



# Baking a Pie

Conversation > Intermediate 6



## Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

<b>bake</b>	To cook something in an oven.
[verb]	<i>Ex: She's <b>baking</b> some cookies.</i>

<b>uncommon</b>	Not happening, done, found, etc. often.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: It is <b>uncommon</b> for Japanese to be talkative.</i>

<b>stereotype</b>	A fixed idea that many people have about what a particular type of person is like, which is usually untrue and unfair.
[noun]	<i>Ex: It's a <b>stereotype</b>. People from America aren't all fat.</i>

<b>obviously</b>	In a way that is easy for everyone to see.
[adverb]	<i>Ex: This is <b>obviously</b> the wrong way.</i>



<b>flour</b>	Powder made from different types of grain.
[noun]	<i>Ex: She's mixing <b>flour</b>, egg, and sugar to make a cake.</i>

<b>dough</b>	A mixture of flour, water, etc. used to make bread and pastry.
[noun]	<i>Ex: We need <b>dough</b> to make bread.</i>

<b>oven</b>	A piece of kitchen equipment with a door used for baking or roasting food.
[noun]	<i>Ex: These cookies just came out of the <b>oven</b>.</i>

<b>messy</b>	Untidy or dirty.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: I'm sorry my room is a little <b>messy</b>.</i>



## Exercise 2 – Dialogue

*Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.*

Mia: Hey, Dave. Would you like to help me bake a pie?

Dave: Sure, why not!

Mia: Wow! That is so good to hear. I think it's very uncommon for guys to cook.

Dave: That is a stereotype. I love to cook.

Mia: Okay. First, we need to go shopping. Would you prefer an apple or melon pie?

Dave: I've never baked a melon pie, so let's try that.



Mia: Okay. Obviously we will need a melon and some flour.

Dave: Okay. What else do we need?

Mia: I think that's about it. I have everything else for the dough at home.

Dave: Why don't we watch a movie while the pie bakes in the oven?

Mia: Great idea. By the way, I hope you don't mind, but my house is a bit messy at the moment.

Dave: No worries. I know you had exams last week.



## Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

*Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.*

### Answer Pool

bakes  
obviously  
dough  
oven  
messy  
stereotype  
uncommon  
flour

1. Clean up your room! It's very \_\_\_\_\_.
2. You put the dough in an \_\_\_\_\_ when it is ready.
3. For pancakes we need \_\_\_\_\_, milk and eggs.
4. They're \_\_\_\_\_ not interested in doing business with us.
5. It is just a \_\_\_\_\_ that men can't cook.
6. It's not \_\_\_\_\_ for people to become ill when they travel.
7. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ tasty cakes.
8. She kneaded the \_\_\_\_\_ and left it to rise.



## Exercise 4 – Role Play

*Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.*

**Scene:** You and your best friend want to bake a cake for your mutual friend. Decide on the type of cake your friend would like and make a list of things you need to buy. The teacher can be your best friend.



## Exercise 5 – Discussion

*Discuss the following questions with your tutor.*

1. Do you make sweets on your own? If so, what do you make? If not, would you like to try?
2. What do you think is more difficult, making meals or desserts? Why do you think so?
3. What's the best pie you've ever had? Where did you have it?
4. What are the most famous sweets in your country/region?
5. Which do you prefer, food prepared in a restaurant or at home? Why?