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| Welcome to EnglishClass101.com’s English in Three Minutes. The fastest, easiest, and most fun way to learn English. | |
| Hey everyone, I’m Alisha! | |
| In this series, we’re going to learn some easy ways to ask and answer common questions in English. It’s really useful, and it only takes three minutes! | |
| In this lesson, you’re going to learn how to ask someone about their tastes in food. | |
| Food is another great topic for getting to know someone. You might also find out some interesting things about the food culture in the other person’s country! | |
| Of course you can ask someone straight out: | |
| “What kind of food do you like?” | |
| Or: |  |
| “What sort of food do you like?” | |
| If you ask these questions, though, it might seem a little too open, like there can be too many answers. This might slow the conversation down. | |
| Instead it’s much better to choose a particular food - such as a famous one from your country, or one that has come up previously in the conversation - and ask if the other person likes that food. | |
| For example: |  |
| “Do you like sushi?” | |
| Possible answers to this are: |  |
| “Yeah, I do!” | |
| It’s then a good chance to expand the conversation a little, and say something about the food, why you like it, etcetera. For example: | |
| “Yeah, I do! My favourite type is eel.” | |
| Or even something simple, like: |  |
| “Yeah, I do! It’s so delicious.” | |
| But what if you hate sushi? How to give a negative answer? | |
| Again you have to consider the other person’s feelings and not be too critical of the food - even if you hate it more than anything! - in case it’s their favorite! | |
| So you could say something like: |  |
| “Not really...” | |
| Or a more idiomatic phrase: |  |
| “I’m not a huge fan.” | |
| Again, it’s good for the conversation, and polite, to give a reason why you don’t like the food. | |
| Some good reasons are: |  |
| “I don’t like the texture.” | |
| Or simply: |  |
| “I just don’t like the taste.” | |
| Now it’s time for Alisha’s Advice! | |
| If you meet someone who likes the same kind of food that you do, a nice way to continue the conversation is to ask them if they know about any good restaurants that serve the food. | |
| Say for example, that you both like sushi, you can say, | |
| “Do you know a good place for sushi?” | |
| If there’s another type of food you are interested in, just take out sushi and put in the food in the plural form. | |
| “Do you know a good place for burritos?” | |
| When you meet people at a party, do you know how to ask them how they know each other? Find out in the next lesson I’ll see you next time! | |