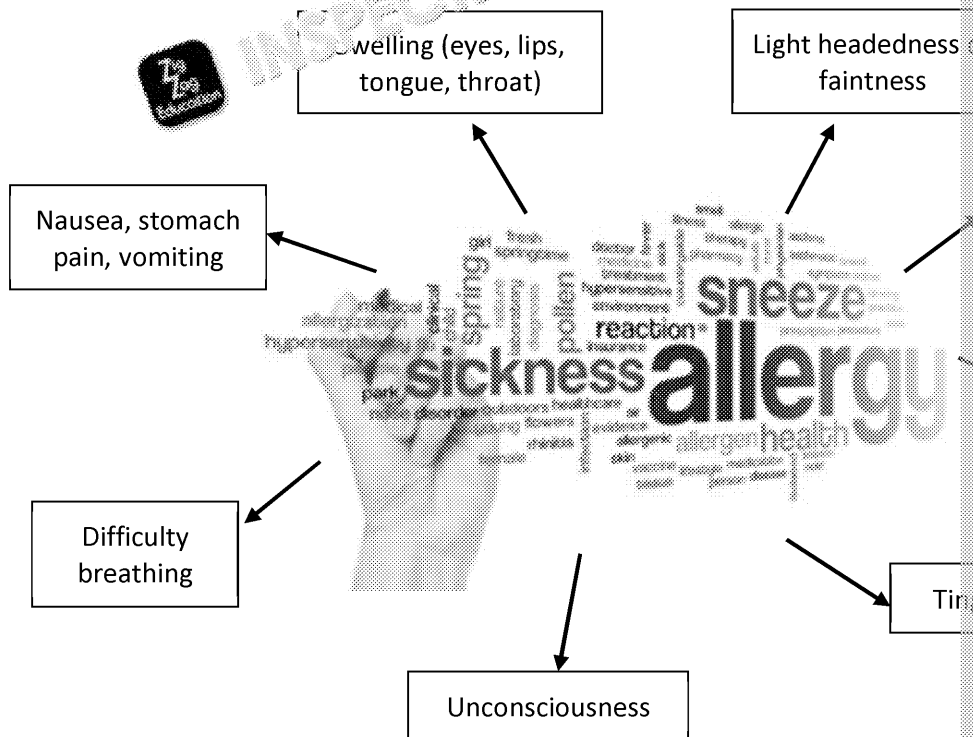
Medical reasons (food intolerances and allergies)

Earlier we briefly discussed various health reasons which affect people's food choices. Allergies also fall in that category. Food intolerance is an adverse reaction to certain food items. A food allergy is an allergic reaction to food, involving the immune system.

Allergies

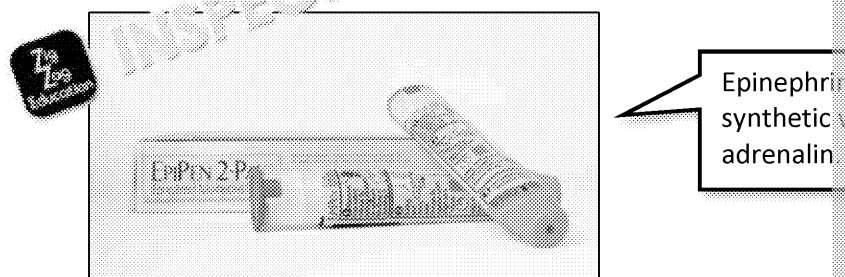
An allergy occurs when the body produces antibodies to fight a perceived invader that is considered safe and innocuous to most people, such as celery, but which poses a problem for an individual with a compromised immune system. An allergic reaction can be mild or severe, and in some cases, it can lead to death. Allergic responses may only take a few minutes to manifest or take several days.

Signs of an allergic reaction include the following:



Anaphylactic shock

Anaphylactic shock is a severe response to a food allergen or non-food related factor. Symptoms are swelling of the lips and throat, itchy skin / hives, and difficulty breathing, unconsciousness or asthma attack. People who are at risk of anaphylactic shock are provided with adrenaline in the form of a pen which they inject.



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Allergens

It is a legal requirement for food handlers/caterers or manufacturers to inform customers of any allergens in their food which may be allergenic. The **14 allergens** which must be displayed in ingredients lists are:

1. Soya beans
2. Milk/dairy
3. Cereals containing gluten, such as wheat, rye, barley, oats*
4. Crustaceans (e.g. prawns, crab, lobster)
5. Molluscs (e.g. oysters, snails, octopus)
6. Eggs
7. Fish
8. Mustard
9. Celery
10. Sesame
11. Lupin
12. Peanuts
13. Tree nuts (e.g. almonds, hazelnuts)
14. Sulphites

*Oats are naturally gluten-free, but are processed in the same factories as other cereals and very often become contaminated with gluten!

Did you know?

Peanuts are not really legumes – edible seeds that grow in the soil. For that reason they are often called groundnuts.

Storing and handling allergenic ingredients

It is important that allergenic ingredients do not come into contact with non-allergenic ingredients. ALL allergenic ingredients MUST be stored and handled separately to non-allergenic ingredients. Storage containers must be clearly labelled to help to identify allergenic ingredients in the storage area. Storage containers must be clearly labelled. All allergenic ingredients can be CLEARLY IDENTIFIED.

All food handlers should be aware of their responsibilities when handling, preparing and serving food. Allergies can be serious and even small amounts of some allergens (such as peanuts) can be fatal.

Preventing cross-contamination

To prevent cross-contamination between allergenic and non-allergenic ingredients, food handlers should:

- Clean utensils thoroughly after using allergenic ingredients and before preparing non-allergenic ingredients.
- Food handlers should also ensure that spillages are wiped up promptly and thoroughly after touching allergenic food and then handling non-allergenic food.
- Store allergenic and non-allergenic foods separately.
- Clearly label allergenic ingredients.
- Clean work surfaces or use separate work surfaces and dedicated equipment.
- Changing into protective clothing can help to prevent cross-contamination between allergenic foods.



Examine the labels of five different products, and give two ways in which allergenic information is given on them.

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Food intolerances

Food intolerance is different to an allergy and does not result in life-threatening shock. Food intolerances can necessitate a change in food choices and adaptation. Typical symptoms of food intolerance can include bloating, stomach ache, diarrhoea. Foods that can be the cause of food intolerances include:

Gluten (from wheat, rye, barley and oats*)

Wheat (bread, baked goods, cereals and many other foods)

Yeast
stomach
problems

Lactose
dairy

*Oats are naturally gluten-free, but are processed in the same factories as other grains and can be contaminated with gluten!

Intolerance to milk can be caused by a missing enzyme (lactase) required to break down lactose in the body which results in bloating, stomach ache and/or diarrhoea. An allergic reaction to milk can result in an allergic reaction with similar symptoms to lactose intolerance, making it difficult to distinguish between allergy and intolerance.

Revision tip

Due to food intolerances and food allergies, it is important that ingredients are clearly listed on food items or menus.

If you modify a recipe for different religions, cultures or dietary groups, justify your reasons for the food choices you make.

In addition to dairy products, such as cheese and yogurt, many other foods contain milk as an ingredient. For example, cake, biscuits, crackers, chocolate, etc.

Exclusion or elimination diets

In order to find the cause of an allergy or food intolerance a person must undergo a diet where they are excluding suspect foods from their diet and keeping a check on their symptoms. Once the cause is identified, they can re-introduce an excluded food known to cause intolerance into their diet without their body has built up a tolerance to it.

List one food that may be avoided due to food **intolerance** and one food or ingredient that may be avoided due to food **allergy**.

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Things to think about (6.2)

Discuss how an individual with a food allergy could be at risk when



Check your understanding: Medical conditions, intolerances and allergies

1. Which of the following foods is an allergen which must be displayed in a menu?
 - a. Lettuce ☐
 - b. Celery ☐
 - c. Cucumber ☐
 - d. Radish ☐
2. Which of the following foods is most likely to contain gluten?
 - a. Tomato sauce ☐
 - b. Cottage cheese ☐
 - c. Cheese sauce ☐
 - d. Rice pudding ☐
3. Anaphylactic shock is a life-threatening reaction characteristic of:
 - a. Allergies ☐
 - b. Food intolerances ☐
4. Which of the following ingredients of custard (recipe given below) which is a source of food intolerance and one ingredient which is a source of food allergy.
 - 4 large egg yolks
 - 2 tbsp caster sugar
 - ½ tsp salt
 - 500 ml whole milk
 - 1 vanilla pod

Food-intolerance-related agent	
Food-allergy-related agent	

5. During production of cheese, milk undergoes many changes. Explain why it is safe for a lactose-intolerant person, but not for a person allergic to milk.

