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## Pasta

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 **THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT**

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/p/pasta.html>

I love pasta of all kinds. Anything with pasta is always delicious, especially if it's from Italy. For many countries, pasta is a new addition to the menu. In England just after the War, there was no pasta. Once, a newspaper tricked people with a photo of a spaghetti tree. Today, everyone in England knows about pasta. It's one of the most popular foods in the world. Spaghetti Bolognese and lasagna are now international dishes. What I don't know is how many different types of pasta there are. Hundreds, I think; in all different shapes and colours. What I do know is that they are all delicious. Pasta is very versatile because it has so many uses. You can also eat it when it's hot or when it's cold.



## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## CORRECT THE SPELLING

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

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6. \_\_\_\_\_

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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# STUDENT PASTA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about pasta in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.





## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about pasta. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about pasta. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. PASTA POSTER** Make a poster about pasta. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY PASTA LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on pasta. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on pasta. Share your findings with the class.

