

Discussing Food

Difficulty Level: ★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆

In this lesson we will look at some key terms associated with food and eating.

How to describe foods we do not like to eat and do like to eat.

Dislike:

- 1.) I really don't like _____.
- 2.) I can't stand _____.
- 3.) I'm not keen on _____.
- 4.) I really dislike _____.

Like:

- 1.) I really like _____.
- 2.) My favorite dish is _____.
- 3.) I'm keen on _____.
- 4.) I prefer _____ to/over _____.
- 5.) I'd rather eat _____ than _____.

Other Ways of Saying Delicious:

Tasty: *"I never thought I'd eat such tasty kimchi."*

Flavourful: *"This bistro's pasta is quite flavourful."*

Divine: *"Her desserts are divine."*

Rich in flavour: *"This cake is so buttery and rich in flavour."*

Types of Flavour:

Sour: *"I don't know how you eat grapefruit in the morning. It's too sour!"*

Sweet: *"It needs more sugar. It's not sweet enough."*

Bitter: *"I always add sugar and cream. Black coffee is too bitter for me."*

Salty: *"Korean soup is too salty for my liking."*

Spicy: *"It's a toss up between Korean and Indian food as to what is more spicy."*

Greasy / Oily: *"Pizza Hut is too greasy for me."*

Texture:

Crispy / Crunchy: *"I don't think the bread is fresh. It's not crispy."*

Chewy: *"Rice cake is chewier than chocolate chip cookies."*

Fluffy: *"I miss the French puff pastries we ate in France."*

Other:

Raw: *Beef tartar is not for me. Actually, I don't enjoy anything raw.*

Rotten: *Bananas go rotten way too fast.*

Bland: *"Pass the salt. The soup is way too bland."*

Ripe: *"Peaches are ripe for only two weeks out of the whole summer."*

Pungent: *"Stinky tofu from Taiwan is rather pungent"*

Tips:

Native English speakers drop the "o" syllable in chocolate and broccoli. We also say "vegetable" with three syllables not four. It'll help you sound more natural, like a native speaker!

When something looks delicious (ma-shi-get-ta) we often say it's *mouthwatering!*

Quiz

Fill in the blank with the best-suited word. Some questions might have more than one workable answer.

When

- 1.) Don't eat those bananas. They're still green and not _____ yet.
- 2.) Plain rice is very _____.
- 3.) Indian cuisine is very _____.
- 4.) When you eat _____ fish make sure it is fresh.
- 5.) Everything in that bakery was absolutely _____!
- 6.) You can tell if a pastry is fresh because it is still _____.

- 7.) Korean stew is often really _____.
- 8.) This chocolate is from the gods. It's _____.
- 9.) I _____ Chinese cuisine more than Japanese _____.
- 10.) Baked chicken is healthier than _____ chicken because it is less _____.

Synonym Match:

Match the words from column 1 with the correct answer in column 2.

Column 1	Column 2
1.) divine	a.) not fresh
2.) pungent	b.) flavorless
3.) bland	c.) inedible
4.) mouthwatering	d.) irresistible
5.) rotten	e.) from the heavens
6.) spoiled	f.) smelly