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Consumer information

The information included on a food label and the way a product is displayed in a shop can influence people's food choices. Food labelling is subject to EU law, and all countries belonging to the EU are required to apply these rules. This is to ensure that all European citizens have the possibility of making informed choices when buying food. Various marketing techniques are used to make products appealing.

Food labelling

Food labelling can affect an individual's food choice, whether through providing information about the value, fat, sugar and/or salt content or by listing potential allergens or ingredients. This can help some people. Some information is mandatory, such as ingredients, and some information, such as serving suggestions are not mandatory.

When buying food, people should check the label to ensure the safety and quality of the food. For example:

- people suffering from diabetes should pay attention to sugar content in the food, especially free sugar / added sugar
- people who wish to lose weight should pay attention to the amount of fat in the food and choose foods rich in dietary fibre
- sportsmen should pay attention to the protein content of a food

One of the most important elements of a food label is the date mark. There are two types of date mark on food packaging:

- **use by** date, which refers to food safety and is used on fresh and perishable foods. These foods have a very short shelf life and need to be stored in certain conditions, e.g. in the fridge
- **best before** date, which refers to food quality and is used on non-perishable foods. These can be dry foods or foods which have been preserved to enhance their taste

Date marks help consumers to make food choices in the shop as they help them to decide whether to buy a product (e.g. whether it is still good to eat) and whether you can store them in the correct conditions (e.g. whether it needs to be in your fridge).

You will learn more about nutritional labelling requirements later on in this course.



Things to think about (6.3)

Discuss what elements of a food label may be important for various groups of people.

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Food marketing

Food marketing or advertising can influence an individual's food choices by using and deals, such as meal deals, buy one get one free (BOGOF) and special offers.

Supermarket promotions can encourage consumers to buy more products, e.g. two for one, discounted products, buy one get second half price, etc. Purchasing more than needed can lead to food waste.

Meal Deals	BOGOF	
		
Meal deals are promotions that encourage a consumer to buy a product (such as a sandwich) and get a deal with it (such as a free drink).	BOGOF is a promotion that encourages consumers to buy an item and get another item free. Some offers are for buy one, get one half price. Food offers can lead to food waste if the surplus food products are not consumed.	Discounting money off an example with a 25% discount the consumer might end up buying more

Point of sale marketing

Point of sale marketing refers to the attempt to increase sales at the counter or till place. Point of sale marketing tries to grab the attention of consumers waiting in line and encourages them to make an unplanned purchase. A queuing consumer has promotional displays while they wait and may feel bored, thirsty or hungry and feel the advertising for snacks, drinks, sweets or magazines, particularly if there is a display of individual who is more likely to be tempted by point of sale marketing is referred to as a 'money off' coupon. Some supermarkets may try to tempt customers back by giving a 'money off' coupon.



Point of sale (POS) is where a purchase is made, such as a shop till or supermarket checkouts.



Reward cards are a common way for supermarkets and shops to encourage customers to return to their store by providing points for every purchase. These points can be redeemed against future purchases.

Did you know?

Eye level is 'buy level' and this influences where items are positioned on shelves near to point of sale.

Some consumers are tempted by brand names while others are tempted by value items (usually supermarket own brands).



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Media influences

The media (magazines, newspapers, recipe books, TV programmes, diet DVDs/books, the Internet) all play a part in influencing the food choices of consumers, through health articles, diet advice, food scares, hype over 'superfoods', food provenance programmes (i.e. where does your food come from?), advice on nutrition (such as vitamins and minerals), vegetarian/vegan societies' help and advice, recipes in magazines, online and on TV. Some newspaper, online or magazine articles use results from recent food research to create (sometimes sensational or deliberately provocative) headlines to hook people. TV is designed to appeal to the average consumer and tempt them into buying through the use of imagery and jingles (short songs or tunes) that stick in the mind.

An example of such action is *product placement*. In product placement, a popular programme or series is asked to use a particular product so that the label can be clearly seen. This gives positive connotations in the consumer's mind and increases trust of the brand. Such products are often sought for, which increases sales and profit for the producer.

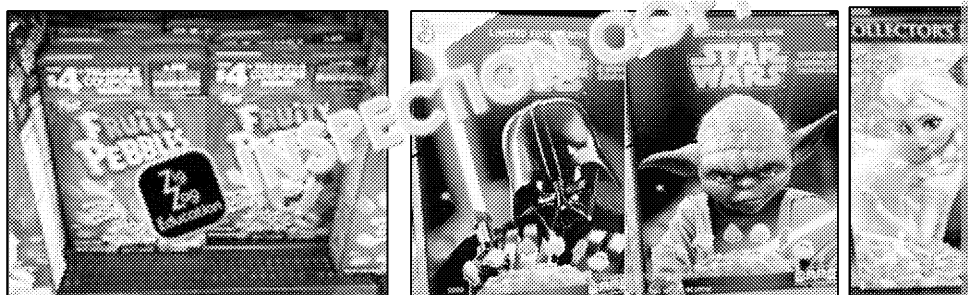


In this TV programme, a woman is seen drinking a cup of coffee from a popular brand. You can see a hotel's logo on the cup, which is a form of *product placement* used to attract the attention of the producer.

Another technique known as *endorsement* involves hiring celebrities, actors and actresses to promote various products in TV adverts. This also helps to create positive associations with the product. The message in your brain says 'if it is good enough for this superstar, it is good enough for me'.

Food producers can also attract consumers by using specific vocabulary. Keywords like 'traditional', 'like at home' and 'real' are examples. Marketing techniques also include using words like 'vegetarian' or 'vegan-friendly', so that while shopping consumers don't need to check the ingredients list to see which products are suitable for them.

It is also quite popular to use pictures of cartoon characters on foods which are targeted at children. And although it's not the children who make the final choice at the till, they can use **pester power** to influence their parents.



These boxes of breakfast cereals are clearly aimed at children and teenagers.

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Things to think about (6.4)

Discuss how advertising can influence a consumer's food choices.



Check your understanding: Consumer

1. POS stands for:
 - a. Percentage of sales ☐
 - b. Point of services ☐
 - c. Point of sale ☐
 - d. Put on sale ☐
2. Which of the following does NOT refer to food marketing?
 - a. selling a product at full price ☐
 - b. selling a product half price ☐
 - c. selling a product as part of a meal deal ☐
 - d. selling a product with a BOGOF deal ☐

3. Explain why placing products at eye level in a shop may be an effective technique.



4. Impulse buying refers to unplanned decisions made right before the purchase. Describe a marketing technique which is aimed at impulse buyers.

5. Describe two marketing techniques which help to increase sales of products to children.

Technique 1

Description

Technique 2

Description



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Religious and cultural beliefs

There are many religions existing in the world and some of them may affect food in a significant way. The table below shows how some religions may be a factor in food choice.

