

EPISODE 18  
LEVEL A1.2/A2.1

READING COMPREHENSION



EATING AND DRINKING



**Mary:** Let's have a **quick snack** (= something small like a Mars bar) for lunch! **I'm dying of hunger** (= I am so hungry I think I'm going to die)!

**John:** Well, I don't know if this is such a good idea. You will be hungry again soon. I need a **hearty meal** (= big meal)! You know I only eat **gourmet food** (= high quality food). Did you eat good breakfast?

**Mary:** You really have a **healthy appetite** (= you can eat a lot)! Not everybody thinks about healthy food all the time! I think I'll just have a **soft drink** (= e.g. cola) and a Mars bar!

**John:** Suit yourself! I'm going to look for a **reasonably priced** (= with acceptable price, not very expensive) restaurant and eat some **square meal** (= with soup, main course and dessert; full meal) there.

More contexts for the new words:

- I hope you **enjoyed your meal** !  
(= I hope you liked your meal)
- If you eat this, you will just **spoil your appetite** !  
(= if you eat this, you will have problems eating a normal meal)



### EXERCISE 1

Match the beginnings and endings of expressions.

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|---------------|--------------|
| 1. I'm dying  | a. appetite  |
| 2. a quick    | b. drink     |
| 3. a hearty   | c. food      |
| 4. gourmet    | d. meal      |
| 5. a healthy  | e. of hunger |
| 6. a soft     | f. priced    |
| 7. reasonably | g. snack     |



### EXERCISE 2

Complete the questions, then answer them.

1. What is your favorite quick s.....?
2. Which reasonably p..... restaurant would you recommend?
3. What gourmet f..... do you like?

## ENGLISH IN USE



Let's look at past simple questions. Our example today is:

*Did you eat good breakfast?*

As you can see we use "did" to make a question and we use the present form of the verb with it. Here you have some more sentences to look at:

*Did you go to work on Sunday?*

*Did he drink any tea this morning?*

It is not correct to say "~~Did he went to work?~~"

## IDIOM CLOSE-UP



A/ *Would you like to go to a ballet show tomorrow?*

B/ *Thanks for inviting me, but ballet **isn't** really **MY CUP OF TEA**.*

If something **isn't your cup of tea**, it is not the type of thing that you like.

## PHRASAL VERBS CLOSE-UP



1. When you **EAT OUT**, you eat a meal in a restaurant and not at home.

*When I lived in Spain, I used to **eat out** all the time.*

*We **eat out** once a week.*

2. If you order food to **TAKE AWAY**, you buy prepared food in a shop or restaurant and take it somewhere else to eat.

*I had no time to cook, so I ordered some curry to **take away**.*

*Will that pizza be in, or would you like a **takeaway**?*



### EXERCISE 3

Rewrite the sentences keeping the same meaning and using the word in CAPITALS.

1. On Fridays we usually eat in restaurants.

OUT .....

2. I don't like football.

TEA .....

3. Please order some pizza and bring it home.

AWAY .....

## NEWS



### COFFEE ADDICTS

Doctors are alarmed to witness the rapid growth of a new **addiction**. In addition to alcoholics, chocoholics and workaholics, we are now facing an alarming **spread** of coffeeholics. The reasons for addiction to coffee are many, but the most important is probably the fast **pace** of life that we all have to live in big cities. A cup of coffee in the morning helps you get up. Another one, on your way to work, makes sure you don't fall asleep at the **steering wheel**. One more is necessary when you arrive at your office, before you can **get down to** work. And this is only the beginning. By the end of the day, the average office worker might have had ten cups of coffee!

### GLOSSARY

- **addiction** – when you can't stop taking something after you start
- **spread** – increase, growth
- **pace** – tempo
- **steering wheel** - a wheel in a car which you turn to make the car go left or right
- **get down to** - start

## KEY TO EXERCISES

### Ex.1

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|------|------|
| 1. e | 5. a |
| 2. g | 6. b |
| 3. d | 7. f |
| 4. c |      |

### Ex.2

1. snack
2. priced
3. food

### Ex.3

1. On Fridays we usually eat out.
2. Football isn't my cup of tea.
3. Please order some pizza to take away.