

What was the question?

(Writing and reading)

Description: Writing questions about a text.

Use with or after: *English Network Certificate Skills*, Unit 2.

Skill: Writing and reading

Focus: Further exploitation of the text “Cooking – a dying skill” on page 12 of *English Network Certificate Skills*, with revision of vocabulary.

Time: 10 minutes

Preparation:

- Print out the second page of this file and make a copy for each student.
- Cut on the dotted line to remove the key (suggested questions).

Procedure:

- Distribute the worksheets and ask the students to open their books at page 12.
- Students refer to the text and write the six questions on the worksheet. They should do this individually, and then compare their questions with a partner.
- Distribute the key (suggested questions). If the students have variations, you should check that they are correct.
- Read out the instructions (“Look and point”) at the bottom of the worksheet. Insist that they **don’t say it** at first, just point to it, to give everybody a chance to find it. Then if somebody really can't find it, a partner can help.
- Ask the students to find and point to the following in the text on page 12:
 - A word that means to cook something in water at 100 degrees centigrade. (*boil*, 3rd paragraph)
 - A famous person in the entertainment business. (*celebrity*, 1st paragraph)
 - The production of goods for sale, especially in factories. (*industry*, 2nd and 4th paragraphs)
 - A strong-smelling round vegetable that makes your eyes water when you cut it up. (*onion*, 2nd paragraph)
 - Very eager; having a strong and deep interest in something. (*passionate*, 1st paragraph)
 - Sets of instructions for cooking a particular kind of food. (*recipes*, 4th paragraph)
 - To cook meat in an oven. (*roast*, 3rd paragraph)



Here are the answers to some questions about the text “Cooking – a dying skill” on page 12 of *English Network Certificate Skills*. What were the questions?

1 _____ in Britain?
At prime time.

2 _____ nowadays?
Twenty minutes.

3 _____

About an hour.

4 _____ of?
Ready cooked chicken tikka masala, for example.

5 _____ ?
Because it's worried that students can't feed themselves.

6 _____ the British _____ ?
Three or four times a year.

Look and point:

- Your teacher will tell you what to look for in the text “Cooking – a dying skill”.
- Find it and point to it with your finger.
- **Don't say it!** Let the others find it first.
- Don't read every word, just find what you need.



Suggested questions:

- 1 When are the TV cookery programmes broadcast in Britain?
- 2 How much time do we spend making our meals nowadays?
- 3 How much time did we spend making our meals twenty-five years ago?
- 4 What are the supermarket refrigerators full of?
- 5 Why has Cambridge University started cookery classes?
- 6 How often do the British invite friends to dinner?

