

1. Read the sentences and match the words/phrases in bold with their meanings below.

- a) The **scam** tries to trick customers into giving away confidential bank details.
- b) You can use Carol's old bike – the gears are **out of whack**, but it still goes.
- c) It's a **multifaceted** business, offering a range of services.
- d) They **came up with** a plan to make us more efficient in the workplace.
- e) The food in the cafeteria is barely **edible**. They really have to change their chef.
- f) Sales **tripled** over a six-month period. Sales were at 20% and now they're at 60%.
- g) In 2008, United started charging for bags and other airlines quickly **followed suit**. Now, all of them do it.
- h) IBM is **taking over** the smaller company.

MEANINGS:

- 1) increase something so that it is three times bigger than before
- 2) a dishonest plan, especially for getting money
- 3) take control of something
- 4) safe or good enough to eat
- 5) think of something such as an idea or a plan
- 6) do the same thing that someone else has done
- 7) containing many different aspects, features, or qualities
- 8) not working normally

2. Watch the [video](http://bit.ly/GastroDiplomacy) [http://bit.ly/GastroDiplomacy] and answer the questions.

- a) When did the Thai government come up with and start the program?
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- b) What is gastrodiplomacy?
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- c) What other countries decided to follow suit and promote their cuisine overseas?
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- d) What city is known as the refugee capital of the US?
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3. Discuss the questions below.

- What do you think about promoting a country through gastrodiplomacy?
- Do you like the idea of the program connecting refugees and residents through food in neighbourhoods?
- Is food culture an important element of your country's identity? What's the role of food?
- What's your favourite foreign dish?



4. Think of a dish you like (from your country or another). Work in pairs and describe the dish to your partner. Tell them why you chose this dish.

5. Study these food idioms/expressions and their meanings. Then, complete them with the correct words in the box.

bacon beans bun cakes cucumber
nut plate salt sour

- turn: fail or become unpleasant
- have a lot on one's: have a lot of things to worry about or deal with
- spill the: tell people secret information
- bring home the: earn money to support your family
- take something with a pinch of: doubt the truth or value of something
- have a in the oven: be pregnant
- be as cool as a: be very calm and relaxed, especially in a difficult situation
- a hard to crack: a problem that is very difficult to solve or a person who is very difficult to understand
- sell like hot: be bought quickly and in large numbers

6. Discuss the questions below.

- When was the last time you had a lot on your plate? What happened?
- Have you ever spilt the beans? Why did you do it?
- Do you remember any relationship that turned sour? Why did it happen?
- Who brings home the bacon in your family?
- When was the last time someone told you a story, but you took it with a pinch of salt?
- Do you know anyone who has a bun in the oven right now?
- When was the last time you faced a difficult situation? Was it an exam or a difficult day at work? Were you as cool as a cucumber?
- Who do you consider a hard nut to crack?