ACTIVE

SKILLS FOR READING

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What Is ACTIVE Reading?

ACTIVE reading is an approach to reading, advocated by Neil J Anderson, that focuses on the following elements:

A = Activate Prior Knowledge

- Activation of background knowledge improves reading comprehension.
- Getting Ready and Before You Read sections elicit learners' prior knowledge, and generate interest in the topic, through use of visual prompts and questions.

C = Cultivate Vocabulary

- Vocabulary plays a crucial role in the development of reading ability.
- *Vocabulary Comprehension* sections in each unit examine vocabulary items encountered in the main reading passage.
- *Vocabulary Skill* sections provide learners with explicit skills-based instruction in how to learn, process, and decipher new vocabulary.

T = Think About Meaning

- In addition to testing for comprehension, the ACTIVE approach encourages learners to think deeply about the meaning of the text.
- Check Your Understanding questions focus learners on the main ideas and key details of the text.
- Critical Thinking questions require learners to go beyond reading comprehension to analyze each text and the author's intent.

I = Increase Reading Fluency

- Conscious development of reading rate and comprehension are key ingredients in building reading fluency.
- Tips for Fluent Reading (pages 8 and 9) encourage learners to become more aware of their own reading habits.
- Four Review Units reinforce learners' use of strategies and provide additional reading fluency practice.

V = Verify Strategies

- Learners are encouraged to be aware of what they are doing and why they are doing it, as they read.
- Reading strategies are presented in the *Reading Skill* sections, the *Vocabulary Skill* sections, and the *Real Life Skill* section in each unit.
- *Self Check* sections in each Review Unit require learners to monitor the effectiveness of their own use of strategies.

\mathbf{E} = Evaluate Progress

- Both qualitative and quantitative evaluation of learners' progress is advocated.
- The *Reading Rate Chart* and the *Reading Comprehension Chart* allow learners to plot their achievements in building reading fluency.
- What Do You Think? sections provide opportunities for learners to show comprehension of the unit theme, through verbal or written discussion.

For more information on his ACTIVE reading methodology, see Neil J Anderson's professional title *Exploring Second Language Reading: Issues and Strategies*, part of National Geographic Learning's TeacherSource series (ISBN: 0-8384-6685-0) as well as his online professional development course, *ELT Advantage: Teaching ESL/EFL Reading.*





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This book is dedicated to the students and teachers who have used *ACTIVE Skills for Reading* over the past 10 years. Since 2002/2003 when the first edition of *ACTIVE Skills for Reading* was published, thousands of students and teachers have used the book. I know that I had no idea that the series would be this popular and that we would reach the stage of publishing a third edition.

The pedagogical framework for this series is as viable today as it has ever been. As students and teachers use each of the elements of *ACTIVE*, stronger reading will result.

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The third edition of Active Skills for Reading maintains the ACTIVE approach developed by reading specialist Professor Neil J Anderson, while introducing several significant improvements.

This new edition now has a full color design, presenting the series' content in an attractive and student-friendly way. Approximately half of the passages have been replaced with new and engaging topics; the rest have been updated. It also has a wide variety of text types including articles, journals, blogs, and interviews, with later levels featuring readings based on content from National Geographic.

Each of the 24 chapters now includes a "Motivational Tips" section from Professor Anderson, reflecting his current research into student motivation and learning. His reading charts have also been updated to more accurately track students' reading fluency and comprehension progress.

Active Skills for Reading, Third Edition features an Assessment CD-ROM with ExamView® Pro, which has been revised to reflect the needs of learners preparing for standardized tests.

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Learning new vocabulary is an important part of learning to be a good reader. Remember that the letter **C** in **ACTIVE Skills for Reading** reminds us to **cultivate** vocabulary.

1 Decide if the word is worth learning now

As you read, you will find many words you do not know. You will slow your reading fluency if you stop at every new word. For example, you should stop to find out the meaning of a new word if:

- a. you read the same word many times.
- **b.** the word appears in the heading of a passage, or in the topic sentence of a paragraph—the sentence that gives the main idea of the paragraph.

