The art of miniature cooking

1. Share your ideas and personal experiences in answering the questions below.

Have you ever searched on Youtube how to make a certain dish?

Do you like cooking shows?

What is your opinion about miniature cooking videos?

2. Match the words with their definitions.

mix | bread | brown | whip | stir fry | mince

1. To cut into very small pieces, smaller than chopped pieces **mince**
2. To coat with flour, then dip into beaten egg or milk, then coat with crumbs from crushed bread, cereal, or crackers **bread**
3. To cook over medium or high heat until the surface of the food browns **brown**
4. To beat rapidly with a wire whisk, or mixer **whip**
5. To cook in a frying pan or wok over high heat in a small amount of fat, stirring constantly **stir fry**
6. To stir ingredients together with a spoon, fork, and mixer until well combined **mix**

3. Label these action words.

slice | grate | boil | chop



chop



boil



slice



grate

4. Label these action words.

spatula | electric mixer | baking pan | measuring spoon | measuring cup



measuring spoon



baking pan



spatula



measuring cup



electric mixer

5. Write the correct verb in each of the steps in making a mince pie.

bake / peel / chop / mince / fry / add

1. Mince the beef.
2. Peel the potatoes and boil until they are cooked. Mash them with butter and add some milk.
3. Chop the onion and carrot.
4. Fry the meat and vegetables, then stir them in the flour and cook a bit more.
5. Add the broth, salt, and pepper, and let it all cook slowly for 15 minutes. Then put it in the baking form and cover with the mashed potatoes. Bake it in the hot oven for 40 minutes.

6. Watch the video and answer the questions that follow.

How Tiny Food Videos Are Made

Source: Insider: How Tiny Food Videos Are Made

7. Answer the questions briefly and concisely.

1. In what country did miniature cooking start?
   Japan.
2. Since most of the tiny cooking equipment isn't available in stores, how do creators meet their needs of cooking tools and equipment?
   They make their own.
3. What does making your own tools involve, according to one of the creators?
   A lot of details.
4. According to one creator, how long does it take him to film one miniature cooking show?
   8-50 hours.
5. What is the hardest part of being a tiny food creator?
   The filming.
6. Why do most tiny food creators remain anonymous?
   So the sole focus of the videos will be the art of miniature cooking.

8. Mark the sentences true or false.

1. It uses plastic ingredients. ✘
2. It's viral on the internet. ✔
3. Its content creators are from all over the world. ✔
4. It is a demanding craft. ✔
5. Creating this content is fun and easy. ✘
6. It's like a tiny cooking show. ✔
7. Its appeal includes familiar items in an unfamiliar environment. ✔
8. The food is not edible. ✘

9. Can you name the cooking tools in the picture?



10. The English language has three articles. These are ***a, an***, and ***the***.

Use 'the' when:

- referring to something specific,
- there is only one of something (e.g. the diner in town),
- the noun has been mentioned before

Use 'a/an' when:

- referring to something in general
- mentioning something for the first time

It's important to remember that we use 'a' and 'an' differently: 'a' comes before a noun beginning with a consonant sound and 'an' comes before a noun beginning with a vowel sound.

Examples:

Let's go to the restaurant tonight. (a specific restaurant we know)

Let's go to a restaurant tonight. (not a specific restaurant)

11. Complete the following sentences using appropriate articles.

1. David gave me a gift for my birthday.
2. Mix the remaining ingredients in a bowl.
3. There is an apple in the fridge.
4. If you are hungry, you may eat the apple in the fridge.
5. I came across an Italian recipe today.

6. Can I have a glass of water, please?

7. Can you pass the salt, please?

8. I haven't seen the new miniature cooking show on Hulu.

9. I'm enrolled in a cooking class. I might show my new skill in my new Youtube channel.

12. Fill the blanks with the correct article.

The Tiny Chef Show

The tagline for the Tiny Chef Show is "A Tiny Stop-Motion Cooking Show For Humans Of All Ages." This is a cooking show where a character named The Tiny Chef creates the world's tiniest dishes from his rooftop garden tree stump. According to the site, every episode will feature the Tiny Chef making a new recipe and learning subtle life lessons along the way.
We spoke with show Creator and Executive Producer, Rachel Larsen. She told us about the inception of the project, which would be based around a real "tiny chef" creature who loves cooking and has a wonderfully optimistic and kind spirit.
Larsen spoke about the amazingly spread out, yet tight process of their production. "Production at the moment is happening in an updated shed outside the house I'm renting in New Zealand. I'm working with the tiny chef team remotely. Matt Hutchinson, who does The Chef's voice, records himself singing and talking in the chef's voice from Portland, Oregon.

13. Classify the following words into their correct category.

oven / eggs / sifter / baking soda / fork / loaf pan / cooking oil / ripe bananas / salt / measuring spoons / wire whisk / flour / mixing bowls / measuring cups

Ingredients	Tools	Equipment
eggs	sifter	oven
baking soda	fork	
cooking oil	loaf pan	
ripe bananas	measuring spoons	
salt	wire whisk	
flour	mixing bowls	
	measuring cups	