

Inter 2 Unit 2

Vocabulary

1. a. Do you know anything about food in Argentina? If not, what do you think the food is like?

b. Listen to Julia talking about some typical Argentinian dishes. Complete the notes.

‘Asado’ is *grilled* (1) _____, on a kind of barbecue.

‘Chimichurri’ is *a kind of marinade, made with* (2) _____.

(3) _____ are a kind of pie, baked in the oven. They are *stuffed with* (4) _____ and *can be served* (5) _____.

‘Dulce de leche’ is a kind of (6) _____. It’s *made by* (7) _____. It is usually *served with* (8) _____.

c. Work in pairs. Use the words in italics in exercise 1a to describe some typical dishes from your country.

Reading

2. a. You are going to read about a strange restaurant experience. First, try to match these words from the story.

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| 1. long | a café |
| 2. roadside | b existed |
| 3. delicious | c road |
| 4. hungry | d soup |
| 5. never | e imagination |
| 6. wonderful | f and tired |

b. Work in pairs. What do you think happens in the story? Use the phrases in exercise 2a and the photos to help you.

3. Read the story to check your ideas. Why do you think the man never found the café again?

4. Read the summary of the story below. Find eight mistakes and correct them.

While two engineers, who were hungry, were driving through a busy area in Iran, they stopped in a small city. They found a little café. The owner of the café, who spoke a little English, offered to serve the men a meal. The meal, which was delicious, was surprisingly expensive. After they had finished eating, the restaurant owner asked the engineers to recommend his restaurant to their friends. They did this, but the engineer’s friends didn’t believe it was possible to find such a poor restaurant in such a remote area. In the end, the engineer returned to the village with his wife. However, when they arrived, they couldn’t find the train station. Eventually, they asked a local man about the restaurant. He said he had never heard of it, and he had been there for thirty years.

The world's best restaurant

When I was working as a civil engineer in Iran I had to visit a factory in Marinjab – the centre of a recent earthquake. Marinjab is about 150 miles from Tehran and is a quiet and isolated place. As we drove back along the long road, my colleague and I were both hungry and tired. We didn't have much hope of finding anything to eat, however, as the next town was 80 km ahead. Our only hope was of finding a small roadside café, where you are unlikely to get more than some weak tea and little sugar to eat.

Just then we came to a village made of small huts with flat roofs. Outside one of the many huts was a sign. 'ghahvehkhaneh'(café) so we went in. It was cool inside, and there were men sitting around smoking pipes. The owner, a proud man, came in from the back and greeted us. 'Good afternoon,' he said, in perfect English. 'My name is Hosseini. My wife is Russian. We do not usually get any foreigners here. It will be a pleasure and an honour to prepare a meal for you.'

A plate-faced lady appeared with a tablecloth, and some knives and forks, shortly followed by Mr H himself, carrying a couple of bowls of soup. Made with spinach and yoghurt, and served hot, it was the most delicious soup I have ever eaten. Soon, the next course arrived – dolmas, stuffed vine leaves. These were so delicious I asked Mr H for the recipe. He replied, 'vine leaves and rice'. It is not an Iranian dish.

The next course was a chelo kebab – the national dish of Iran. The meat was marinated in yoghurt and spices. We ate in silence, and finished with Turkish coffee. There was something almost unreal about the atmosphere of the place. When it was time to go, we asked Mr H how much it cost, and I can tell you the price was astonishingly cheap. It was a fantastic meal – the best I have ever had, and I told him so. Mr H blushed. 'I'm glad,' he said. 'As I told you, we do not see many foreigners here. Do come again, and tell your friends.'

I told a lot of friends about the meal I had, yet no one believed me. 'How could you get such a meal in such a remote place?' an English engineer friend asked me.

a few months later, I returned on exactly the same route with this engineer friend and was determined to show him my special restaurant. We reached the village – I recognised the flat roofs – but there was no sign of the café. It was as if the building had never existed. I asked a villager. 'Ghahvehkhaneh?' he said. 'There has never been one here in all the time I have been here. And that forty years. 'We drove away disappointed. Naturally, my companion laughed at me. 'You have a wonderful imagination,' he said. I don't have any explanation. I only know that I definitely had a meal in this village, in a café which, ever since, I have called 'the world's best restaurant'.

Vocabulary I explaining what you mean

- 5 a Correct the mistakes in the sentences.
- 1 It's a type machine you use for cooking things fast.
 - 2 It's kind of game that uses pieces like kings and queens.
 - 3 It's the stuffing you find on the ground after a freezing night.
 - 4 It's something you use for boil water to make tea.
 - 5 They are made by rubber and you put them on your wheels.
 - 6 It's a stick type of tape that you can use to attach paper to a wall.
- b Match the words (a-f) with the definitions (1-6) in exercise 5a.
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| a chess | c kettle | e microwave |
| b car tyres | d sellotape | f ice |

Describing food

It's ... grilled / baked / boiled / fried / made with .../ made by + verb + -ing / stuffed with.../ served with.../ hot/cold.