2 Record information about new words you decide to learn

Keep a vocabulary notebook in which you write words you want to remember. Complete the following information for words that you think are important to learn:

New word	healthy
Translation	健康
Part of speech	adjective
Sentence where found	Oliver is well-known for sharing his secrets of cooking healthy food.
My own sentence	l exercise to stay fit and healthy.

3 Learn words from the same family

For many important words in English that you will want to learn, the word is part of a word family. As you learn new words, learn words in the family from other parts of speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, etc.).

Noun	happiness	
Verb		
Adjective	happy	
Adverb	happily	

4 Learn words that go with the key word you are learning

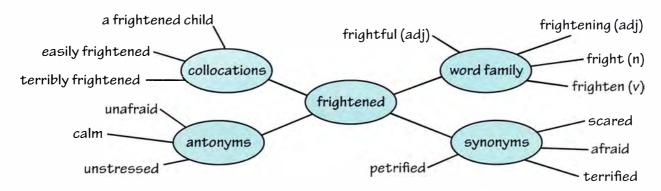
When we learn new words, it is important to learn what other words are frequently used with them. These are called collocations. Here is an example from a student's notebook.

		long		
take		two-week		next week
go on	a	short	vacation	in Italy
need		summer		with my family
have		school		by myself

5 Create a word web

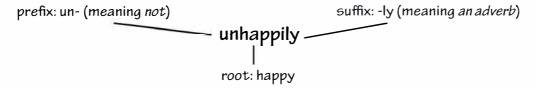
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A word web is a picture that helps you connect words together and helps you increase your vocabulary. Here is a word web for the word *frightened*:



6 Memorize common prefixes, roots, and suffixes

Many English words can be divided into different parts. We call these parts *prefixes*, *roots*, and *suffixes*. A *prefix* comes at the beginning of a word, a *suffix* comes at the end of a word, and the *root* is the main part of the word. In your vocabulary notebook, make a list of prefixes and suffixes as you come across them. On page 238 there is a list of prefixes and suffixes in this book. For example, look at the word *unhappily*.

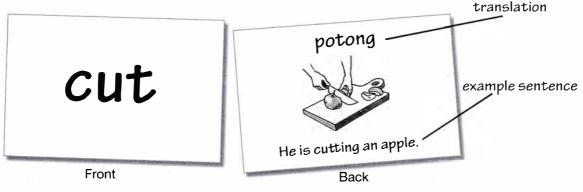


7 Regularly review your vocabulary notebook

You should review the words in your vocabulary notebook very often. The more often you review your list of new words, the sooner you will be able to recognize the words when you see them during reading. Set up a schedule to go over the words you are learning.

8 Make vocabulary flash cards

Flash cards are easy to make, and you can carry them everywhere with you. You can use them to study while you are waiting for the bus, walking to school or work, or eating a meal. You can use the flash cards with your friends to quiz each other. Here is an example of a flash card:



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Find time to read every day.

Find the best time of day for you to read. Try to read when you are not tired. By reading every day, even for a short period, you will become a more fluent reader.

Look for a good place to read.

It is easier to read and study if you are comfortable. Make sure that there is good lighting in your reading area and that you are sitting in a comfortable chair. To make it easier to concentrate, try to read in a place where you won't be interrupted.

Use clues in the text to make predictions.

Fluent readers make predictions before and as they read. Use the title, subtitle, pictures, and captions to ask yourself questions about what you are going to read. Find answers to the questions when you read. After reading, think about what you have learned and decide what you need to read next to continue learning.

Establish goals before you read.

Before you read a text, think about the purpose of your reading. For example, do you just want to get a general idea of the passage? Or do you need to find specific information? Thinking about what you want to get from the reading will help you decide what reading skills you need to use.

Notice how your eyes and head are moving.

Good readers use their eyes, and not their heads, when they read. Moving your head back and forth when reading will make you tired. Practice avoiding head movements by placing your elbows on the table and resting your head in your hands. Do you feel movement as you read? If you do, hold your head still as you read. Also, try not to move your eyes back over a text. You should reread part of a text only when you have a specific purpose for rereading, for example, to make a connection between what you read previously and what you are reading now.

Try not to translate.

