

Interviewer: Why did you decide to become a chef? Were you following a tradition of cooking in your family or was there some other reason?

Chef: Well, my mother used to put meals on the table that were completely inedible. Meat that you couldn't cut... rice that came out of the pan in a lump. So if I wanted to eat, I had to cook my own meals with whatever was available with the little money we had. I tried to get some inspiration from television cooking shows but the meals prepared on them were far too expensive to make. So my cooking was largely intuitive and experimental. Eventually I realized, "Hey, I can do this. And what's more, I can make simple meals that actually taste really good!" But I realized that to make more complicated meals there comes a point when you need extra training.

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Question 3: You will hear a speaker talking about social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.). What is the speaker's opinion about social media?

Speaker: These days it seems that you aren't taken seriously unless you have a Facebook page, and spend all your time with your thumbs whirling out text messages, and tweets on Twitter. While academic types worry that writing and language skills are decreasing thanks to social media, parents and grandparents complain that they have to learn all kinds of new programs just to communicate with their children. Personally, I think that critics overlook one important benefit of social media: a lot of much-needed political change is happening because ordinary people can text or tweet immediately, even if the television news is unable to broadcast the story.

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Question 4: You will hear a woman speaking on the radio about lying. According to the speaker, what do people do when they are lying?

Woman: There's no general rule for telling whether a person is lying. You can't just say, "people look to the left when they tell a lie" or "people try to change the subject". It's more complicated than that. First you have to find out what each person's 'baseline' is – I mean, how an individual usually acts in a normal situation. After that, it's possible to identify when a person lies because they send different signals than their usual baseline. You can ask them, "Are you lying?" and they can look you directly in the face and say "No", but their body sends out some kind of signal, sometimes very difficult to notice, that tells you something else.

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Question 5: You will hear a man and a woman talking about the influence of television on teenagers. What is the man's opinion on this issue?

Woman: Don't you think that the influence of television on teenagers is really damaging nowadays?

Man: Well, too much of almost anything can be a bad influence on someone. Young people are more impressionable, that's true, but I think people tend to overestimate the effects of television on thinking patterns and the actions of their children. If teenagers spend all day watching television, then they are definitely neglecting other important areas of their social development. Constant exposure to violent images isn't positive either, but I think that people have their values pretty well set by the time they reach their teens. I do not think that teenagers are generally so influenced by what they see on television that they change their values in any significant way.

CD Track 25

PART TWO (Questions 6–15)

You will hear a man and a woman talking in a library about mobile phones and e-books. For questions 6–15, decide which of the statements are true (T) and which are false (F). You now have 40 seconds to read the statements.

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Man: Jill? Is that you?

Woman: Peter? What are you doing here? I haven't seen you for ages! ... Aren't you supposed to be somewhere in Asia now? Somebody told me you went to Japan for a year. Lucky you!

Man: You're right about Asia, but I went to Taiwan ... which is not that far from Japan, and I only went there for a month... to help set up a language school.

Woman: Oh, I see.

Man: Never mind. How are things? Are you working here at the library?

Woman: No, I'm not, even though I do spend a lot of time here now. I'm in my last year of university and I need to do well in my final exams. If I don't pass, I'll have to repeat the year. And not only that, my parents wouldn't pay for it and I'd have to get a loan.

Man: Oh, so you come here to study?

Woman: Yes. It's quiet in here and they have long opening hours. You see, I share a room in the college dorms with someone who is sort of ... noisy and so this is the only place where I can concentrate on studying ... most of the time. Imagine, only a few minutes ago, I was sitting in the study room, concentrating on my studies, when a mobile phone went off at the next table... and this person, a young girl, instead of leaving the room, just sat there chatting on the phone about the people in the room, including me. It was so horrible to hear a complete stranger talking about me to someone who wasn't even in the same room. I gave her an angry stare, but she still didn't care... and I had to leave the room to calm down.

Man: Hmm. Aren't mobile phones banned in the study zone? When I was in Taiwan, a friend who is a teacher there told me that students in her school bring mobiles to school every day and call their friends who are just in the next classroom. And when they are not phoning, they leave their phones on their desks for everyone to see, or hang them on their belts. I think this type of behaviour is generally just

a way of letting others know that you have money.

Woman: Could be, but there could also be other reasons... Look, why don't we sit on one of these benches here for a while, if you have time.

Man: No problem. I'm waiting for my wife ... she went to borrow some books and that will take at least an hour.

Woman: What? Aren't you the guy who said he would never get married?

Man: Oh, come on! I was fifteen when I said that!

Woman: Anyway, I'd like to see the woman who changed your mind.

Man: You'll have the opportunity ... if you stay long enough. My wife is an enthusiastic reader. She comes here every week and hardly ever leaves with less than five new books. But I don't mind. I'm glad she doesn't buy books at bookshops anymore. I was tired of carrying boxes of novels that she'd finished reading to the basement!

Woman: Why don't you buy her an e-book reader? If she starts reading e-books, she'll be able to carry an entire library of books with her on a single device like the one I have here. See? It's much easier to carry than even a single book and it can save you money. If I hadn't bought one myself, the cost of printed books I need for studying would be astronomical. I haven't given up traditional paper books completely, though. I use digital texts at school, and from those I choose only the ones that I want to buy and keep around as hard copies.

Man: I'm not very comfortable with e-books. To be honest, I think that e-books lack the familiarity and comfort of reading from a traditional printed book. And there's nothing like the feel and smell of a real book. And I think my wife feels the same.

Woman: Well, you changed your mind about marriage, so you might change your mind about e-books ... some day.

Man: Oh! Here comes my wife.

CD Track 27

PART THREE (Questions 16–21)

You will hear part of a job interview with Miss White, who is seeking a human resources position. For questions 16–21, choose the best answer: A, B or C. You now have 45 seconds to read the questions.

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Interviewer: So, Miss White, as you know, this position requires good interpersonal skills and quite a lot of work experience. I see from your CV that you have experience in a call centre, you attended the Caldwell School of Restaurant and Hotel Management... and I see here that you've also worked as a hotel housekeeper. Now, tell me why you took that job and how you think your experience from that job might help you in the position you are seeking?

Miss White: Well, after I graduated high school, I travelled abroad for a while and then I got the job with the hotel. Frankly, it was the only one I could get with my work experience at that time. But it gave me the motivation to get more education and build a career, not just have a job. And working as a hotel