

Transcript

00:00:00 Interviewer

Hello, can you briefly introduce yourself, where are you from and what are you studying?

00:00:07 Interviewee

My name is Kevin and I come from Taiwan and I'm currently studying interaction design at UQ.

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Can you tell me a bit more about your living situation?

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I live in the studio single studio in studio accommodation.

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Which one in particular, which student accommodation?

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Southbank Scape.

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OK, so are you satisfied with your current living arrangement?

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Yes, I'm satisfied with it.

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Do you have any housemate or flatmates?

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No, I don't have.

00:00:52 Interviewee

OK.

00:00:53 Interviewer

OK, so how often do you cook at home?

00:00:59 Interviewee

I will say four times a week.

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And what do you usually like to cook?

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Sometimes I will make hotpot, so I don't have to cook every time and I can cook one time and can eat that for over three days.

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So how about do you do meal preparation, like do you cook in advance, and then you bring the food to school for lunch, let's say.

00:01:45 Interviewee

No, I don't. I don't do it.

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OK. Can you describe your typical cooking routine?

00:01:53 Interviewee

I will go grocery on weekend. And I will cook on weekdays.

00:02:06 Interviewer

OK. So do you just cook for that one day or you tend to cook for more days so you don't have to cook every time?

00:02:18 Interviewee

Yeah. Yes, yes.

00:02:20 Interviewer

What challenges do you face when deciding what to cook?

00:02:27 Interviewee

I will consider if I have spare time to cook.

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OK, do these challenges ever prevent you from cooking it all?

00:02:37 Interviewee

Yes, because if I because if I have a lot of assessment, I will not cook by myself.

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And how will you eat?

00:02:49 Interviewee

I will buy take away.

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Do you sometimes get bored with what you cook?

00:03:01 Interviewee

No, not really. Because if I start to get bored, I will buy a take away.

00:03:09 Interviewer

So do you usually cook the same things often? What can you name?

00:03:11 Interviewee

Yes. The hotpot, in terms of dumping everything and boil them, not real hotpot. Oh, I eat dumpling a lot.

00:03:31 Interviewer

How do you feel about cooking with others or even sharing a kitchen since you do not?

00:03:38 Interviewee

I don't think it's a good idea because sometimes your roommate will borrow your bowl, and your bowl will go missing.

00:03:50 Interviewer

Oh, I see. So, imagine if you are cooking with someone else or sharing a kitchen. What will make cooking with them? Like will cooking with them enjoyable or difficult?

00:04:09 Interviewee

It will be difficult because sometimes we only got one cooking pan, so we have to wait for each other.

00:04:18 Interviewer

OK. Will you feel frustrated if you have to share the kitchen space with others?

00:04:32 Interviewee

Not really.

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OK. Do you tend to avoid kitchen the kitchen when someone else is there?

00:04:40 Interviewee

Yes, yes, I will. Please feel a little bit weird you know because if you are cooking and someone is sitting there and watch Netflix. And you will just feel.....I don't know. Not feel good. OK, feel uncomfortable. Yeah.

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So moving on to social interactions, how often do you participate in social activities and how important is it to you?

00:05:12 Interviewee

Maybe I will do social activity on weekdays because I have a class.

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Also, you consider attending class in social activity, so is it important to you?

00:05:25 Interviewee

Yeah, yeah, it's quite important.

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OK. Um, so how about living away from home? Does it impact your social life?

00:05:39 Interviewee

Yes.

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Can you elaborate?

00:05:43 Interviewee

Because my mother is quite annoying. So, you will keep having some sound, some sort of sound. And then now you don't feel comfortable without the sound, it's too quiet.

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And so do you find it difficult to meet new people when you move to Australia?

00:06:18 Interviewee

Not really. There's no any different between here and in Taiwan, so yeah.

00:06:29 Interviewer

Oh, OK. Do you think food is a catalyst, like an enhancement, for social interaction?

00:06:39 Interviewee

Yes, but it's not making food. It's like eating food. Yeah, OK.

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So you enjoy, do you enjoy meeting up with friends over food?

00:06:53 Interviewee

Depend on what food? Yeah. If this food is so expensive and there is a lobster or something like I will enjoy food more than friends haha.

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How about something that is to be shared like potlucks or hot pot type of meals? Do you enjoy them?

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Sometimes, but when you get into some social activities and you are not familiar with them. If we have a hot pot together, it will be really awkward.

