

Learning goals:

- Be able to use the present perfect and simple past tenses
- Be able to discuss international food and food experiences

Success criteria:

- Choose adjectives to describe food and restaurants
- Correctly answer questions about a blog post on international food in London
- Identify the present perfect and simple past tenses used in a blog post
- Identify the situations in which present perfect and simple past tenses should be used
- Use suitable tenses and language in a discussion about food and restaurants

Italian food

Indian food



Chinese food

French food

Vietnamese food

Middle Eastern food

Japanese food



International food

Chinese food

- Crispy duck with pancakes
- Stir-fried noodles

Indian food

- Chicken tikka masala
- Tandoori chicken

Middle Eastern food

- Lamb kebab
- Hummus and pitta bread

Japanese food

- Tuna sushi
- Deep-fried tempura prawns

Vietnamese food

- Beef pho noodle soup
- Vietnamese spring rolls

- 1 Which of these kinds of international food do you like?
- 2 Which of these dishes do you know?
- 3 Which of these dishes do you want to try?
- 4 Are there restaurants with these kinds of food in your town? Do you go to them?
- 5 What other kinds of international food do you like?



1. I love the taste of Chinese food. Noodles, dumplings, and fried rice are

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2. I really love **2** food. I can eat a raw lemon!

3. I don't like **3** food like Mexican salsa or Indian curry. It burns my mouth!

4. They are not healthy, but I love **4** dishes like spaghetti carbonara and

sour

delicious

simple

hot

creamy

vegetarian

rude

stylish

reasonable

traditional



Carla's food blog

14 October

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As you know, London has welcomed immigrants for hundreds of years, and they have brought delicious food with them. For example, curry has become an important part of our diet thanks to people arriving from India and other Commonwealth countries. There have been Indian restaurants in London for over 200 years, and 'going for a curry' on Friday night has become a British tradition!

London is a brilliant place to try Indian curries, and other food from Asia and the Middle East. Here are my top four eating places:

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2. Spice Trail

(Nearest station: South Kensington)

Spice Trail has won prizes for its mix of Asian and European flavours. I visited to celebrate my birthday last summer. In a stylish dining room, I enjoyed an excellent meal of fishcakes in a sour Thai sauce, lamb burgers with garlic and chilli, and coconut ice cream. It was expensive, but I was happy to pay for great food!

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I have visited Noodle Bowl many times to enjoy Hong Kong noodles. It's a simple place, with old plastic chairs and slightly rude waiters! I love the noodle soup with prawn dumplings. It's so filling! The prices are really reasonable.

4. Mesopotamia Café

(Nearest station: Edgware Road)

Edgware Road is famous for its Middle Eastern cafés and restaurants. Mesopotamia Café was started by two Iraqi brothers ten years ago, and it has grown into a popular place to get a takeaway lamb kebab. You can also sit with friends in a friendly (but noisy) atmosphere and enjoy 'mezze' (small plates of meat, salad, olives, and hummus).

1 Why is there delicious international food in London?

A Chefs from other countries come to London to work.

B People from other countries come to live in Britain. They bring delicious food.

C British people visit other countries. They bring back delicious food.

2 Who usually visits Indian curry restaurants in London?

A Only immigrants visit curry restaurants.

B Only tourists visit curry restaurants.

C Most Londoners visit curry restaurants.

3 How does Indian Summer look?

A Modern and stylish

B Not very modern

C Simple

4 Why did the writer cry when she ate vindaloo?

A It had a really hot taste.

B It tasted really sour.

C It made her really happy.

5 What does Spice Trail sell?

A Dishes that mix different types of food

B Vegetarian food and seafood

C Thai and Chinese food

6 How does Spice Trail look?

A Simple and cheap

B Not very modern

C Cool and fashionable

7 What is one of the good things about Noodle Bowl?

A The waiters

B The beautiful dining area

C The prices

1 This tense is used in the sentence: 'I **went** last week and **enjoyed** my favourite British Indian curries ...'

Present perfect

Simple past

2 This tense is used in the sentence: 'This Indian restaurant **has been** popular with Londoners since 1982.'

Present perfect

Simple past

3 This tense is used in the sentence: 'Spice Trail **has won** prizes for its mix of Asian and European flavours.'

Present perfect

Simple past

4 This tense is often used to talk about something that started in the past and is still happening now.

Present perfect

Simple past



1. Everyone in my family loves curry! We

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(go out) for a

curry every Friday night since 2012.

2. I

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(try) Thai food for the first time yesterday.

3. I

3

not

4

(try)

chicken tikka masala.

4. I think American fast food

5

(become) more popular

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5. My parents ⁶ not ⁷ (cook) dinner last night. We went out to eat.

6. I ⁸ not ⁹ (see) any Indian restaurants in my town.

7. ¹⁰ you ¹¹ (eat) at a restaurant last Saturday?

8. Have you ever ¹² (eat) a Turkish kebab?

- 1 Tell me about a strange food you have eaten.
- 2 Tell me about a dish you have never tried.
- 3 Tell me about a cool restaurant you have been to.
- 4 Tell me about a restaurant or café you have been to many times.
- 5 Tell me about a meal you have eaten on holiday.
- 6 If you have been to London, tell me about the food you ate there.

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Write a short review of a place where you have eaten. Use the reviews in 'Carla's food blog' as a guide.

Include information on:

- The type of eating place
- When it opened (you can find out online)
- When you have visited it
- What the restaurant looks like
- Some of the dishes you have tried, and how they taste

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1 Thai food has been popular in the United Kingdom _____ the 1990s.

A for

B since

2 Coffee shops like Starbucks have been part of British life _____ about 20 years.

A for

B since

3 Pasta has been a popular food across the world _____ the beginning of the 19th century.



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A for

B since

- 4 To make a good British steak and ale pie, you have to cook meat in beer _____ at least 90 minutes.

A for

B since

- 5 _____ over 150 years, fish and chips has been a popular British dish.



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A For

B Since

6 I have loved German food _____ I visited Berlin two years ago.

A for

B since

7 _____ around 2014, British people have started to love delicious Mexican burritos.



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A For

B Since

8 I have loved Chinese food _____ my whole life.

A for

B since