

- Description** Students read about food memories and focus on True / False sentences
Lesson link Use this activity after exercise 5
Time 10 minutes
Extra material Print out and photocopy the *Food memories* worksheet for each student
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Instructions

- a** Copy the worksheet for each student in the class. Ask SS to read the interview with a food writer, Jessica Greene. When SS have finished reading, ask them to focus on the True / False sentences. If a sentence is false, SS must say why. Feed back as a class.
- b** As a follow-up, the interview questions can be used as the basis of a pairwork activity. SS ask and answer the questions in pairs or small groups to describe their own food memories. You could also ask SS to interview each other and then write an interview like the one in the article.

Answers

- 1 False. She still likes them.
- 2 False. She ate omelettes.
- 3 True
- 4 True
- 5 False. The prices didn't appear on the menu.
- 6 False. They are both on the same plate.
- 7 True

Jessica Greene is a journalist who writes about food for magazines in the UK and the USA. In this interview, she describes her own personal food favourites.

Food memories

What was your favourite food when you were a child?

That's easy. I loved strawberries. My mother had a garden and she grew strawberries herself. Every summer we had strawberries and cream at lunchtime. I loved them then and I still do.

Was there any food that you hated when you were a child?

Yes, I really didn't like eggs. My father loved them so we always had eggs for breakfast and I hated it. I didn't like the smell or the taste or anything. The strange thing is that I did like omelettes and I often ate those for lunch. I suppose children are like that: fussy eaters.

What's the best breakfast that you've ever had?

That's an easy question. When I left university I travelled around Europe and one weekend I stayed with a friend in Munich, in Germany. He had a really beautiful apartment in the centre of the city. It was winter and it was very cold but we sat on his balcony and we ate bread, cheese, and had very strong coffee. It was very simple food really, but the time and place made it special.

What's the most expensive meal that you've ever had?

Because I'm a food writer I often eat in very elegant restaurants where the bill can be very high. Of course, in those cases, the magazine or newspaper

that I am writing for pays the bill. Once the bill was over £1000. But the most expensive meal that I paid for myself was in Paris. It all happened by chance. I was with a friend and we were looking for somewhere to have lunch so we went into a hotel. The prices didn't appear in their menu and we ate a lot of food. When the bill came, we were astonished. It was so expensive! We almost didn't have enough money to pay.

What do you think is the best country for eating out?

It's difficult to say. One country that I always enjoy visiting is the USA. This is because the food is really fresh and you get very big portions. In some restaurants in other countries, you can order food and get almost nothing on your plate. Last time I was in the States I had 'surf and turf', which is steak and seafood in the same dish. The crab on the dish was enormous; it was delicious but I couldn't eat everything.

The thing I like the most about the USA is the high quality of service. It makes you feel so relaxed when you are out, which I think is very important. You eat out to enjoy yourself and bad service changes everything.

Read the sentences. Are they true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Jessica doesn't like strawberries any more.
- 2 She never ate eggs when she was a child.
- 3 Jessica and her friend in Munich ate breakfast outdoors.
- 4 Jessica didn't pay for the most expensive meal that she ate.
- 5 The prices of the lunch she had in Paris were all in the menu.
- 6 'Surf and turf' is a plate of either meat or seafood.
- 7 Jessica thinks that the waiters are very important when you eat out.