

Quiz: Unusual Meals Vocabulary

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Part 1: Fill in the gaps with a word from the box below.

Words: feast for the senses, exotic, fusion, intriguing, experimental, palate, cuisine

Examiner: Do you enjoy trying new foods?

Candidate: Yes, I love new foods, especially those that are _____ or from different cultures. It's a great way to expand my _____ and experience new flavours.

Examiner: Can you describe an unusual meal you have had recently?

Candidate: Recently, I had a _____ dish at a new restaurant that combined Japanese and Mexican _____. It was an _____ combination that I had never encountered before.

Examiner: What do you think makes a meal unusual?

Candidate: When it either uses _____ techniques or combines unexpected ingredients. Such meals often present a _____ and leave a lasting impression.

Part 2: Fill in the gaps with a word from the box below.

Words: quirky, gastronomy, cuisine, pushing the boundaries

Describe an unusual meal you had. You should say:

- What the meal was
- Where you had it
- Who you were with
- And say why it was unusual

Candidate:

One of the most unusual meals I've ever had was during a trip to Southeast Asia. I visited a small, local restaurant that specialised in fusion _____. The dish I ordered was a mix of traditional Thai flavours with a touch of French _____. It featured a _____ combination of spicy coconut curry and creamy béchamel sauce, served over grilled frog legs.

I was dining with a group of friends who were equally adventurous when it comes to food. We were all intrigued by the menu. Initially, I was hesitant to try it, but once I did, I found the meal to be incredibly satisfying. The flavours were bold and balanced, _____ what I had previously considered delicious. It was truly a meal to remember, and it taught me the value of being open to new culinary experiences.

Part 3: Fill in the gaps with a word from the box below.

Words: refined, enhances, broaden, diverse

Examiner: Do you think people should be more adventurous when it comes to food?

Candidate: Absolutely! Being adventurous with food can _____ your knowledge and expose you to _____ flavours you might not encounter in daily life. It's also a great way to understand and appreciate different cultures.

Examiner: What are the benefits of trying unusual meals from other cultures?

Candidate: One of the key benefits is that it _____ cultural understanding. When you try an unusual meal, you're often experiencing a part of the culture that has been _____ over centuries. This can deepen your appreciation for that culture's cuisine and its traditions.

Examiner: Do you think the global spread of cuisines has changed people's eating habits?

Candidate: Yes, the global spread of cuisines has had a significant impact on eating habits. People are now more willing to experiment with dishes that combine elements from different culinary traditions. This has led to a more _____ diet. However, it has also made some traditional dishes less popular.