Religion/Belief	Food Choice
Buddhism An Asian religion/philosophy founded by Siddhartha Gautama in the fifth century	Buddhist cuisine is traditionally based on the East Asian diet of monks. Although most Buddhists are vegetarians (due to principles of non-violence), some branches do not restrict their diet but may restrict meat-eating during times of fasting. A vegetarian diet is when monks accept leftover food. They believe that it is not ethical to eat meat if provided as a gesture of charity, only if the animal has not been killed for its life. Another aspect of some Buddhist sects' cuisine is the avoidance of animal life and also avoidance of certain plant foods, such as garlic or onions.
Hinduism A South Asian belief system based on Vedic religion with the worship of many gods	In Hindu culture the cow is considered sacred and many Hindus observe a strict vegetarian diet, beef is generally not eaten. Some Hindus also follow a strict avoidance of certain foods (diet) including onions, garlic, leek, mushrooms, and root vegetables in a way that minimises disruption or harm to nature. Traditionally the Hindu concept is one of non-violence towards including animals. Some Hindus do eat meat but they do so quickly and humanely without it suffering. A typical Hindu diet includes rice, dal (dried pulses such as lentils or yellow peas), vegetables, fruit, beans, grains, nuts, seeds, chapatti, and milk.
Islam A Muslim religion founded by Muhammad (as a mark of respect, Muslims add 'Peace be upon him' whenever they mention the holy Prophet) which follows the teachings of the Qur'an. Islam means 'submission to the will of god (or Allah)'.	By Islamic Law, Muslims must not drink alcohol or pork. They must only consume halal meat (in Arabic halal means 'permissible' or 'lawful'). Halal meat is slaughtered in the name of Allah. This ritual slaughter involves the slaughterer reciting a prayer over the animal while it is alive and allowing the carcass to be recited a prayer from the Qur'an. It is permissible for the animal to be stunned before slaughter. The text which provides religious and dietary advice for Muslims is the Qur'an. During festivals, such as Ramadan (ninth month of the year), Muslims are required to fast from dawn until sunset for a month), require a period of fasting.
Judaism A religion of Jewish people based on the teachings of the Torah	Judaism follows the teachings of the Torah and one of its key principles is the stunning of animals before slaughter and animals must be slaughtered. The slaughter must be conducted by a trained person. The slaughter of animals must be conducted so that unconsciousness and death almost instantaneous. The consumption of pork is forbidden. Fruit and vegetables must be washed to remove soil and microbes and inspected to ensure they cannot be eaten with dairy products (cooking utensils must also be kosher). Shellfish is also forbidden. A Jewish diet is referred to as kosher.
Rastafarianism A black Jamaican religion that venerates Haile Selassie as a god	Rastafarians follow a diet called <i>ital</i> (the word <i>ital</i> is derived from the word 'vital' and refers to natural and organic food). The diet does not permit pork or shellfish. Some Rastafarians do not eat any meat and generally do not use salt in their food. Rastafarians do not drink alcohol, coffee or milk. They do eat fish (but not if over 12 inches in length) and vegetables. Rastafarian diet and processed and/or preserved foods and additives are avoided.

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Religion/Belief	Food Choice
Sikhism A religion founded by Guru Nanak based on one god and which originated in Punjab (northern India) in the fifteenth century.	A traditional Sikh diet is usually lacto-vegetarian with no meat or fish. They do not eat animal products except for dairy products. However, some Sikhs follow a meat-free diet and Sikh principles state that an individual should decide for themselves whether or not to eat meat. If a Sikh chooses to eat meat, they should only consume animals that have been slaughtered humanely. This is why Sikhs do not eat meat that has been slaughtered according to Islamic Law. As Sikhs believe that their body is a temple, they avoid any food, drink or substance which could cause harm. This may include avoidance of alcohol, tobacco and drugs. Some Sikhs also follow a period of fasting.

Did you know?

- A vegetarian diet has no meat or fish but may include dairy and eggs. A lacto-vegetarian does not eat eggs or meat but does consume dairy products. A pesco-vegetarian (pescatarian) excludes meat but eats fish.
- A vegan does not eat meat, fish, eggs or dairy or any other animal product for religious, ethical, moral or health reasons. A fruitarian only eats the fruit of a plant (including nuts and seeds) so as not to kill the whole plant.
- An atheist is a person who does not believe in a god or gods.



Research

Look up the RSPCA's stance on stunning animals before slaughter at www.rspca.org.uk/8227-religious-slaughter



Things to think about (6.5)

Discuss how a recipe created for a follower of Islam must differ from a recipe created for a follower of another religion.

Apply

How would you modify the recipe for a traditional English breakfast to meet the needs of:

- a Muslim
- a Jew
- a Hindu?



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Check your understanding: Religious and

- Which of the following statements is TRUE about a Muslim diet?
 - Only halal foods can be eaten.
 - Pork is the staple food for Muslims.
 - Muslims often celebrate with wine and champagne.
 - Only kosher foods can be eaten.
- Which of the following statements is TRUE about Hinduism?
 - Neither beef nor milk can be consumed.
 - All Hindus follow strict dietary rules called a sattvic diet.
 - The cow is a holy animal and, therefore, beef cannot be eaten.
 - Shellfish is among the forbidden foods.
- Which of the following statements is FALSE about Sikh diet?
 - All Sikhs are strict vegetarians.
 - Sikhs do not eat halal or kosher meat.
 - Sikhs avoid alcohol and tobacco.
 - Sikhs can choose whether or not to eat meat.
- Fill in the table to indicate how the following ingredients of a cottage pie are replaced or modified to meet the dietary needs of a Jew.

Beef mince	
Milk	

- Rastafarians follow specific dietary rules called *ital*. Identify one health benefit of this diet. Justify your choice.

Health benefit:

Justification:

- Muslims have a set of particular food laws. Give three rules you would follow when preparing a dish for a Muslim.

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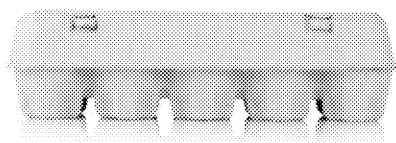
Ethical and moral beliefs

Some people's food choices are linked to their ethical or moral beliefs. This can be linked to **animal welfare**, support for fair trade for developing countries, championing of local economy and help local growers, a desire to promote **organic** farming or to reduce environmental impact. Some food choices are due to environmental concerns about population growth, climate change, and the fact that a meat-based diet requires more energy, water and land than a plant-based diet. The amount of land used to raise livestock – source: *The Vegetarian Society*).

Animal welfare

Animal welfare is about protecting an animal's mental and physical needs. Concerns over animal welfare can influence an individual's food choices and may even necessitate a complete change of diet, as in the case of vegetarians, vegans, or mean that a consumer buys from a company with high animal welfare standards.

Concerns for animal welfare can influence people's food choices for ethical and moral reasons.



Some people will only buy free-range eggs (those that are allowed outside at least part of the time) or those that have been allowed to roam freely and not kept in cages. Eggs sold in the UK must be stamped to indicate the type of hen that laid them:

0 = organic 1 = free-range 2 = barn

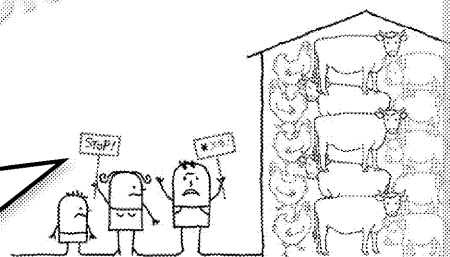
Research

Look up the UK government's advice on the welfare of free-range hens at [zzed.uk/8227-free-range-hens](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/free-range-hens)

Look up the UK government's trade regulations for the marking of eggs at [zzed.uk/8227-egg-marking](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/free-range-hens)

Some people are concerned about the way that animals are kept, particularly with the production of meat or eggs where animals are kept in confined spaces without exercise. Some individual may choose to buy only products that are organic or that display a food label with the Red Tractor symbol from the Assured Food Standards Board or the RSPCA Assured logo, which means that the farms have undergone inspection to ensure animal welfare standards are met.

Some people object to the way in which some farm animals are kept.



Research

Look up RSPCA Assured information on their website [zzed.uk/8227-rspca](https://www.rspca.org.uk/assured)

Look up the Red Tractor scheme at [zzed.uk/8227-red-tractor](https://www.redtractor.co.uk)

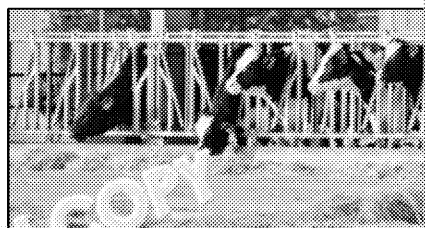
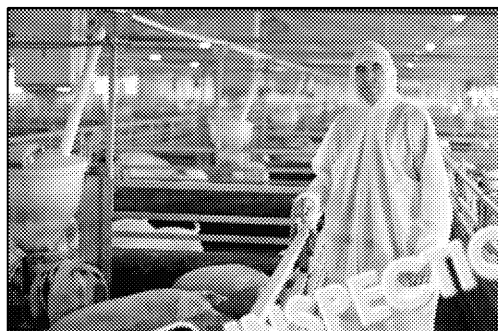
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Did you know?

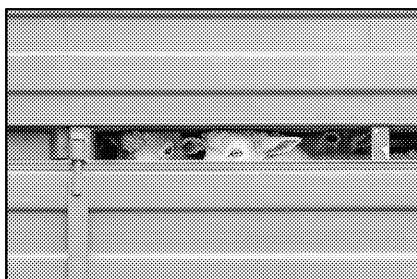
It is illegal to produce foie gras (French for *fatty liver*) in the UK due to animal welfare concerns. It is considered a cruel food by some people due to the methods used (force-feeding grains and fat causing their livers to swell in size). It can, however, still be bought in the UK. In response to public protest, some UK restaurants have removed foie gras from their menus.



