

Ever eaten dog?

Introduction

Mark the items listed below as follows:

0 = I have never eaten it.

1 = I have eaten it once or twice.

2 = I eat it quite often.

3 = I eat it a lot.

<i>steak</i>	<i>fish</i>	<i>horse</i>	<i>ostrich</i>	<i>bacon</i>	<i>chicken/leg</i>
<i>dog</i>	<i>eel or snake</i>	<i>shellfish</i>	<i>deer</i>	<i>goose</i>	<i>insects</i>

Compare your answers in pairs or small groups.

Reading

Read the article below and then answer these questions:

1. What did the writer do?
2. Why did he do it?
3. How did he feel about it?

CANINE CUISINE

Guess what? I've eaten dog. And not only did I eat it, I ate it because I wanted to. I ate three courses of it. I enjoyed it. And I don't care what you think. I was in Seoul, South Korea, sent there to write some background articles before the start of the 2002 World Cup. International pressure on the Koreans to stop eating dog was not having any discernable effect. The Koreans were upset, understandably, at the hypocritical attitude of 'snail-eating, horsemeat-eating Westerners'. How, as an impartial journalist, could I write an informed piece on dog-eating? Obviously I had to try some.

My taxi driver nearly had an accident when I asked him to take me to the best dog restaurant in town. Westerners don't do that. The head waiter looked surprised too, but politely explained the menu to me.

You may not believe this, but at home I am largely vegetarian – though more from fear of 'scientific' farming methods than from ethics. So partly because of that, and partly because of memories of much-loved childhood pets, I braced myself with a couple of beers before the food arrived.

I started slowly. But then, with increasing enthusiasm, I tucked into my starter of poshintang, a wonderful doggy soup; followed by soo yuck, dog slices; and then jin-guk, dog casserole. Yum!

Neighbouring diners watched with interest as this Westerner appreciated their fine Korean delicacies! Whilst not a sight they will ever see again – too strong are my vegetarian sentiments – I must stress it was not an experience about which I feel any guilt.

True or false?

Read the article again. Mark the following sentences T (true) or F (false):

1. The writer had been sent to research some articles on Korean cuisine.
2. Koreans rarely see Westerners eating dog.
3. The writer eats a lot of meat at home.
4. The writer liked dog so much he plans to make it a regular part of his diet.