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Exotic adventures

Level: 

Let's think!

1. Why is Chungking Mansions famous?
2. What kinds of shops can you find in Chungking Mansions?

PLAYLIST



READ ALONG



Text 1



Lost in a Maze

1 It started pouring. I rushed into Chungking Mansions. Shouts, laughter, folk music and the aroma of spices filled the lobby. The hustle and bustle of the place astonished me.

2 I was wet from head to toe, getting lost in a maze. Even worse, my mobile phone was out of battery. Suddenly, I heard some quick footsteps behind me. A chill went down my spine—a stranger seemed to be tailing me! I tried to outrun the man, but he started chasing me!

3 'Noah!' a familiar voice called. It was my new English teacher, Mr Arya! He was a British-born Indian. It turned out that he was exploring the place too. 'It's a bit like travelling to my native country,' he said.

4 Naturally, we started to wander around the common spaces together. There were vendors selling everything from electronics to textiles. I changed out of my soaking wet clothes at the first shop. I bought a complete outfit there! Across the aisle was the electronics store. There, Mr Arya bought a vintage camera and the shopkeeper kindly lent me a power bank.

5 As my stomach growled, my teacher suggested, 'Let's try the samosa at this fast food shop—my treat! It's a crisp and delicious deep-fried snack.' After we savoured half a dozen, we checked out a grocery store. Suddenly, a shopkeeper confronted us with a heavy accent, 'Are you trying to steal from us?' The whole place was chaotic and we were so confused ...



6 Actually, we were being pranked by a famous comedian! We would be on her skit! This place was so much fun. I had already made some mental notes of the things I wanted to come back and try.

~280 words

Looking into Grammar

We use prepositions to talk about locations (e.g. *by* and *inside*), movements (e.g. *through* and *across*), and to describe characteristics of people or things (e.g. *in*, *with* and *without*).

✓ *Across* (✗ *Along*) the aisle was the electronics store.

? Circle the prepositions of location in paragraph 2 of Text 1.

Text 2

Coconut Chicken Curry



- Preparation Time: less than 30 mins
- Cooking Time: 15 mins
- Servings: 2

Cooking doesn't get any easier than this 5
Indian coconut chicken curry. The simple
dish packs a punch of flavour! It goes well
with freshly cooked rice.

Steps

1. Marinate the chicken thighs in the spices, lime juice and salt. Toss together well. 10
2. Heat the oil in a skillet and fry the chicken pieces until lightly browned. Set aside.
3. To make the sauce, heat the oil in a pan. Add the onion and fry briefly. Reduce the heat to low and cook for 5–6 minutes, stirring regularly. Add the garlic and cook for 2 minutes more. Pour the coconut cream into the skillet and bring to a simmer. Add the chicken to the skillet. Simmer and stew until done. Stir in the chilli and basil. Season with salt and pepper if desired. 15 20
4. Serve hot over rice.

Ingredients

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- 4 boneless chicken thighs
- 1 tsp ground Indian spice mixes
- 1 tbsp fresh lime juice
- ½ tsp fine sea salt
- 50 g basil, thickly shredded 30
- ½ red chilli, finely chopped

For the sauce

- 1 tbsp sunflower oil
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, finely grated 35
- 3 tbsp coconut cream

~210 words



Read Text 2 and answer questions 9–16.

(16 marks)

9. How many people does this recipe feed? _____

10. Which country does this dish come from? _____

10 A 'country' is a noun.

11. Complete the summary by filling in each blank with ONE word based on the information in the text.

Coconut chicken curry is an (i) _____ recipe. It takes you (ii) _____ more than 45 minutes to make. It has a strong (iii) _____. It pairs well with steamed (iv) _____.

12. What does 'it' (line 7) refer to? _____

13. Find a word in step 3 that has a similar meaning to 'from time to time'.

13 The answer tells you how often an action happens.

14. Put the following steps in the correct order. Write 1–4 on the lines provided.

Soak the chicken in a mixture. _____

Cook the chicken slowly. _____

Cook the chicken slightly. _____

Put the chicken away. _____

15. What is the order of the ingredients added to the sauce? Write 1–4 in the circles provided. Put a cross (X) next to TWO of the ingredients that are NOT used.



16. Find TWO adjectives in the ingredients list that mean 'broken up into powder or very small pieces'.

Vocabulary

GLOSSARY



A. Complete the video script of a travel blogger below with the given words. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

Adjective: native vintage

Noun: accent

Phrase: hustle and bustle

Verb: astonish marinate prank savour season tail

Journey into the world of exotic food



Hello, fellow adventurers! Get ready for a mouthwatering journey as we explore diverse cultures through amazing food. Now try to say 'delicioso' with a charming Mexican Spanish (1) _____. Can you guess where our first stop is?

Our first destination is Mexico, a country known for its unique food culture. Get ready to be (2) _____ by tacos, a / an (3) _____ dish from this country. They will make your taste buds dance with joy. The juicy meat (4) _____ in special spices before it is grilled to perfection. Then, it is topped off with salsa, a spicy sauce. You won't believe how delicious it is!



Next, we're off to Italy. I'm going to the market to see what locals buy to make authentic Italian treats. We'll experience the (5) _____ of the busiest food market in Rome. I'll try different dishes and (6) _____ their amazing flavours. Italians have their own special way of (7) _____ food with salt and spices, adding that extra touch of magic to every bite.

During my interviews in the market, some locals thought that I (8) _____ them and responded by giving funny responses. So, I've decided to (9) _____ them to see what they'll buy! After that, I'll head to the flea market to find (10) _____ items at reasonable prices.



Stay tuned, fellow foodies. In the next episode, we'll continue to explore the fascinating food cultures of the world. Ciao!

THEME



B. Look at the pictures. Write the correct words in the spaces provided.

Kitchen utensils

apron

chopping board

fish slice

kettle

oven glove

pan

tongs

whisk



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Writing

Chungking Mansions

Have you ever been to Chungking Mansions? Do you think it is worth a visit? Write an article to share your thoughts in about 150 words.