Intensive farming (also known as factory farming) is a form of farming with higher livestock density for higher profit. Some people think that factory farming is inhumane.

In addition to factory farming methods, some people may also be concerned about the welfare of animals during transport. The UK government has introduced measures to safeguard live animals in transit. In some cases, Animal Transport Certificates may be required.

For this reason some people's food choices are prompted by a desire to buy only locally sourced products.



Research

Look up advice for farmers, slaughterhouses, hauliers and pet breeders on live animal transport at www.gov.uk/government/consultations/animal-transport-regulation

Did you know?

Some people's food choices are influenced by environmental concerns such as the carbon footprint of a food product (food miles) has travelled and the environmental impact of transport has on the environment.

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Local produce

Locally produced foods are becoming more and more popular. The term 'local' usually refers to foods made within 100 miles of the place of consumption or purchase. People may choose to buy local foods for various reasons:

- from concern about animal welfare during transport – as discussed previously, animal welfare standards may not be followed in transit, and people may choose to buy locally produced foods to reduce the distance the animals have to travel from the farm to the abattoir
- from concern about greenhouse gas emissions and pollution created by the means of transport – transportation uses large amounts of fossil fuels; when burnt, these create greenhouse gases (e.g. carbon dioxide) and pollution (e.g. lead, mercury, etc.) which pollute the air, water and soil, especially along main roads and motorways; buying locally means that less transportation is needed and less pollution is created
- because local foods are often cheaper than imported foods – this is because there is no need to cover the cost of transportation, driving, logistics, international taxes and tolls, etc.
- because local foods are often fresher and tastier than imported foods – very often fruits are picked while still unripe so that they can be transported a long distance; local fruits can be left to ripen naturally so that they are higher quality; less time is spent transported or stored, so they are fresher
- to support local communities and farmers – by buying locally you create jobs for farmers, workers, retailers and shop workers, delivery workers, etc. They then can spend the money earned on other goods and services, such as schools, and, therefore, help to develop and empower the local community.



Local food is often only available in the work hours of the local community.

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Organic food

Farming methods can usually be described as either conventional, intensive or organic. Intensive production aims to lower the costs and maximise production. The point of organic farming is to produce good-quality, healthy, chemical-free produce. The two methods of farming are shown in the table below.

Organic farming	Intensive and conventional farming
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of pesticides is restricted • Only natural fertilisers can be used • No artificial colours or preservatives are added to the final product • The high standards for animal welfare are followed • Antibiotics are only used as and when necessary • Free from genetic modifications, GM feed, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pesticides are used routinely • Artificial fertilisers are used • Various additives may be used to improve it • Animal welfare standards are lower • Antibiotics are used routinely to treat diseases • Can use GM organisms

There is no scientific data to prove that organic foods are safer or healthier than conventionally produced foods (apart from lower levels of pesticides, studies show no difference in nutrient content). Organic farming is also more costly, requires more land and emits more greenhouse gases to produce the same amount of food as conventional farming. Nevertheless, many people choose organic from concern about their health or the environment.

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Vegans and vegetarians

Some people's food choices may be prompted by compassion or concern for animals, which is ethically and morally wrong to take the life of an animal for human consumption. Some people eat meat, fish or shellfish, but may eat eggs, milk and dairy products. Depending on their choices, **vegetarians** can be divided into three subgroups, as shown in the table below.

	Lacto-vegetarian	Ovo-vegetarian
Eats	Milk and dairy	Eggs
Doesn't eat	Meat Fish Eggs	Milk and dairy Meat Fish

Vegans are people who do not eat any animals or animal-derived products (including dairy products), honey or any product containing animal ingredients. A vegan may also avoid products which are manufactured by companies that test on animals and do not wear clothing which contains leather or any other animal product. A vegan does not drink milk because it involves the exploitation of animals to exploit or use an animal in any way. Dairy cows must continue giving birth in order to produce milk, although female calves may eventually replace old dairy cows, the unwanted males (lactating means producing milk after birth) are removed from their mothers, some are kept as pets, some of being born, and slaughtered for meat. Vegans also avoid eggs because they do not want to exploit animals in any way and because they disagree with the methods used. Although hens (which are healthy) remain in a hatchery to become egg layers, male chicks are of no use and are killed (egg laying hens are a different breed of poultry to chickens and not suitable for meat).



Some people are prompted by ethical reasons or environmental concerns. A 2010 report stated that agriculture, including dairy products, accounts for 7% of freshwater consumption, 14% of land use, and 19% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions.

Did you know?

Former US president (1993–2001) Bill Clinton went (mostly) vegan for health reasons. Former US vice president Al Gore is vegan due to environmental concerns about climate change.

Apply

Research a recipe for a quiche. Lorraine needs to cook it to meet the needs of:

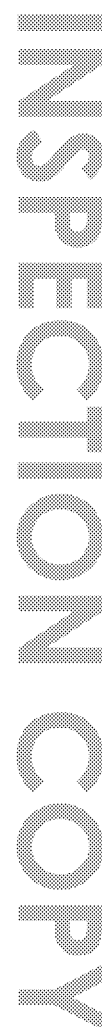
- a lacto-vegetarian
- an ovo-vegetarian
- a vegan

Did you know?

According to the Vegetarian Resource Project, a typical meat eater's diet contains 2.5 times the amount of saturated fat as a vegetarian diet and 4 times as much as a vegan diet: zzed.uk/82

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- A vegan would be likely to refuse to eat...
 - Honey ☐
 - Maple syrup ☐
 - Molasses ☐
 - Golden syrup ☐
- Vegetarians who eat milk and dairy can also be called...
 - Pescatarians ☐
 - Ovo-vegetarians ☐
 - Lacto-vegetarians ☐
 - Fruitarianism ☐
- Which of the following statements is TRUE about organic foods?
 - They are designed to produce a higher yield.
 - They may help reduce food allergies.
 - They are healthier and more nutritious than conventional foods.
 - They have lower levels of pesticides.
- Complete the table to explain what food products are unlikely to be considered important.

Local community	
Animal welfare	
Lack of pesticides	

5. Assess how environmental and animal welfare concerns influence an individual's choices.

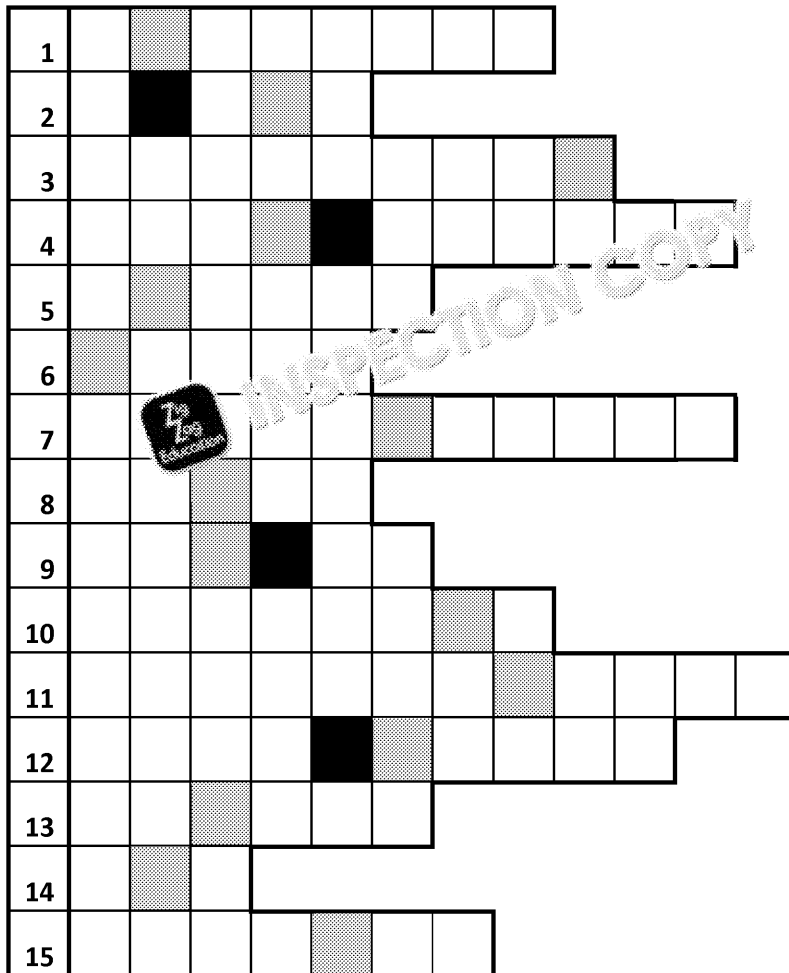
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Quiz-ine

Fill in the answers to the questions below to reveal a word relevant to food choice (black squares are spaces between words).



