

Discussion

Work in pairs or small groups and discuss the following questions:

1. Do you think the writer needed to eat dog to be able to write an article?
2. If you had been in the writer's position, would you have eaten dog?
3. Would you ever eat dog? Why/Why not?
4. Are there things which people in your country eat that people from other countries find unpleasant?
5. Is eating dog any worse than eating lamb or veal? Why/Why not?

Language

Describing food

1. Put these adjectives into the appropriate group below:

<i>fatty</i>	<i>tough</i>	<i>delicious</i>	<i>appetising</i>
<i>tasty</i>	<i>sweet</i>	<i>bitter</i>	<i>disgusting</i>
<i>rich</i>	<i>spicy</i>	<i>inedible</i>	<i>mouth-watering</i>
<i>sour</i>	<i>bland</i>	<i>oily</i>	<i>tasteless</i>

- a. to describe the general quality of food

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- b. to describe a particular quality of food

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2. In the box above, mark each adjective:

+ = positive
 - = negative

3. Choose a negative adjective from the box to describe each of these foods:

- a. steak
- b. salad dressing
- c. coffee
- d. curry
- e. lemon

4. Think of other types of food which can be described by the above adjectives. For example:

Oranges can be bitter.
Frogs' legs probably taste disgusting.

Discussion

1. Work in pairs or small groups. Discuss these questions in pairs or small groups:

1. What is the most unusual thing you have ever eaten?
2. What is the most unusual thing you have ever been offered?
3. Are there any common sorts of food that you really hate? What are they? Why do you hate them?

2. Where do you think the following things are eaten? Match the country or region to the food:

<i>South Africa</i>	<i>Burma</i>
<i>Colombia</i>	<i>Japan</i>
<i>Cambodia</i>	<i>California</i>

1. deep fried tarantula
2. chocolate-dipped scorpion
3. grasshopper marinated in soy sauce
4. deep fried ants
5. cockroach kebab
6. termites fried in tomato

Have you ever eaten insects? If so, what sort? What did they taste like? If not, what do you think they taste like?

3. Read these articles and discuss the questions:

Sepp Blatter, President of FIFA, has written to the South Korean Football Association urging them to be sensitive to foreign feelings and to take dog off the menu during the World Cup.

1. Is it acceptable for Sepp Blatter to try and stop the Koreans eating dog? Why/Why not?
2. Does a sports organisation have any right to try and interfere in the eating habits of a nation?

Brigitte Bardot, French actress and animal rights activist, has outraged the Koreans by using the World Cup to lead a campaign against the eating of dog.

1. Does Brigitte Bardot have any more right than Sepp Blatter to take this attitude? Why/Why not?
2. A Korean politician has said: 'Foreign criticism of dog meat reflects lack of understanding of our nation's ancient culture.' Do you agree? Why/ Why not?

Why not have a look at the following website?
www.tomatoesareevil.com
 Is there one which you would like to set up?