

CONVERSATION CONNECTION ACTIVITIES

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| TOPIC | Food |
| ACTIVITIES: | <p>1. OPENING ACTIVITY Watch the classic Wendy’s commercial on the Internet site listed in the resource section.</p> <p>2. VOCABULARY-BUILDING ACTIVITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review vocabulary words – definitions and pronunciation. ○ Discuss expressions. ○ Practice pronouncing reductions. <p>3. CONVERSATION STARTERS – Small group discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Choose a facilitator for each group to throw out questions to promote discussion (see below), or post each group of questions by topic on an overhead or smart classroom computer. Allow sufficient time for small groups to view and discuss questions. ○ Encourage students to generate their own follow-up questions. ○ Rotate the topics so that all groups have an opportunity to discuss them. <p>4. CLOSING ACTIVITY</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Directions: Choose one of the following options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whole group: Play Food Bingo (see resources). ○ Small groups: Play bingo games by levels (advanced and beginners), and select a student bingo caller for each group. ○ Fill-in-the-blank Activity: See Vocabulary Activity section. |
| VOCABULARY EXPRESSIONS REDUCTIONS | <p><u>WORD LIST</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ethnic foods 2. junk food 3. disgusting 4. brunch 5. pot-luck meal 6. death row 7. super-sizing |

8. vegetarian
9. portion
10. recipe
11. ingredients

EXPRESSIONS

1. *Eat out*: Have a meal outside one's home, usually dinner at a restaurant
2. *Eat in*: Have a meal at home
3. *Dine and dash*: A form of [theft](#) where a patron eats at a [restaurant](#) and then leaves without paying
4. *Generation to generation*: Passed on from parents to children
5. *Food for thought*: an idea or issue to think about
6. *Whet your appetite*: arouse one's interest or eagerness
7. *Eat like a bird*: Eat very little
8. *Recipe for disaster*: A combination of people or factors in a situation that will certainly cause failure
9. *Free lunch*: Something gained without any effort or cost (often used in a negative way)

REDUCTIONS

1. kinda (kind of)
2. whaddaya (what do you)

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with the correct expression. Use the correct grammatical form to fit the sentence.

10. *Eat out*
11. *Eat in*
12. *Dine and dash*
13. *Generation to generation*
14. *Food for thought*
15. *Whet your appetite*
16. *Eat like a bird*
17. *Recipe for disaster*
18. *Free lunch*

1. Those two working together? Now that's a _____.
2. In politics there is no _____; every favor calls for repayment.
3. Jan is very thin — she _____.
4. That interesting suggestion of yours has given us _____.

VOCABULARY ACTIVITY

5. That first song _____; I hope she sings some others.
6. I'm too tired to go to a restaurant. Let's _____ and watch a television.

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the blanks with the word from the list.

- 12. ethnic foods
- 13. junk food
- 14. disgusting
- 15. brunch
- 16. pot-luck meal
- 17. death row
- 18. super-sizing
- 19. vegetarian
- 20. portion
- 21. recipe
- 22. ingredients

1. My friend, Joanna, makes a great beef stew. I need to ask her for her _____.
2. My sister and I are invited to a _____ at Jane's house. My sister plans to take a salad to the party, and I will take a chocolate cake.
3. My friend went grocery shopping for potato chips, soda, ice cream, and cookies. She loves to eat _____.

**MATERIALS/
ADDITIONAL
RESOURCES:**

- **Games:**
 - 1. Fast Food Bingo – calling card clues for higher levels at http://www.speakingofspeech.com/PDFs/Fast_Food_Bingo_Vocab_Clues.pdf (See attached)
 - 2. Food Bingo cards for beginning level at <http://www.kizclub.com/Topics/food/food-bingo.pdf> (blank template included)
- **Video:** Wendy's "Where's the Beef?" commercial at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-6058485245478495423&q=wendy%27s+commercial&hl=en>
- **Dictionaries:** <http://encarta.msn.com/encnet/features/dictionary/dictionaryhome.aspx> (with audio)
<http://www.yourdictionary.com> (with audio)
- **Reductions:** Etymology, pronunciation, and part of speech explained at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reduction_\(linguistics\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reduction_(linguistics))

CONVERSATION STARTERS – Group discussion questions

TOPIC 1 – Eating Out

1. Do you usually eat in or eat out?
2. What's the best restaurant you've ever been to? Why did you like it?
3. What restaurant in this city do you recommend?
4. Why is it a good place? About how much does a meal cost?
5. Do you have a favorite bar or cafe? If so, where is it? Why do you like it?
6. What is the cheapest place to eat that you know?
 - a. About how much is a meal?
 - b. Where is it?
 - c. How often do you go there?
7. Which fast food restaurants do you eat at the most often?
8. Which fast food restaurants do you like?
9. What do you think about super-sizing?
10. Should fast food restaurants serve healthier food?
11. Are food portions too big for our health?
12. How much should you tip the server in a restaurant?
13. What type of restaurants would you not tip in?
14. Have you ever found something disgusting in your food?
15. Have you ever sent food back in a restaurant?
16. Have you ever left a restaurant without paying ("dined and dashed")?
17. What food would you like to see in a restaurant in this country?

TOPIC 2 – Likes and Dislikes

1. What's your favorite kind of food?
2. Do you prefer your own country's food or other kinds of food?
3. What's your favorite dessert?
4. What's your favorite drink in the summer?
5. What's your favorite fish?
6. What's your favorite fruit?
7. What's your favorite junk food?
8. What's your favorite kind of ethnic food?
9. What's your favorite kind of meat?
10. What's your favorite restaurant? Why do you like it?
11. What's your favorite snack?
12. What food do you hate? Why do you hate it?
13. What kind of food do you eat between meals?
14. What kind of food do you like the most?
15. What kind of food do you like to eat when you're angry?

16. What kind of food do you like to eat when you're sad?
17. Are you a vegetarian?
18. Do you like trying new foods?
19. What is the most unusual thing you've ever eaten. Did it taste good or bad?
20. If you were on death row, what would you request for your last meal?

TOPIC 3 – Making and Sharing Food

1. Do you like to cook? Why or why not?
2. Are you a good cook?
3. Which meal do you prefer to cook – breakfast, lunch, or dinner?
4. What food do you cook most often?
5. How did you learn to cook?
6. What is the last meal you cooked for someone else?
7. Who do you like to have cook for you? What does he/she make for you?
8. What is your favorite recipe? What are the main ingredients?
9. Have you ever had pot-luck?
10. Have you ever tasted _____ food? (Fill in a nationality.)
11. Do you eat rice every day?
12. Does your family have any special recipes that are passed down from generation to generation?
13. What would you bring to a pot-luck dinner?
14. Do you like brunch?
15. Who do you usually eat dinner with?
16. Do you always eat dinner with your family?
17. When was the last time you ate dinner with your mother?

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