1. A substance which causes an allergic response. (8)
2. Dietary rules characteristic of Rastafarianism are referred to as this. (4)
3. This refers to an individual's energy requirements while at rest: basal ____ rate. (5)
4. Date mark which applies to food quality. (4, 6)
5. Food which is permitted for a Jew is referred to as this. (6)
6. Person who doesn't eat any produce of animal origin. (5)
7. A non-life threatening reaction to certain foods (such as milk), causing symptoms like stomach ache. (11)
8. Acronym for a marketing technique in which a second product is obtained from the first. (3, 4)
9. Date mark which refers to food safety. (3, 2)
10. Traditional Hindu flatbread. (6)
11. Severe, life-threatening reaction can also be called ____ shock. (12)
12. Eggs from chickens which have been allowed outside in the fresh air for at least 36 hours. (10)
13. Where cheese comes from. (6)
14. Acronym that refers to an individual's activity level. (3)
15. Grown or reared without any added chemicals. (7)

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Answers

Chapter 1: Food provenance (food source)

Where food is grown, reared and caught

Things to think about (1.1)

PROs: allows producers to grow foods over large areas; allows the foods to grow in natural sunlight and with microorganisms and insects that improve growth (such as beetles)
CONs: vermin; floods and droughts; unpredictability; need to use pesticides; contamination

Check your understanding

Q1: D, Q2: C, Q3: A (1 mark for each, max. 3 marks)

Q4: 1 mark for each correct row. Two correct examples needed for each. Other examples accepted (1 mark each).

leaves	cabbage, watercress, kale, spinach
roots	carrot, parsnip, parsley, beetroot, radish, celeriac
fruit	tomato, cucumber, aubergine, courgette, pumpkin, melon

Q5: Any two from: (1 mark each, max. 2 marks)

- helps to prevent and avoid overfishing of natural fisheries
- helps to preserve natural habitats
- helps to preserve naturally occurring species and support biodiversity
- prevents extinction of wild fish species
- helps to provide sufficient amount of food (fish) for the growing population
- also provides caviar and other products
- used to produce animal feed
- or any other suitable answer

Q6:

The answer is clear and well structured. It includes a reference to at least four points of content, with a relevant description/explanation. The answer includes a reference to at least one argument for and one argument against growing plants in polytunnels. To gain 8 marks, examples must be given.

The answer shows good knowledge and understanding of the topic. The answer includes a reference to at least one argument for and one argument against growing plants in polytunnels with a relevant description/explanation. An example may be given to support the points made.

The answer shows some knowledge but little understanding of the topic. The answer includes a reference to only one argument (either for or against). No examples are given.

No answer given or answer incorrect.

Arguments for growing plants in polytunnels:

- suitable for growing tropical plants, which need warmth to grow
- protect from external factors, such as strong wind or massive rainfall
- protect from vermin
- protection from frost
- enables long harvest season
- shortens the growth cycle, so plants can be harvested a few times a year
- allows to grow species which would not otherwise grow in a given area

Arguments against growing plants in polytunnels:

- reliance on artificial water supply
- poor ventilation increases risk of fungal growth
- polytunnel can become damaged and may require to be repaired, which is costly
- it's best located in a sheltered site as strong wind could blow it off
- provides limited space, so only limited crops can be produced

The answer could also refer to examples of foods grown in polytunnels:

- soft fruit (berries such as strawberries, blueberries)
- vegetables such as cucumbers, radish, lettuce, bell pepper, cauliflower, peas, tomatoes, aubergine, spinach
- herbs such as basil, chives, parsley greens, coriander

Other relevant answers can be credited.

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How food is grown, reared and caught

Check your understanding

Q1: D, Q2: B, Q3: B (1 mark for each, max. 3 marks)

Q4: One mark for each correct row (max. 5 marks)

Organic farming	Intensive farming
fewer or no pesticides are used	pesticides are used regularly
no artificial colours or preservatives are added to food	various artificial additives are used
maintains highest animal welfare standards	animal welfare standards are often low
antibiotics are only used as and when necessary	antibiotics are used regularly
no GM organisms, seeds or feed are used	GM organisms, seeds or feed are used

Q5: Any two from: (1 mark each, max. 2 marks)

- supports biodiversity
- supports responsible use of natural resources, such as water
- prevents extinction of animals and plant species
- provides sufficient amount of food without damaging the natural environment
- limits use of pesticides
- or any other suitable answer

Q6:

The answer shows thorough knowledge and understanding of various farming methods. The response clearly analyses multiple ways in which farming methods affect the quality and safety of food. The answer is well structured. Examples may be given to support points made.

The answer shows good knowledge and understanding of various farming methods. The response analyses one or two ways in which farming methods affect the safety and quality of food. Examples may be given to support points made.

The answer shows little knowledge and understanding of various farming methods. The response points out one way in which farming methods affect the safety and quality of food. The explanation may be lacking. No examples are given to support the answer.

No answer given or answer incorrect.

Indicative content:

- quality of the soil (amount of nutrients, acidity) affects the quality of vegetables and fruits which are grown in it
- quality of the soil also has an impact on the quality of meat from animals which eat the plants
- intensive farming methods may introduce pesticides and other chemicals to the food, which can cause allergies and poisoning
- intensive farming methods may introduce antibiotics to the food, which can increase the risk of antibiotic resistance
- chemicals from food (e.g. hormones from poultry) may affect humans' hormones
- eggs from hens which are fed industrial feed can have altered nutritional value with omega-3 fatty acids, carotenes and other substances
- the quality of organically produced eggs and meat can be controlled in food production, but is affected by a number of external factors
- organically grown and reared food does not use pesticides, and, therefore, is safer
- or any other suitable answer

Quiz-in

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| 1. Salmon | 5. Venison | 9. Herbicide |
| 2. Free-range | 6. Polytunnel | 10. Antibiotic |
| 3. Organic | 7. Foie gras | 11. Poultry |
| 4. Strawberry | 8. Livestock | |

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Chapter 2: Food processing and preservation

Food processing

Things to think about (2.1)

No. During homogenisation, fat molecules become smaller, which allows them to disperse. This prevents the milk from separating into liquid and fat, so, without advanced technology, it would be difficult to remove cream out of homogenised milk. Plus, it would be costly and pointless to homogenise milk if it was not going to be used.

Things to think about (2.2) (possible arguments)

- Primary and secondary processing decrease the nutritional value of foods. For example, shredding, freezing, cooking, draining and reheating decrease the amount of nutrients.
- Also, oxygen is harmful because it leads to oxidation.

To prevent micronutrient loss:

- fresh foods should be sold whole, not cut
- foods should be stored in dry, dark conditions to protect them from moisture and light
- foods should be stored at low temperatures to prevent bacteria growth
- cooked foods should be drained if possible
- appropriate cooking techniques should be chosen, e.g. steaming instead of boiling
- the time and temperature of cooking should be adjusted and shortened where possible
- raw meat and vegetables should be eaten more often

Check your understanding

Q1: C, **Q2:** D, **Q3:** B (1 mark for each, max. 3 marks)

Q4: 1 mark for each relevant point from: (max. 4 marks)

- Flour which is high in gluten will produce better quality bread. This is because gluten gives bread its structure which traps carbon dioxide produced by the yeast and, therefore, gives it a soft texture. Examples of this include rye flour and strong wheat flour.
- Low-gluten flour is less able to hold a large amount of gas inside, and so the bread will not rise as it won't be able to prove properly. An example of this is plain wheat flour.
- Gluten-free flour will produce a tough, dense bread as it will not be able to hold gas and the bread will lack volume and texture. Examples of this include rice flour and corn flour.
- Self-raising flour, although it contains gluten and extra raising agent, may not be suitable as a chemical raising agent in it might affect the final taste.

