

1 SPEAKING

a Work in groups and discuss the questions together.

- 1 Do you prefer to eat out or eat at home? Why?
- 2 Do you ever eat in other people's homes? When? Why?
- 3 Which country's food do you prefer? Why?

2 READING



BETTER READING: READING FOR GIST

Quickly reading a text can help you to understand the general idea of the content. As you do this, you don't need to understand every word. If there's a word you don't know, don't worry, just continue reading.

- 1 Read extract 1 from *Eating out ... at home*, the website homepage, quickly and decide who the website is for.
- 2 Explain to a partner how the service works.



b Read descriptions A–C from extract 2 from the website on page 45 and answer the questions.

- 1 Which would you most like to book? Why?
- 2 Which do you think offers the most authentic experience? Why?

c Read descriptions A–C again. Where could you eat if...?

- 1 there are four of you, you have a free afternoon, and would like to eat outside
- 2 there are two of you, you only have a couple of hours free.
- 3 you are eating alone, it's really cold and you want comfort food

d Choose the best answer for questions 1–6.

- 1 What does Charles offer as well as food?
 - a overnight accommodation
 - b music lessons
 - c language lessons
- 2 What is unusual about Charles' description?
 - a he mentions that his food isn't healthy
 - b he lists the ingredients he uses
 - c he offers to translate the menu
- 3 How is a meal at Monica's different to the other places?
 - a she only serves meat
 - b it takes a long time
 - c she's very sociable
- 4 What entertainment is offered at Monica's?
 - a stories about her home city
 - b dancing
 - c guitar music
- 5 What kind of food is offered at Kuba's?
 - a vegetarian food
 - b various types
 - c only Polish cuisine
- 6 What does Kuba think makes his place special?
 - a you eat in the kitchen
 - b it's very small
 - c it's very friendly

e Read the customer testimonials on page 45. Which customer ...?

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| 1 couldn't see the food being served | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanjit |
| 2 ate in a different way to normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Aiko |
| 3 learned a new skill | <input type="checkbox"/> Ahmed |

Eating out...at home

The Future of Eating Out
Join our community of over 3,000 dining tables in over 100 countries

137 cities	102 countries	3,200 tables
150,000 diners	90,000 meals served	

Planning to be away on holiday or perhaps on business? Want to avoid the usual tourist restaurants and find out about the real local food and culture? Well, this is the service for you!

Step 1
Choose a city around the world.

Step 2
Look through the menus, written by local chefs and food lovers.

Step 3
Choose a meal you'd like and order it for a specific date.

Step 4
Simply turn up at the arranged time and have a local meal cooked for you.

It's the world's most authentic local dining experience!

a Read the extract again and answer the questions.

Would you ...

- 1 like to use the website? Why / Why not?
- 2 agree with the description 'it's the world's most authentic dining experience'? Why / Why not?



A Cities > Paris > Charles's Place

Meal: dinner **Duration:** 3 hours
Cuisine: traditional French
Group size: 2-4
Location: small apartment balcony

"Traditional French food and drink is sometimes described as rich, but it's something I'm really passionate

about. Come and join me for a night of cuisine you'll never forget. For starters, I prepare snails in garlic and butter and follow this with a beautiful piece of steak, served with French beans. Dessert is a rich chocolate mousse, and then we'll enjoy local cheeses. Perhaps if you

are dieting this might seem a bit much, but for a special occasion it's hard to beat. As well as great food I offer fantastic views of the Paris skyline from my balcony. A perfect way to enjoy a night filled with conversation, music, and even a little French if you need the practice!"

B Cities > Buenos Aires > Monica's BBQ

Meal: lunch **Duration:** 4-6 hours
Cuisine: Argentinian BBQ
Group size: 4-10
Location: house garden in the suburbs

"Have you ever eaten a BBQ Argentina style? Alongside a delicious pomegranate salad, we

serve award-winning local beef. With meat cooked very slowly, over an afternoon, you won't have eaten anything quite so tender. We cut thin slices off the beef as it is ready, making a mouth-watering meal. As the cooking time is longer than usual, the whole meal takes hours, but that just gives you more time

to enjoy a sociable afternoon in one of South America's most beautiful cities. I've lived here all my life, and will happily talk to you about the local area and all it has to offer. For an additional taste of Argentinian culture, my brother, who is an accomplished guitarist, will provide a medley of tango music."

C Cities > Krakow > Lunch at Kuba's

Meal: lunch **Duration:** 2 hours
Cuisine: a mixture!
Group size: 1-2
Location: small apartment

"Welcome to our little home! Our dinner offers you both local food and culture. We begin the meal with a

hearty beetroot soup, followed by a stew made with veal, beef, chicken and cabbage. The dish, locally known as bigos, is served with creamy mashed potatoes. Many people consider bigos the Polish national dish – and some say there are as many recipes for it as there are cooks in Poland! So come and see how ours

compares! As well as cooking food that makes you feel warm inside, we love Polish poetry and would like to read you some! Please bear in mind we only have a small apartment, so we eat in the kitchen. We might be the smallest restaurant in Europe, but we hope we are the most hospitable."

Customer testimonials

Cities > Paris > Charles's Place

"My wife and I had a lovely evening at Charles's home. The view from the balcony was amazing! The food was absolutely delicious, and we really enjoyed discussing French cuisine and culture. The meal was much longer than I'm used to. There were four courses and a different drink with each one. We ate really slowly with lots of conversation. At home we often race through a meal!"

Sanjit, London

Cities > Buenos Aires > Monica's BBQ

"We had a great time with Monica. She and her brother were fantastic hosts. It was the most relaxed meal I've ever had. I speak a little Spanish and her brother taught me how to sing a traditional tango. It was amazing!"

Aiko, Japan

Cities > Prague > Lunch at Kuba's

My best friend and I had a delicious meal at Kuba's. It was a really cold night and the food was just perfect! Really warm and comforting. Just one note though - his kitchen is incredibly small. You can't have more than two people in it at the same time, so when Kuba was serving, I had to stand in the hall! All in all a wonderful, fun-filled dining experience. Thanks, guys.

Ahmed, France

3 SPEAKING

a Work in groups. You are going to add a home and a menu to the website. It can be real or imaginary. Talk about your ideas and make notes on the following:

- Meal: Cuisine: Location:
- Duration: Group size: Menu:

b Compare your ideas with two other groups. Decide which home you would prefer to visit and why.