



Cooking

Conversation > Intermediate 6



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

classic design	A traditional style that is simple and elegant, not affected by changes in fashion.
[noun]	<i>Ex: The room has a classic design that makes it feel warm and cozy.</i>

basil	An herb with a strong smell that is used to flavor foods in cooking.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Do you want to add basil to this dish?</i>

mozzarella	A type of white Italian cheese.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Among all the kinds of cheese, mozzarella is my favorite.</i>

reasonable	Fair and making sense.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: These jeans are on sale for a reasonable price.</i>

combination	A joining or mixing of two or more different things.
[noun]	<i>Ex: She has a combination of beauty and intelligence.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

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

Kate: Wow! Mia, I must say that your house is really amazing. It's elegant and classy.

Mia: Well, as you know, my husband is really into classic designs.

Kate: By the way, this pasta tastes so good. It's really creamy and tasty!

Mia: I'm glad you like it! It's because I cooked it myself.

Kate: I wonder what the secret is. I really want to cook something delicious like this for my husband.

Mia: Oh, this is easy to cook. I can teach you how if you would like.

Kate: Really? Wow. I would really appreciate it. What do you call this again?

Mia: It's called 3-cheese ravioli. It's quite easy to prepare.



Kate: What are the main ingredients?

Mia: You need mozzarella, parmesan, and ricotta cheese. Choosing a good combination is actually the secret.

Kate: Is that all, Mia? What else do I need?

Mia: You also need eggs, tomato sauce, basil leaves, and a few seasonings; salt, pepper, and garlic.

Kate: Great! The ingredients are reasonable for this kind of delicious treat. How do you prepare it?

Mia: Mix the cheeses together with the eggs and basil leaves. Then, cook the ravioli in boiling water.

Kate: Wow, that's quite easy. I hope my 3-cheese ravioli turns out as good as yours.

Mia: While waiting for them to cook, you can prepare the tomato sauce. Don't forget to season it!



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

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

Answer Pool

basil
combination
reasonable
mozzarella
classic design

1. Do you like _____? I think it can really make the dish tasty!
2. This bacon and cheese _____ is the best I've tried so far.
3. I'm not a fan of the _____. I'm a modern person.
4. I need to find an apartment with a more _____ rent.
5. My favorite cheese is _____. It's tasty!



Exercise 4 – Role Play

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

Scene: You are a great chef. Teach your student how to prepare a meal. The teacher can be the student.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Do you enjoy cooking? Why? Why not?
2. Who usually cooks in your family? Why?
3. Do you prefer eating at home or at a restaurant? Why?
4. Who usually buys the ingredients in your house? Why?
5. What is the best dish you have ever eaten? How would you describe it?