

This is a fairly difficult article. Don't worry if you don't understand every word. Read it and see what you can understand. Then answer the TRUE or FALSE questions below.

Irish Cuisine

Ireland is rightly renowned for the quality of its beef and lamb. Its soda bread and farmhouse cheeses are equally celebrated. Even the country's famously floury potatoes are revered in certain circles.

Yet one of the highlights of any culinary visit to the Republic remains the excellence and freshness of its seafood. Think of gastronomic Ireland and you picture smoked wild Atlantic salmon, plump native oysters, seared scallops, Dublin Bay prawns, and grilled black sole - all delivered from boat to plate in hours, not days.

	TRUE	FALSE
Cuisine means cooking.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ireland is famous for its beef and lamb.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ireland is not famous for nice bread or cheese.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some Irish cheese is made in farmhouses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People don't like floury potatoes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A culinary visit is a tour of museums & cultural sites.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You cannot eat oysters.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoked salmon is uncooked.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oysters are imported.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You cannot get fresh fish in Ireland.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Can you find words in the text that have a similar meaning to these?

- famous _____
- country house _____
- fluffy and dry _____
- respected _____
- connected to cooking and food _____
- connected to eating good food _____
- fat _____
- shell fish _____
- burnt on the surface _____
- big shrimps _____
- best/most exciting _____
- imagine _____
- dried and salted _____

Discussion

- Do you like Irish food?
- How does it compare to food from your country?
- What is the most popular dish in your country?
- Do you like cooking?

Writing

Write an article about the cuisine of your country.