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READING: How to Cook Giant Spiders

Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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| 1. giant | <u>E</u> | A. plant or animal fat that is used to fry food |
| 2. tarantula | _____ | B. thin, dry, easily broken; crunchy |
| 3. spice | _____ | C. for example, black pepper |
| 4. boil (v.) | _____ | D. a kind of sea animal with ten legs |
| 5. oil | _____ | E. very large |
| 6. crispy | _____ | F. ready to be used |
| 7. crab | _____ | G. to make water or oil very hot and bubbling |
| 8. available | _____ | H. a kind of large, hairy spider |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use the plural form (-s) when necessary.

1. Let's boil some water and make tea.
2. Some dinosaurs were _____ animals, bigger than elephants.
3. We can't watch that movie. There are no more tickets _____.
4. These cookies aren't soft. They are _____.
5. Small spiders are okay, but I'm really afraid of _____.
6. I need to buy some cooking _____ to fry some vegetables.
7. Do you use many _____ when you cook?
8. Spiders and _____ look similar, but spiders don't live in water.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

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2. _____

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Topics: Cooking / Food / Bugs & Insects

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Grammar Practice

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1.

- (A) a little
- (B) few
- (C) a few

2.

- (A) brings
- (B) bring
- (C) bringing

3.

- (A) if
- (B) for
- (C) from

4.

- (A) learn
- (B) learning
- (C) learned

5.

- (A) an
- (B) the
- (C) a

6.

- (A) than
- (B) thin
- (C) then

7.

- (A) or
- (B) for
- (C) from

8.

- (A) them
- (B) their
- (C) they

9.

- (A) taste
- (B) tastes
- (C) tasting

10.

- (A) interest
- (B) interested
- (C) interesting

11.

- (A) does
- (B) do
- (C) are

12.

- (A) waiting
- (B) waits
- (C) wait

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How Much Do You Understand?

- *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. _____ A cooked tarantula will cost a few dollars in Cambodia.
2. _____ Some people are worried about large spiders.
3. _____ You should cook a spider for less than a minute.
4. _____ Tarantula bodies taste better than tarantula legs.
5. _____ Some crabs like to eat spiders.
6. _____ It is possible to learn to cook spiders on Saturday mornings.

Discuss

- *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. Would you like to eat a fried tarantula? Why? / Why not?
2. What other unusual foods do you know about?
3. Can you think of a good name for a spider restaurant?

Write

- *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*