Translation slows down your reading. Instead of translating new words into your first language, first try to guess the meaning. Use the context (the other words around the new word) and word parts (prefixes, suffixes, and word roots) to help you guess the meaning.



Read in phrases rather than word by word.

Don't point at each word while you read. Practice reading in phrases—groups of words that go together.

Engage your imagination.

Good readers visualize what they are reading. They create a movie in their head of the story they are reading. As you read, try sharing with a partner the kinds of pictures that you create in your mind.

Avoid subvocalization.

Subvocalization means quietly saying the words as you read. You might be whispering the words or just silently saying them in your mind. Your eyes and brain can read much faster than you can speak. If you subvocalize, you can only read as fast as you can say the words. As you read, place your finger on your lips or your throat. Do you feel movement? If so, you are subvocalizing. Practice reading without moving your lips.

Don't worry about understanding every word.

Sometimes, as readers, we think we must understand the meaning of everything that we read. It isn't always necessary to understand every word in a passage in order to understand the meaning of the passage as a whole. Instead of interrupting your reading to find the meaning of a new word, circle the word and come back to it after you have finished reading.

Enjoy your reading.

Your enjoyment of reading will develop over time. Perhaps today you do not like to read in English, but as you read more, you should see a change in your attitude. The more you read in English, the easier it will become. You will find yourself looking forward to reading.

Read as much as you can.

The best tip to follow to become a more fluent reader is to read whenever and wherever you can. Good readers read a lot. They read many different kinds of material: newspapers, magazines, textbooks, websites, and graded readers. To practice this, keep a reading journal. Every day, make a list of the kinds of things you read during the day and how long you read each for. If you want to become a more fluent reader, read more!



Are You an ACTIVE Reader?

Before you use this book to develop your reading skills, think about your reading habits, and your strengths and weaknesses when reading in English. Check the statements that are true for you.

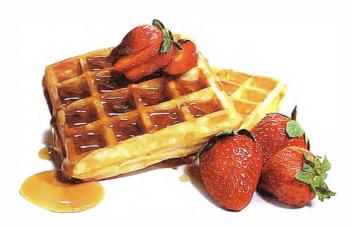
		Chart of course	End of course
1	I read something in English every day.	Start of course	End of course
2	I try to read where I'm comfortable and won't be interrupted.		
3	I make predictions about what I'm going to read before I start reading.	224	
4	I think about my purpose of reading before I start reading.		pportunities.
5	I keep my head still, and move only my eyes, when I read.	244,000	
6	I try not to translate words from English to my first language.		78570438000
7	I read in phrases rather than word by word.		
8	I try to picture in my mind what I'm reading.	Spirit Contract	70000000
9	I read silently, without moving my lips.		
10	I try to understand the meaning of the passage, and try not to worry about understanding the meaning of every word.		जनसम्बद्धाः संस्थानसम्बद्धाः
11	I usually enjoy reading in English.		
12	I try to read as much as I can, especially outside class.		

Follow the tips on pages 8–9. These will help you become a more active reader. At the end of the course, answer this quiz again to see if you have become a more fluent, active reader.



All About Food 1









Getting Ready

Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 What foods do you see in the pictures?
- 2 Which ones do you like? Which ones don't you like?
- 3 Do you like to cook? What dishes can you cook?

UNIT 1

CHAPTER 1 A Restaurant for Change

Before You Read

Learning to Cook

- A Think about answers to the following questions.
 - 1 What are some ways people learn how to cook?
 - 2 Which of these ways would be useful for someone learning how to cook as a job?
- B Discuss your answers with a partner.

Reading Skill

Predicting

Before reading, good readers think about what they are going to read. And while reading, they think about what comes next. This helps them better understand what they are reading.

A Look at the pictures and title of the passage on the next page. Then answer this question.

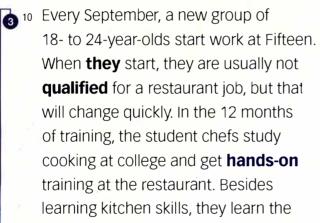
How can a restaurant change a person's life?

