

Reading Comprehension



I. Before Reading

Mark and Kate are at the school canteen. They are talking about what they like and what they don't like.

1. In pairs, look at the pictures and answer the following questions. Put a tick in the corresponding column (✓).



	Mark	Kate
Who likes fruit and vegetables?		
Who doesn't like fruit and vegetables?		

2. Read the text and confirm your predictions. Were your hypotheses correct?

Yes

No

II. During the reading

Do you like fruit and vegetables?

Mark: Oh no! Fruit again! I don't like fruit, especially oranges.

Kate: Really? Fruit is so good. I like all fruits: apples, melons, watermelons, oranges and especially bananas. What about vegetables? Do you like vegetables?

Mark: No, I don't. I never eat vegetables.

Kate: Never? What about potatoes? You eat French fries. I know you do!

Mark: Yeah, ok! I eat potatoes, especially French fries. I love hamburgers with French fries for dinner. And you? Do you like hamburgers and French fries?

Kate: No, I don't. I hate hamburgers. My favourite dinner is fish with broccoli.

Mark: Fish? Yuck! Broccoli? Yuck.

Kate: I like vegetables, especially broccoli, mushrooms, spinach, carrots, pumpkins and peas... and tomatoes. Are tomatoes fruit or vegetables?

Mark: I don't know. Anyway, I don't like tomatoes. Only on pizza!

Kate: Oh no, Mark. You should be careful with your diet. You should eat more fruit and vegetables!



Adapted from Abreu & Sousa (2013, p. 90) and Soars & Soars (2006).



3. Read the dialogue again. Match the sentences with Mark or Kate. Follow the example.

E.g. Mark doesn't like fruit.

- 1) _____ likes oranges.
- 2) _____ never eats vegetables, except potatoes.
- 3) _____ hates hamburgers.
- 4) _____ doesn't like fish with broccoli.
- 5) _____ only likes tomatoes on pizza.

4. Match the two columns to create true sentences about this text. Write the corresponding letter next to each number.



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| 1. Kate thinks that fruit... |
| 2. Mark loves... |
| 3. Mark and Kate don't know if tomatoes... |
| 4. Kate thinks that Mark... |
| 5. Mark should eat... |



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| a) ... French fries with hamburgers. |
| b) ... are fruit or vegetables. |
| c) ... is good. |
| d) ... more fruit and vegetables. |
| e) ... should be careful with his diet. |

Exercises 3 and 4 adapted from Frias & Mason (2013, pp. 32-33).