

# A terrific cook (reading comprehension)

Do you see how slim I am? It's not on purpose and it's not my nature either; there's a good reason for me keeping in shape: Mom. She's a disaster in the kitchen, and besides being unable to fry an egg properly, she always causes accidents. I can't keep track of all the times the kitchen was on fire (4? 5?) because of something weird she decided to do, despite of our advice to keep out of the kitchen - especially the stove.

She doesn't pay attention to our advice and we have to eat what she prepares - or at least we eat what we can - so we live constantly on an undesired diet.

The last time she tried to prepare roast beef the result was a burning kitchen; Dad could barely save the family and extinguish the fire. When she goes to the kitchen we start fearing for our lives (and stomachs) and thinking of a sickness we'll fake in order to avoid the "result".

Despite the bad cook we have at home, our house is always full of guests for lunch and dinner. I suspect they come just to have fun watching the disasters. And - of course - they want to be the first to tell our friends what her latest calamity was like.

## Mark true (T) or false (F) according to the text.

- The girl's mother is a terrific cook. ( )
- The girl's mom tends to cause accidents in the kitchen. ( )
- The girl's mother knows how to cook. ( )
- The girl's mom gave up cooking. ( )
- The family asks the woman to stop cooking. ( )
- The woman keeps cooking and doesn't listen to her family. ( )
- They have to eat what she cooks. ( )
- She set fire in the kitchen more than once. ( )
- They have guests because they appreciate her food. ( )

## Mark the alternative you think that fits better:

- The girl's mother is a \_\_ cook.  
a) terrific                      b) terrible                      c) creative
- The girl is \_\_ because of her mother's cooking.  
a) fat                              b) skinny                      c) thin
- Because of the cook, the family is always in a(n) \_\_ diet.  
a) endless                      b) healthy                      c) low-calorie

4. There are tons of \_\_ for dinner at the girl's house.

a) helpers                      b) curious people              c) guests

5. The guests want to \_\_.

a) have fun and gossip      b) eat                      c) go on a diet with them

**Complete the sentences below with the correct form of the verb:**

A. I had lots of difficulties \_\_\_\_\_ to find your house, Sue. [to find]

B. We have had fun \_\_\_\_\_ in the backyard. [to play]

C. Mom told us she had a great time \_\_\_\_\_ around the world. [to travel]

D. Ernest will have trouble \_\_\_\_\_ why he got a C on the test. [to explain]

E. The girls would have fun \_\_\_\_\_ this movie if they were here. [to watch]

**ANSWERS**

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The girl's mother is a terrific cook. ( **F** )

The girl's mom tends to cause accidents in the kitchen. ( **T** )

The girl's mother knows how to cook. ( **F** )

The girl's mom gave up cooking. ( **F** )

The family asks the woman to stop cooking. ( **T** )

The woman keeps cooking and doesn't listen to her family. ( **T** )

They have to eat what she cooks. ( **T** )

She set fire in the kitchen more than once. ( **T** )

They have guests because they appreciate her food. ( **F** )

**Mark the alternative you think that fits better:**

1. The girl's mother is a \_\_ cook.      b) **terrible**

2. The girl is \_\_ because of her mother's cooking.      c) **thin**

3. Because of the cook, the family is always in a(n) \_\_ diet.      a) **endless**

4. There are tons of \_\_ for dinner at the girl's house.      c) **guests**

5. The guests want to \_\_.      a) **have fun and gossip**

**Complete the sentences below with the correct form of the verb:**

A. I had lots of difficulties **FINDING** to find your house, Sue. [to find]

- B. We have had fun **PLAYING** in the backyard. [to play]
- C. Mom told us she had a great time **TRAVELING** around the world. [to travel]
- D. Ernest will have trouble **EXPLAINING** why he got a C on the test. [to explain]
- E. The girls would have fun **WATCHING** this movie if they were here. [to watch]

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