- B Read paragraphs 1 and 2 in the passage. Then answer the following questions.
 - 1 Were your predictions in A correct?
 - 2 What kind of training do you think the young chefs at Fifteen get?
- Read paragraph 3 in the passage. Then answer the following questions.
 - 1 Were your predictions in B correct?
 - 2 Why do you think the restaurant is named Fifteen?
- Read the last paragraph in the passage. Was your prediction in C correct? Now read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 14.

Factors of success. Successful readers read fluently. To be fluent, you should be able to read 200 words per minute with at least 70 percent comprehension. In this chapter, see if you can achieve this goal. Achieving the goal will contribute to your success.

A Restaurant for Change

- Jamie Oliver wants to change peoples' lives and he is using food to do it. Oliver, a chef, is well-known for sharing his secrets of cooking **healthy** food through his magazine, cookbooks, and television shows. He is also
 - 5 changing lives through his Italian restaurant, Fifteen.
- Fifteen started in London, England, as a place to train 2 young adults to work in a kitchen. Oliver's idea was to create a professional kitchen that can help young people get a fresh start and a chance to become professional chefs.





- importance of using fresh **ingredients** and how to create their own **recipes**.
- 20 And their education doesn't stop with preparing and **serving** food. The students also learn how to manage money and deal with difficult customers. Overall, the program **encourages** them to believe in themselves and enables them to look forward to a future in the restaurant business.
- The restaurant's name, Fifteen, comes from the number of students the 25 restaurant had when it started in 2002. Today, Oliver has three of these restaurants, and a few hundred students have finished the program. Around 90 percent of the graduates are still working in the food industry. Some own restaurants or work in some of the best kitchens around the world. Others are now starring in their own TV shows. They're all great examples of what young 30 people can do if they're given the opportunity and support.

Reading Comprehension Check Your Understanding

A Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

	1	Jamie O	liver		_the Fifteen restaurant.		
		a is a c	chef at				
		b is the	e owner of				
		c was	a student at				
	2	Oliver us	ses Fifteen to he	lp yo	oung people		
					find jobs		
	3	In lines 1	12–13, When the	y sta	art, they are usually, v	/ho	does they refer to
		a stude	ents at Fifteen	b	TV chefs	С	customers
	4	Today, n	•	duate	es are working in the $_$		
		a build	ling	b	education	С	food
В	Νι	ımber the	ese events (1–4	l) in	the order they happe	n.	
	а	The	e student chefs	grad	luate from their training	١.	
	b	The	e student chefs	get l	hands-on training at a	top i	estaurant.
	С	In 9	September, a ne	w gi	roup of 18- to 24-year-	olds	start work.
	d	The	e student chefs	use	their training to find job	os.	
	D :	Al -		-A:-			

Critical Thinking

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 Jamie Oliver started Fifteen to help young people get a fresh start in their lives. How could restaurant training make a young person's life better?
- 2 How does learning to manage money and difficult customers help someone in the restaurant business?

Vocabulary Comprehension Words in Context

A Complete each sentence with the best answer. The words in blue are from the passage.

ı	Qualified people are usually		to work.
	a trained	b	not trained
2	The café near my home serves		
	a good chefs	b	delicious food
3	Which of these are ingredients?		
	a forks and spoons	b	carrots and tomatoes
4	Since this is hands-on training, you'll	need	to
	a travel to the place	b	use your computer
5	Our English teacher encourages us		 •
	a to watch movies in English	b	not to do our homework
6	Some examples of healthy foods are		·
	a french fries and potato chips	h	fruits and vegetables

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7	You use a recipe to learn how	a food,
	a tastes	b is made
8	Javier is in the	ne kitchen right now.
	a taking a shower	b cooking lunch

B Answer the following questions. Then share your ideas with a partner.

- 1 How would you encourage someone to speak English?
- 2 What things do you find in a kitchen?
- **3** What do you do to keep healthy?
- 4 What places do you know that serve good food?

A The words in the chart below are all in the passage on page 13. Match these words with their antonyms from the box.

unhealth	ny discourage	easy	dislike	rest	free
			Antony	/m	
1 like			dislike		
2 diffic	ult				
3 work					
4 healt	thy	41.5			
5 enco	ourage				
6 busy	,				

Complete the sentences with the words from A. You might have to change the form of the word.