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How often do you find yourself throwing away food and how do you feel about it?

00:07:46 Interviewee

Hmmm. Not a lot, I think, because my fridge is so small, so I will precisely buy the correct quantity for them.

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OK, so uh, your strategy to reduce food waste is to buy the precise amount, yes?

00:08:24 Interviewee

Yeah. Yeah, it's pretty precisable.

00:08:27 Interviewer

What are your thoughts on sharing ingredients with others to prevent food waste?

00:08:34 Interviewee

Yeah, it's good. But what I consider is if I have, you know, if I have to give this ingredient to someone, we have to schedule like a meeting schedule. And I have to wait for someone until he come to grab my ingredient.

00:08:57 Interviewer

I see. So as you said, you would be fine with sharing ingredients with others, so would you be open to a system where you can trade or share extra ingredients like?

00:09:09 Interviewee

Yeah, I am fine with it.

00:09:19 Interviewer

Like those second hand trade of perform where you can like schedule everything and then you can just meet them at the same building, you think it's a good idea?

00:09:25 Interviewee

Yeah, yeah. It's a good idea.

00:09:37 Interviewee

OK. So have you ever bought ingredients but never use them?

00:09:40 Interviewee

No, I will use them like at least at least one time, yeah.

00:09:45 Interviewer

OK. Do you ever want to try and cook new recipe or try cooking food from different cuisines like from other countries, but there are just too many ingredients?

00:09:57 Interviewee

Yeah, yeah, exactly. Sometimes I have to make pasta but some pasta requires something which is so hard to get. You know, they didn't sell it in Woolies or Coles. And have to go far, far away to find it, yeah.

00:10:19 Interviewer

OK, so as you said, making pasta, it requires a lot of ingredients and it's hard to find. So, do long ingredient lists feel intimidating to you?

00:10:36 Interviewee

Yes, I think so.

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Do you hesitate to try any recipe because you're not sure if you will like it?

00:10:47 Interviewee

No, because if I decide to make the food following by this recipe, then that means I love this food. I will not choose the food that I hate like curry.

00:11:02 Interviewer

OK. Do you often crave food from home, but do not know how to cook it? Or it involves too many ingredients and steps? Like, do you miss the Taiwanese food? And then do you attempt to recreate it but it but finds out that it's too troublesome, so you give up?

00:11:29 Interviewee

Ohh yeah sometimes.

00:11:41 Interviewer

How about if I make it simpler, will you try out? Like how to recreate Taiwanese food like someone else teaches you.

00:11:56 Interviewee

OK.

00:11:58 Interviewer

OK. What do you think could be done to make cooking or socializing easier and more enjoyable for students?

00:12:07 Interviewee

Could be, but still unlikely. To be honest, I will be so enjoyable if someone cooks for me. And you know, go grocery for me, yeah hahaaa.

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So are there any like specific tools or resources or Community efforts that you think would help?

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Not really at this moment.

00:12:38 Interviewer

Except from the way that someone else cooks for you. Yeahhh..... No tools.

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If there were an app that could help you find cocaine even or sharing ingredients, what features would you find most helpful?

00:13:12 Interviewee

The feature is when I schedule a meeting so I don't have to wait for someone.

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And what would stop you from using it, if we launch an app that you can schedule to share ingredients?

00:13:31 Interviewee

I will welcome someone to share ingredients with me, but sometimes if I don't have spare time, I will not choose to share my ingredients with someone because it takes my effort and time, and I'm not sure if it is worth it because I don't know what I can get from it. You know, there is no rewards. Otherwise, he give me money if I share.

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So that is an exchange, like trading ingredients?

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But it's kind of hard. Yeah, it's so hard because you have to trust someone, you know, maybe the ingredient is terrible or expired.

00:14:31 Interviewer

OK. Is there anything else you would like to share about your experiences with cooking, budgeting, or socialising as a student living away from home?

00:14:44 Interviewee

Yeah, I will make a hot pot with my friend in the Public Kitchen, because we don't have to clean them up very tidily by ourselves. And Hotpot is so easy, you just need to buy various gradients and throw them into the soup base.

00:15:10 Interviewer

OK, so you will only hotpot with people you already know?

00:15:11 Interviewee

Yeah. Or maybe with most people I already know.

00:15:22 Interviewer

OK. Yeah. OK. I guess that's the end of the interview. Thank you.

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Yeah.