

## Food vocabulary brainstorming games Brainstorming game 1 – Brainstorming by category

With your partner, write as many different English words or expressions as you can in the categories below. If there is something you don't know the word for but can explain by drawing, miming or describing the function, you can ask your teacher for help.

Kitchen equipment	Ways of cooking food	Other things you do to food

Using dictionaries, try to add at least three words or expressions to each column.

Choose words from your lists which you think no other groups thought of. You get one point for each correct and original idea, but no point for ones which other groups also wrote.



Compare with this list to get extra points for ones which you thought of which are not here.

Kitchen equipment	Ways of cooking food	Other things you do to food
cooking chopsticks	poach	mix
dishwasher	grill	squeeze
measuring cup	bake	slice
cooker/ stove	roast	separate
potato peeler	fry	chop
bottle opener	boil	grind
spatula, rolling pin	steam	whisk
egg timer	toast	dice
can opener	stew	peel
bread knife		grate
sieve, mixing bowl		spread
freezer, kitchen roll		mash
fish slice		wash
spoon		pickle
cling film		stir fry
kitchen knife		crush
measuring spoon		press
oven, microwave		smoke
fridge		wrap
aluminium foil		roll
corkscrew		stir
wooden spoon		
chopping board		
whisk		
colander		
food processor		
frying pan		
kitchen scales		
cheese grater		
saucepan, apron		
serving spoon		
oven glove, tongs		
pepper grinder		
coffee grinder		
microwave (oven)		

Ask about any of these which you don't understand.

Change groups and test each other on the vocabulary:

- say one and see if your partner can say which of the categories it should be in
- help your partner make words to fill one column



## **Brainstorming game 2 – Brainstorming by collocation**

Work with a partner to write as many foods as you can that fit in with the top section below in the time limit that your teacher sets you. When you have finished, exchange pieces of paper with another team and check their answers. Do the same with each of the sections below that your teacher chooses (or they may let you choose your own).

Boil +		
Fry +		
Grill +		
Chop +		
Slice +		
Steam +		



## Brainstorming game 3 – Brainstorming by pronunciation, grammar and container Do the same with these categories.

Foods and drinks including the schwa sound (the last sound in "computer")
Foods and drinks with four syllables
Uncountable foods and drinks (please write as "some")
Countable foods (please write as "somes")
Foods that can be countable and uncountable
A carton +
Container + food or drink, e.g. a jar of jam (please only put one food for each container)