1	You shouldn't eat so much tood.
2	Tonight's homework was very I finished it in a
	few minutes.
3	You look tired. You should go and for a while.
4	You should not let a small problem you from reaching
	your goals.
5	I really that girl. She's always so rude.
6	I didn't have lunch as I was in the afternoon

Vocabulary Skill Antonyms

An antonym is a word that means the opposite of another word. Sometimes, antonyms are very different words, for example, light and dark, true and false. Other times, antonyms are made by adding or changing prefixes or suffixes, for example, happy and unhappy, careless and careful. One good way to increase your vocabulary is to learn antonyms.

UNIT 1

CHAPTER 2 Let's Make Blueberry Muffins!

Before You Read Famous Treats









- Think about answers to the following questions.
 - 1 Can you name the desserts above? Have you ever eaten them?
 - 2 What are your favorite desserts? Can you make them at home?
- Discuss your answers with a partner.

Reading Skill

Scanning

Scanning is looking through a passage for information you need. For example, most people do not read a newspaper from beginning to end. They scan the headlines to find what they want to read. This saves time because you only read the information you want.

A	Scan the passage	on the next page.	Then answer	the following	questions.
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- 1 Find the list of things you need to make blueberry muffins. How many different ingredients are needed? _
- 2 How many steps are there in making blueberry muffins? _
- B Which step of the recipe uses each of these things? Scan the passage again and write the number of the step.
 - salt 2 blueberries

3 egg 4 cooking spray

C Now read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 18.

Let's Make Blueberry Muffi rs!

Muffins are pastries¹ that were first popular in England, Germany, and America in the 1800s. Today, muffins can be both sweet and savory.² Most people add fruit and vegetables to add flavor. These muffins are full of juicy blueberries and make a delicious breakfast meal.



Here's what you need: 1½ cups all-purpose flour 2 teaspoons baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt 3/4 cup white sugar 1/4 cup butter 1/3 cup milk 1 large egg 2 teaspoons vanilla extract 1 cup fresh blueberries.

Makes 8 muffins a muffin tin

an electric mixer cooking spray

	Step 1: Get the oven ready
	Step 2: Mix the dry ingredients In a large bowl, mix the flour, baking powder, salt, and 1/2 cup sugar together with a fork. When the ingredients are mixed well, make a hole in the center.
0	Step 3: Brown the butter Melt the butter in a pan over medium heat. When the butter melts, use a spoon to stir it. The butter will start to brown and smell nutty. When this happens, take the butter away from the stovenship.
	Step 4: Make the batter Pour the butter and the milk into the hole you made in the flour. Mix everything together with the electric mixer. Add the egg and keep mixing. Then, add the vanilla. Don't mix the batter too much. A few lumps are OK. Add the blueberries and use a spoon to stir. Be careful not to squish ³ the blueberries.

Step 5: Get ready to bake. _

Pour the batter into each section of the muffin tin. Sprinkle⁴ the remaining sugar over each muffin.

Step 6: Bake it!

20 Bake for about 16 to 20 minutes. The tops of the muffins will be golden brown. Check that they're done by inserting a toothpick into the middle of the muffin. If it comes out with a few (quite dry) crumbs, they're ready. Let the muffins **cool** in the tin for a few minutes before serving.

¹ A **pastry** is a kind of sweet food made of flour, butter, and water, and baked in the oven.

² Savory food tastes salty or spicy, not sweet.

³ If you **squish** something, you press down on it, breaking it.

⁴ If you **sprinkle** something on something else, you put small pieces of it on the other thing.

Reading Comprehension Check Your Understanding

Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- 1 Which of these is NOT used in making blueberry muffins?
 - **a** bacon
- **b** butter
- c blueberries

- 2 Which ingredient is melted?
 - a salt

- **b** butter
- c vanilla
- 3 What ingredient goes on top of the muffins before baking?
 - a baking powder
- **b** vanilla
- c sugar
- 4 How long it takes to make the muffins from start to finish?
 - a less than 16-20 mins **b** 16–20 mins c more than 16-20 mins

B Number the actions from the recipe in the correct order.

