

B2 Listening comprehension – Keys

Baking

1.	When did the man learn to cook?	30 years ago
2.	What dish were the family making when an 'accident' happened?	chicken
3.	What was the accident?	they burnt the dish
4.	What did the family have for dinner in the end?	pizza
5.	Why are the cookies said to be healthy?	low fat /low calorie/ low cholesterol dessert
6.	How do you begin making the cookies?	(you have to) mix the ingredients
7.	What ingredients are necessary besides sugar and flour? Mention at least three.	egg white, salt, baking soda, butter, vanilla
8.	What do you have to keep in mind before baking?	preheat the oven
9.	What do you have to do after taking the cookies out?	let them cool
10.	What is the next programme about?	how to feed (hungry) teenagers

Buying Furniture

11.	The man would like to keep furniture from	A. the woman's apartment B. his apartment C. both of their old apartments	C
12.	The woman would like to	A. play football B. have matching furniture C. keep everything from her home	B
13.	They have 6 chairs	A. that do not match the dining table B. in 6 different sizes C. that look the same	A
14.	The couple	A. got a bed from the parents B. have only a bed C. need only a bed	C
15.	The parents... furniture to the couple.	A. bought B. sold C. gave	C
16.	The couple need most of the new furniture in the	A. bedroom B. dining room C. living room	C
17.	The woman says they will ... living room.	A. have a big B. have a busy life in the C. spend much of their time in the	B
18.	The man	A. enjoys shopping for furniture B. loves playing games C. wants to watch sports	C
19.	The couple will	A. visit no more stores B. visit 6 stores C. buy some board games	B
20.	The woman	A. persuades the man to play a game B. warns the man to rush C. invites the man to play a game	B

Transcripts

Baking

Chef Randall: Are we ready, Ashley?

Ashley: Ready to eat.

Chef Randall: No, let's wait for a few minutes we'll get to that. But as you know, my faithful listeners, I started cooking and baking almost 30 years ago when my grandmother taught me in her humble kitchen. In fact, she taught me almost everything I know, and I've never attended cooking classes.

Kid: You should have.

Chef Randall: Wait, wait, wait. I know my daughter's going to mention to you, faithful listeners that recently as I was helping the kids prepare for our kitchen for chicken meal, I forgot to take the chicken out of the oven, burned the bird to a crisp, and we ended up ordering pizza for dinner.

Kid: We had to use the fire extinguisher.

Chef Randall: But that's another story. So, anyway, today I'd like to share with you our favorite ... at least my favorite chocolate chip cookie recipe. Now, before you switch the TV channel, I know what you are thinking. "Another fattening cookie recipe." But wait. What makes this recipe great is that it offers a wonderful low-fat, low-calorie, low-cholesterol dessert for the entire family.

We have all the ingredients, so we can start by mixing all of the ingredients, the sugars, the flour, the egg whites, the low-fat butter, vanilla, baking soda, and a pinch of salt in a large mixing bowl. Then, we add the mini chocolate chips.

Now, my kids would like me to add the big ones but we start with the mini-chocolate chips. And don't forget to preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

And finally, when the cookies are done, take them out of the oven, remove them from the cookie sheet, and let them cool before their fingers get into them. And unfortunately, by the time your kids get the cookies, you, the cook, will be left with a single cookie - your instant diet plan for you - and a dirty kitchen.

So, that's all for today. On next week's show, we will be showing you how to feed hungry teenagers on a budget without having to sell the family car. Until then.

Buying furniture

Tobias: I really don't understand why we need new furniture. After we're married, we'll just take the things from each of our two apartments and that should do the trick.

Renee: We each have some things we can keep and use, but it would be nice to have pieces that match. Right now, we have six dining chairs, each in a different style, and none of them are in the same style as the dining table your uncle is giving us as a wedding present.

Tobias: Yeah, that's true. At least, we won't have to shop for bedroom furniture. We're lucky that your parents are giving us some hand-me-down things, including a dresser, two nightstands, a headboard, and a wardrobe. All we need is a bed.

Renee: Yeah, we got lucky when they decided to get new furniture and to give us their old pieces. That just leaves the living room.

Tobias: But we already have a couch and a love seat.

Renee: That's true, but we still need a coffee table, two side tables, and at least two table lamps and a floor lamp.

Tobias: Do we really need all of that?

Renee: If we plan to entertain, we do.

Tobias: All right. I was just hoping to get home in time for the game this afternoon.

Renee: No problem. We only have six more stores to visit after this one.

Tobias: Six?!

Renee: Yes, now come on. How are you going to get home in time for the game if you don't hurry up?