Q5: 1 mark for any correct function for each of the ingredients (1 mark each, max. 2 marks)

probiotic bacteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• process lactose in milk• produce lactic acid• lower pH of milk• increase acidity• begin the process of protein denaturation and coagulation
rennet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• coagulates the protein in milk• responsible for the final texture of mature cheeses

Q6: Any two from: (1 mark for the heat treatment method, 1 mark for explaining how it affects the nutritional value of milk; max. 4 marks)

- Pasteurisation – uses fairly low temperature, and only a short time is required, so it has a minimal effect on the nutritional value of milk, and the changes are negligible.
- Ultra-high temperature treatment – uses a very high temperature for a very short time, so it causes slight changes in nutritional value (e.g. loss of thiamine), but they are usually negligible.
- Sterilisation – uses a high temperature and requires a long time; because milk is significantly overheated (many vitamins are damaged), and its quality is reduced by chemical reactions (Maillard reaction) which produce brown pigments, it can change the appearance, taste and aroma of the milk; also protein can be denatured at the high temperature.
- All heat-treatment methods increase milk's shelf life, although some are more effective (UHT) than others (pasteurisation).

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Food preservation methods

Things to think about (2.3)

Examples could include:

- **Pickling – advantages:** increases the amount of probiotic bacteria in food; increases growth of microorganisms for a long time by lowering the pH of the food
- **Pickling – disadvantages:** greatly increases the amount of sodium in the food; this is unsuitable for certain groups of people (e.g. those with stomach issues)
- **Vacuum packing – advantages:** stops aerobic bacteria from multiplying; can be used without affecting their taste or nutritional value
- **Vacuum packing – disadvantages:** doesn't stop anaerobic bacteria from spoiling the colour and appearance of the food
- **Sterilisation – advantages:** greatly increases the shelf life of food; kills all of the bacteria, safe even for people with compromised immunity
- **Sterilisation – disadvantages:** may lower the nutritional value of food, especially if it may affect the appearance, texture, aroma and taste of the food

Check your understanding

Q1: C, **Q2:** 1 mark for each, max. 3 marks

Q4: 1 mark for each correct: (max. 2 marks)

- oxidation (accept other names such as oxidisation)
- enzymic browning (accept other names such as enzymatic browning)

Q5: 1 mark for any correct answer, with or without explanation: (max. 1 mark)

- Blast chilling shortens the time that food spends at the danger zone temperature
- Blast chilling shortens the time during which bacteria and other microorganisms can grow under conditions.
- It helps to ensure food safety.
- It helps to prevent food spoilage.
- or any other suitable answer

Q6: 2 marks for one well-explained point: (max. 2 marks)

- Brine is a solution of water and salt (sodium chloride).
- Water freezes at 0 °C. The freezing temperature of brine can be as low as -2 °C.
- As a result, brine stays liquid at freezing temperatures for food (-18 °C) and below.

Quiz-time

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| 1. Vacuum packing | 5. Nitrogen |
| 2. Yoghurt | 6. Semolina |
| 3. Pasteurisation | 7. Conduction |
| 4. Brine | 8. Collagen |

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Chapter 3: Food security

Moral and ethical issues involved in food production

Check your understanding

Q1: A, Q2: B (1 mark for each, max. 2 marks)

Q3: Any three from: (max. 3 marks)

- ensures fair wages and prices for the food producers and farmers
- enables decent working conditions and rights for the workers
- ends child labour and forced labour
- empowers local farmers
- enables local growth and sustainability
- supports education and access to health facilities
- or any other suitable answer.

Q4: Any four from: (1 mark each, max. 4 marks)

- Climate change is an effect of human actions and causes the average temperature to rise, leading to massive rainfalls, tornadoes, etc.
- Many plants and animals are not fit for the new temperature conditions, and some are extinct, e.g. fish.
- Drought makes growing plants impossible, and, therefore, there is no food for people or feed for animals.
- Floods damage crops and, therefore, there is no food for people or feed for animals.
- Climate change also causes sea levels to rise, and therefore large areas of land are submerged, and there is less land available to grow food or rear animals.
- or any other suitable answer

Q5:

The answer is clear and well structured. It includes a reference to at least four points of indicative content, with a relevant description/explanation. The answer includes a reference to both advantages and disadvantages of GM foods for health. To gain 8 marks, the answer must be given.

The answer shows good knowledge and understanding of the topic. The answer includes a reference to at least one advantage and disadvantage of GM foods on health, with a relevant description/explanation. An example may be given to support the points made.

The answer shows some knowledge but little understanding of the topic. The answer includes a reference to only one advantage/disadvantage. No examples are given.

No answer given or answer incorrect.

Indicative content:

Advantages of GM foods:

- GM foods are more nutritious and contain more vitamins or omega-3 fatty acids, and therefore, prevent malnutrition and can be used to treat the effects of deficiency.
- GM foods can be higher in protein, and, therefore, prevent malnutrition and kwashiorkor.
- GM foods can be higher in antioxidants, and, therefore, be useful in the prevention of diseases, such as coronary heart disease or cancer.
- GM plants and animals provide more food and, therefore, help to prevent hunger.

Disadvantages of GM foods:

- GM foods are related to the growing incidence of food allergies.
- GM foods can be a source of new antibiotic-resistant bacteria.
- GM foods can be linked to the growing rates of obesity, although further studies are needed to establish a relationship between the two.
- GM food can contribute to cancer, although further studies are necessary.

Other suitable answers may be accepted.

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Environmental issues and food production

Things to think about (example arguments) (3.1)

- Food production: use of water, fossil fuels, fertilisers; transportation to factories
- Transportation: use of fossil fuels; food miles
- Packaging: use of water, fossil fuels, natural resources; transportation to factories
- It all creates food miles and carbon footprint. The more greenhouse gases, the bigger the carbon footprint. The increased amount of carbon dioxide in the air accumulates and cannot leave the atmosphere. Therefore, the air and Earth's surface heat up faster. Massive rainfall occurs more often. People suffer from either drought or flooding. People die of famine and lack of water.

Check your understanding

Q1: D, **Q2:** A (1 mark for each, max. 2 marks)

Q3: 2 marks for a well-explained point: (max. 2 marks)

- Amount of carbon dioxide (and other greenhouse gases) emitted during the transporting, consumption and disposal of goods, e.g. food.
- The sum of all carbon dioxide emissions released into the atmosphere in a given year.
- An indicator to measure the effect human activities have on the environment.
- Any other suitable answers.

Q4: Any two from: (max. 2 marks)

- Use of pesticides and herbicides can help to prevent crop failure, and damage caused by pests and vermin.
- GM crops are more resistant to weather conditions, so could prevent crop failure.
- Overabundance of food could be sold for a lower price, e.g. for canning or freezing.
- Storing food in proper conditions, e.g. coolers, can help to keep it fresh for longer for retailers.
- In factories, specially adjusted packaging methods can help to preserve food for longer.
- Factories can adjust their production methods so that no produce is wasted, leftover pulp and skins can be used for other purposes.
- Or any other suitable answer

Q5: 1 mark for each relevant point from: (max. 4 marks)

- Fish farms are artificial fisheries in which chosen species of fish, crustaceans and shellfish are raised.
- Consequently, there is no need to obtain them from natural fisheries.
- Fish farms prevent overfishing of natural fisheries, support biodiversity and habitats.
- Fish farms also prevent by-catch, as only fish of a specific species and size are raised.
- Fish farms use natural resources, such as water, responsibly, and dispose of waste in a controllable way.
- Fish farms help to prevent pollution and damage to the natural environment.

Other suitable answers may be accepted.

Quiz-time

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| 1. Glacier | 6. Sustainability | 10. Aluminium |
| 2. Recycling | 7. Pair trading | 11. Food miles |
| 3. Golden Rice | 8. Carbon dioxide | 12. Malnutrition |
| 4. Banana | 9. Fish farm | 13. Drought |
| 5. Carbon dioxide | | |

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Chapter 4: Technological developments to health and food fortification

Fortification of foods

Check your understanding

Q1: D (1 mark)

Q2: 1 mark for each correct row (at least one correct nutrient should be stated for each row)

Fortified food	Nutrient
Wheat flour / bread	Calcium, iron, thiamine
Vegetable fat spreads	Vitamin A, vitamin D
Semi-skimmed and skimmed milk	Vitamin A

Q3: Any two from: (1 mark for each reason, 1 mark for each example, max. 4 marks)

- **Reason:** to make food more suitable for the target group
 - **Example:** breakfast cereals fortified with calcium and vitamin D are suitable for children
- **Reason:** to make food more appealing
 - **Example:** addition of minerals to food make it look healthier so the consumer is more likely to buy a similar, non-fortified product
- **Reason:** to enhance the shelf life of food
 - **Example:** vitamin C not only has a positive effect on health, but also acts as a natural preservative
- or any other suitable answer

Q4: 2 marks for a well-explained reason (max. 2 marks)

- Only semi-skimmed and skimmed milk has to be fortified.
- Mandatory fortification of semi-skimmed and skimmed milk with vitamin A.
- Vitamin A is fat-soluble. The vitamin A level in semi-skimmed and skimmed milk is maintained as the fat is removed with the excess fat.