- a ____ Melt the butter in a pan over medium heat.
- **b** ____ Add the blueberries and use a spoon to stir.
- c ____ Put the muffin tin in the oven.
- **d** _____ Spray the muffin tin with cooking spray.
- e ____ Mix the flour, baking powder, salt, and ½ cup sugar.
- **f** _____ Put a little sugar on top of the muffins.



Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 What makes blueberry muffins healthy? What makes them unhealthy?
- 2 How would you change this recipe to make it healthier?

Vocabulary Comprehension Words in Context

Complete the following sentences with the correct words from the box. The words are from the passage.

add	bake	cool	check
melt	mix	pour	spray

- 1 You _____ an apple pie.
- 2 You _____ the answer to a question.
- 3 You _____ water into a glass.
- 4 You _____ a wall with paint.
- 5 You ______ yellow and red to get orange.
- 6 You _____ chocolate over a fire.
- 7 You _____ sugar to something to make it sweeter.
- 8 You wait for hot soup to ______ before you drink it.

- B Answer the following questions, then discuss your answers with a partner. The words in blue are from the passage.
 - 1 What else can be melted?
 - 2 How can you check if something is cooked properly?
 - 3 What can you add to a dish to make it taste better?
- A Look at the list of irregular verbs below. Write the simple past tense in the chart. Use your dictionary to help you. Can you think of two more?

Base form	Simple past	Base form	Simple past
break		have	
bring		keep	
buy		know	
come		lose	
cut		put	
do		ride	
eat		spread	
feel		take	
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Vocabulary Skill Irregular Past Tense Verbs

Regular verbs are formed in the past tense by adding -ed to the end of the verb; for example, play/played, watch/watched. Irregular verbs are not formed in this way; for example, shut/shut, break/broke. Many irregular verbs are very common, so it is important to know them.

- B Compare your list with a partner's. Do you notice any patterns in how any of these verbs are formed?
- C Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the words from A.

1	Ken a chocolate cake to my party. It was delicious!					
2	Can I use your glass? Mine.	n I use your glass? Mine yesterday.				
3	Maria into t	Maria into the kitchen to get something to drink.				
4	My mother	me a new cell phone so I would call her				
	more often.					
5	I collected over 100 old new	spapers off the street and I				
	them to the recycling center	4				
6	I three piec	es of candy last night. It's difficult to eat				
	only one!	444				

Learning new vocabulary can be fun. Learning new vocabulary can be one of the most enjoyable parts of becoming a good reader. In addition to the vocabulary that is explicitly taught in this chapter, are there other words related to this topic that you would like to learn?

Real Life Skill

Reading Food Labels

In many countries, food labels give important information about what is in the foods we buy. Reading and understanding the labels can help you to eat more healthily.

The words in blue are sometimes found on food labels. Write each word next to the correct definition.

The ingredients of onion soup are onions, butter, water, salt, and pepper. Minerals like calcium are important for your body.

Additives are used to change the color or taste of a food.

Oranges contain vitamin C.

This bread contains preservatives so it stays fresh for a longer time.

That piece of cake had 129 calories in it.

1	things	that your	body	need	ls,	such as iron
_	_					

- **2** B, C, and D are examples of these
- 3 these keep a food from going bad
- 4 things added to a food
- the things used to make a food
- units of energy in your food

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D	Read the labels for these food bars and complete the following sentences.

No added sugar No additives High protein for an active life Power up Lots of vitamins and minerals. and all the energy you need!

The taste you love... Chocoblock Ingredients: sugar, honey, butter, cocoa, peanuts, salt, preservatives

A complete meal—only 200 calories
SLIM QUICK
Strawberry-yogurt flavor Fiber and protein to help you feel full longer—low in calories to help you lose
weight faster!

1	A seven-year-old child would eat
	because
2	A person trying to lose weight would eat
	because
3	A football player would eat
	because

What do you think?

- 1 Do you think it is healthier to eat at home or at a restaurant? Why?
- Should children and older people eat the same foods? How should our food choices change as we age?
- Vegetarians (people who don't eat meat) are becoming more common in some countries. Why do you think this is?

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