Additives in foods

Check your understanding

Q1: C, Q2: D (1 mark for each, max. 2 marks)

Q3: 1 mark for each correct function (max. 5 marks)

Additive	Function
Monosodium glutamate	Flavour enhancer / flavour
Tartrazine	Colourant
Aspartame	Sweetener
Sulfur dioxide	Preservative
Lecithin	Emulsifier

Q4: Any three from: (max. 3 marks)

- provide sweet taste
- have lower calorific value than sugar
- can support dental health (e.g. xylitol)
- improve the flavour, e.g. of salty foods such as tomatoes
- make food more appealing and appetising
- or any other suitable answer

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New and emerging foods

Things to think about (4.1)

Antibiotics are very strong drugs which have the ability to kill bacteria. When taking (disease-causing) bacteria and the good ones living in your gut. Probiotic supplements have finished your antibiotics to restore the good gut flora and improve your immunity.

Check your understanding

Q1: B, **Q2:** A (1 mark for each correct, max. 2 marks)

Q3: Any three from: (1 mark each, max. 3 marks):

- yoghurt
- cheese
- milk beverages, e.g. Actimel™, Yakult, kefir
- sauerkraut, kimchi
- gherkins (pickled cucumbers)
- miso, tempeh, natto (made of fermented soya)
- kombucha
- or any other suitable answer

Q4: 1 mark for each point from: (max. 2 marks)

- Probiotics are live microorganisms (bacteria) which have a positive impact
- Prebiotics are substances (e.g. dietary fibre) which support the growth of the

Q5: Any three from: (1 mark each, max. 3 marks):

- support digestion
- improve immunity
- produce vitamins
- increase absorption of certain minerals (e.g. iron, calcium)
- prevent diarrhoea
- help to maintain healthy body weight
- accept other suitable answers

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| 1. Aspartame | 4. Lactobacillus | 7. Wheat |
| 2. Margarine | 5. Anaemia | 8. Preservative |
| 3. Lycopene | 6. Stroke | 9. Lecithin |

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Chapter 5: Development of culinary

British cuisine

Things to think about (5.1)

After World War II there was a period of rationing because of food shortages. This meant that individuals and households were only allowed restricted amounts. To combat this restriction, recipes were developed using more readily available ingredients.

Check your understanding

Q1: A, **Q2:** D, **Q3:** B (1 mark for each, max. 3 marks)

Q4: Any three from: (max. 3 marks)

- lamb
- beef
- potatoes
- leeks
- cockles
- monkfish
- Cabbages (or any other vegetable)
- Lancashire (or any other variety of) cheese
- Angley Pig Snout apples
- or any other suitable example

Do NOT accept examples of dishes, e.g. Welsh cakes, bara brith.

Q5: 1 mark for each modification identified and 1 mark for each relevant explanation

Examples could include:

- replace plain flour with wholemeal flour – this will increase the amount of fibre and is more suitable in terms of the current dietary guidelines
- replace beer (lager) with milk or water – to reduce the calorific value of the drink, which is unsuitable for children, so is best replaced with an alcohol-free liquid
- blanch potatoes before deep frying – this will seal their surface and precook them, so they need to be fried for less time and will absorb less fat (so will be less energy dense)
- bake the fish/chips instead of deep frying it – this will lower the calorific value of the dish, making it more suitable, especially for people who wish to lose weight or simply lead a healthier lifestyle
- replace beef dripping with vegetable oil – this will help to lower the amount of saturated fat

Accept other suitable answers.

International cuisines

Things to think about (5.2)

A country's cuisine can change over time due to travel, export and trade, immigration, etc. It can also be influenced by the resources available and weather conditions or natural events such as flooding. It can also be influenced by war and by embargoes imposed by other countries.

Things to think about (5.3)

Traditional recipes may be adapted according to the availability of ingredients, or to health, environmental or sustainability concerns.

Things to think about (5.4)

Eating patterns can differ between countries due to lifestyle and culture. These may be influenced by the time of day (Spain traditionally has a siesta from 2pm to 4pm), the weather (heat), availability of ingredients, traditional values, religious and eating and religious and moral beliefs.

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Check your understanding:

Q1: B, **Q2:** D, **Q3:** C (1 mark for each, max. 3 marks)

Q4: 1 mark for each correct row (only one cheese for each row is required) (max. 3 marks may be accepted).

Cheese	Country
Stilton, Wensleydale, Suffolk Gold, Cheddar, Dunlop, Caerphilly, Red Leicester, Double Gloucester	
Brie, Camembert, Comte, Tomme, Reblochon, Morbier, Livarot, Saint-Nectaire	
Parmesan, Mozzarella, Ricotta, Gorgonzola, Pecorino, Fontina, Mascarpone, Taleggio	
Emmental, Gruyère, Appenzeller, Raclette	Switzerland
Gouda, Maasdam, Leyden, Leerdammer	The Netherlands

Q5: 1 mark for each factor identified, 1 mark for explaining how it affects the cuisine

- **Factor:** climate
- **How it affects cuisine:** weather conditions, average temperature and rainfall, also the time of meals, e.g. in Spain dinner is eaten late, as eating outdoors is common
- **Factor:** soil quality
- **How it affects cuisine:** acidic, neutral or alkaline soil determines what can be grown in the area
- **Factor:** religion
- **How it affects cuisine:** Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Sikhism and Bahaism have dietary rules and restrictions; people who follow a religion must obey the rules, are not allowed to eat certain foods, and must observe fasting periods and celebrate specific example, e.g. Muslims, cannot eat pork and, therefore, the cuisine in the main religion usually does not use any pork
- **Factor:** migration
- **How it affects cuisine:** people migrating from other countries bring their own culinary preferences, and, therefore, they influence/trigger a change in the cuisine. India to UK resulted in the invention of chicken tikka masala
- **Factor:** lifestyle
- **How it affects cuisine:** applies to modern cuisines; people tend to choose to eat out, which determines eating patterns
- **Factor:** market development
- **How it affects cuisine:** helps to import new foods from abroad and makes the development of the cuisine
- or any other suitable answer

Quiz-time

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| 1. Stilton | 5. Haggis | 9. Chopsticks |
| 2. Eton mess | 6. China | 10. France |
| 3. Cornwall | 7. Hummus | 11. Dosas |
| 4. En croute | 8. Boxty | |

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Chapter 6: Factors influencing food

Personal, social and economic factors affecting food

Things to think about (6.1)

Low-income families could maintain a healthy diet by finding alternatives to more expensive ingredients, such as using sunflower oil instead of coconut oil, and replacing fresh ingredients with tinned or frozen ones. Supermarkets sell fresh foods at cheaper prices when they are near their sell-by dates. People can also buy foods which would normally be out of their price range. Foods that are easy to grow at home or year-round are generally easier to find and cheaper to buy.

Check your understanding

Q1: A, Q2: A, Q3: C, Q4: D (1 mark for each, max. 4 marks)

Q5: 1 mark for any correct health issue for each given ingredient: (max. 3 marks)

1. Saturated fat: Overweight, obesity, increased blood cholesterol level, increased risk of atherosclerosis, coronary heart disease, stroke, heart attack
2. Kitchen salt: Hypertension, increased risk of heart attack, stroke
3. Sugar: Overweight, obesity, dental caries / tooth decay, increased blood sugar levels

Accept other suitable answers.

Q6: Any four (1 mark each, max. 4 marks)

- During a celebration, people eat more food in general.
- During a celebration new, unknown foods can be introduced.
- During a celebration people tend to choose foods of higher energy content.
- Celebration-specific foods are often higher in fats than everyday food.
- Celebration-specific foods are often higher in sugars than everyday food.
- A celebration often requires special, festive foods, which are not eaten during everyday life.
- People may choose to drink more alcohol.
- Or any other suitable example.

Medical reasons: food intolerances and allergies

Things to think about (6.2)

- Allergens can be hidden within food and be served unknowingly to an allergic individual, leading to severe, sometimes fatal symptoms, such as hives, sneezing or anaphylactic shock.
- Individuals could be served food which contain allergenic ingredients without their knowledge.
 - o nuts or sesame seeds within sauces (e.g. satay sauce)
 - o sulphites used as preservatives within packaged or processed foods or in wine
 - o shellfish or crustaceans within sauces and soups
 - o soya beans within a variety of foods
 - o cereals such as wheat within soups, sauces, gravy and thickeners
 - o eggs and milk within a variety of foods
 - o celery within vegetable stock and soups
- Serving food that has been in contact with an allergen to an allergic individual can also cause a reaction, particularly for peanut allergy sufferers (dust from peanuts or other nuts can be transferred to food). It is vital that all allergens are kept away from food that will be served to an allergic individual.
- People with allergies should ask to see the ingredients of every food item they are served. It is the responsibility of all caterers to supply these to customers.
- There is a risk, should an allergic reaction occur, that catering staff, including those who are not trained or equipped to handle it, could be in a difficult position.
- Allergic individuals are responsible for not making their allergy known or causing a reaction.

Check your understanding:

Q1: B, Q2: C (1 mark for each, max. 3 marks)

Q4: 1 mark for each correct (max. 2 marks)

- Food-intolerance-related agent: milk (lactose)
- Food-allergy-related agent: egg, milk

Q5: 2 marks for a well-explained point. 1 mark for a basic explanation. (max. 2 marks)

- During production of cheese, lactose in milk is fermented into lactic acid.
- For that reason, mature cheese contains very little or no lactose, so poses no problem for lactose intolerant individuals.
- During production of cheese, protein in milk coagulates and denatures, but remains intact.
- In fact, the protein content of cheese is much higher than in milk.
- For that reason, people allergic to milk proteins cannot eat any dairy products.

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Consumer information

Things to think about (6.3)

Examples could include:

- people with allergies – should pay attention to the list of ingredients and see if the food is free from allergens and safe for them to consume (allergens are usually listed in the ingredients)
- lactose-intolerant people – should pay attention to milk content in the food
- people with high blood pressure – should pay attention to salt/sodium levels
- people with coronary heart disease / high blood cholesterol levels – should pay attention to fat / saturated fat or enriched with phytosterols which help to lower blood cholesterol (usually pointed out in a health or nutrition claim)
- people with vitamin deficiency – can check whether the food contains a given vitamin or is present or added during fortification)
- people for whom animal welfare is important – can check whether the food was produced to high welfare standards, e.g. organic or free-range
- people who cannot cook – may find the preparation instructions useful
- date marks – can be useful for people concerned about food waste issues, as they can see if the food with a short shelf life they know they won't be able to eat it before that date

Things to think about (6.4)

Advertising can affect a consumer's food choice through descriptive words, and colours, and the way the product appear more appealing or attractive. Advertising can also make us want to eat more about diet, lifestyle and nutrition, or tempt us or by appealing to our ethical or moral beliefs.

Check your understanding

Q1: C, **Q2:** A (1 mark for each, max. 2 marks)

Q3: 1 mark for the reason, 1 mark for the correct explanation/description (max. 2 marks)

- **Reason:** because it places products at the most easily accessible place
- **Description:** (any one of the following):
- In this technique, the most expensive products are usually placed on the shelves at eye level for the consumer. This means that items aimed at adults will be placed at their eye level, while items aimed at children will be placed a bit lower. Items aimed at toddlers are usually marketed at the lowest shelves, where the ones who make the choice in the shop.
- People tend to buy things more often if they are placed comfortably and are easily accessible.
- Other items, such as cheaper or less attractive products (e.g. value brands) are usually placed on the highest shelves and are more difficult to reach.

Q4: (1 mark) Point of sale

Q5: 1 mark for each correct from: (max. 2 marks)

- **Technique:** Using pictures of popular cartoon characters, toys, etc. on food packaging
- **Description:** Packages of these products are often very colourful and attractive
- **Technique:** Items aimed at children are often placed at their eye level (lower shelves)
- **Description:** It makes sure children will be able to see these products
- **Technique:** Items aimed at children are often placed on special stands, which are at eye level
- **Description:** This attracts the youngest consumers
- **Technique:** Items aimed at children are often described as 'natural' or 'healthy'
- **Description:** This suggests that the given product is good for children, helps their growth, so helps their parents make a decision about purchase
- **Technique:** Point of sale technique is often used to sell products for children, such as sweets or chocolate bars
- **Description:** These products are small and easy to reach even by small children, so they can get them while queueing at the till
- **Answer:** Any two of the suitable answers.

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Religious and cultural beliefs

Things to think about (6.5)

Consider that Islamic law forbids eating pork only, while most Sikhs are vegetarians (so any meat in the recipe would have to be replaced with a vegetarian equivalent; Sikhs would also avoid alcohol). Most Muslims and Sikhs should avoid alcohol. Most Sikhs also don't drink tea or coffee, so these could be substituted with an acceptable product.

Check your understanding

Q1: A, **Q2:** C, **Q3:** A (1 mark for each, max. 3 marks)

Q4: 1 mark for each correct row (max. 3 marks)

Beef mince	It has to be ensured that the animal was killed in the proper way. Otherwise, the beef has to be replaced with kosher beef.
Milk	If beef is used in the recipe, milk has to be replaced, e.g. with soy milk.

Q5: 1 mark for a health benefit, 1 mark for an explanation/justification from: (max. 2 marks)

- **Health benefit:** helps to lower blood pressure / lowers the risk of type 2 diabetes
 - **Justification:** the Rastafarian diet is full of fresh vegetables and fruit, which are high in fibre; fibre helps to control cholesterol and sugar absorption, which may help to reduce the risk of the conditions named above
- **Health benefit:** boosts immunity / prevents anaemia
 - **Justification:** the diet is rich in vegetables and fruit, which provides vitamins, boosts immunity, helps to build collagen and improves iron absorption
- **Health benefit:** helps to prevent hypertension
 - **Justification:** the diet is low in sodium – Rastafarians do not use salt, so sodium intake is fairly low
- Or any other suitable example.

Q6: Any three from: (max. 3 marks)

- When selecting recipes, pay attention to the meat content of the dish/meal. No pork, pork blood or gelatine.
- The dishes cannot be made with the use of pork fat (lard).
- Pay attention to the alcohol content of food as Muslims cannot drink any alcohol.
- Pay attention to how the meat was obtained, as only halal meat can be eaten.
- The food and beverages must be caffeine-free as Muslims should also avoid caffeine.
- Pay attention to the time of meals; for example, during Ramadan food can only be eaten after sunset.
- Accept other suitable answers.

Ethical and moral beliefs

Check your understanding:

Q1: A, **Q2:** C, **Q3:** D (1 mark for each, max. 3 marks)

Q4: 1 mark for each correct row (max. 3 marks). Other responses may be accepted.

Local community	e.g. bananas, oranges, kiwis and other imported foods, as people would rather choose foods which were made and produced locally (this helps to support local farmers and wholesalers)
Animal welfare	e.g. eggs from barn- or cage-bred hens and milk from intensively farmed cows (people would rather choose foods which were made with respect for animal welfare, e.g. free-range eggs) or else become vegetarian/vegan to avoid animal exploitation
Lack of pesticides	e.g. conventionally grown and reared foods, as people would rather choose organic foods (free from pesticides)

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Q5: Any three from: (1 mark for indicating how the concerns influence food choices and explanation/description):

- choosing foods from sustainable sources (e.g. fish, palm oil) – the consumer chooses products produced in a way that limits the negative impact on the environment
- choosing animal-derived foods (e.g. eggs, milk, meat) which are labelled as Assured, Red Tractor scheme, etc. – many people care about the conditions the animals are kept in, and, therefore, will choose to buy such products to support animal welfare and keep them in humane conditions
- choosing foods which were not genetically modified – GM foods have a large impact on the environment, decreasing species diversity and leading to extinction of less immune species. Choosing non-GM foods can help to support species diversity and natural habitats
- choosing Fairtrade foods – as they are also often produced in a sustainable way
- choosing seasonal foods and locally produced foods – as this helps to lower the carbon footprint (helping to limit the impact on the environment by decreasing production and transport of carbon dioxide)
- Other suitable answers may be accepted.

Quiz-time

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| 1. Allergic | 6. Vegan | 11. Anaphylactic |
| 2. Ital | 7. Intolerance | 12. Free-range |
| 3. Metabolic | 8. BOGOF | 13. Origin |
| 4. Best before | 9. Use by | 14. PAL |
| 5. Kosher | 10. Chapatti | 15. Organic |

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