

# WORD BANK 1

What are these words in your language?

## THE TAKEAWAY



egg fried rice (n) (U)



fortune cookie (n)



sweet and sour pork (n) (U)



chef (n)



market (n)

U = Uncountable

## INGREDIENTS



pineapple (n)



rice (n) (U)



soya sauce (n) (U)



vinegar (n) (U)

### dish (n)

Sweet and sour pork is my favourite Chinese **dish**.

### fresh (adj)

If you catch a fish and eat it the same day, it's **fresh**.

### ingredient (n)

The most important **ingredient** in sweet and sour pork is pork!

### sour (adj)

When fruit is not ready to eat, it tastes **sour**.

### takeaway (n)

On Friday nights, we always have a Chinese **takeaway**.

There's a Chinese **takeaway** at the end of our road.

I love **takeaway** food.

### taste (v)

If you're not sure about a new dish, **taste** a little bit first.

### tasty (adj)

I love Chinese food – it's really **tasty**.

# CHAPTER 1

## Surprise!

What's your favourite takeaway? – Pizza? Burger? Chinese? Fish and chips? People in Britain love takeaways. They eat millions of takeaway meals every year.

In 2010, Chinese food became Britain's most popular food for the first time, ahead of Indian dishes and British fish and chips. But Chinese food in Britain can be very different from the real thing.

British teenagers, Adam and Danny, are best friends. They live in St Albans, a town near London. They eat takeaways three times a week. They love them! Their favourite takeaway is Chinese.

## BRITAIN & CHINA

Chinese people first came to live in Britain in 1782. They worked on the tea ships going from Shanghai to London. In the 1880s, London's first Chinatown grew up in Limehouse, east London. Later, in the 1960s, many Chinese people moved from Hong Kong to Soho, in the centre of London. This was the beginning of today's famous Chinatown. About 80,000 Chinese people now live in London, and Chinatown's restaurants and shops are very popular with both Londoners and visitors.



One evening, they order a Chinese by telephone as usual. They are waiting at home. But the restaurant doesn't bring their takeaway. TV presenter Dave Berry brings it instead! And he has a surprise for them.

Dave arrives at Adam's house and walks up to the front door. He looks into a TV camera and smiles. 'I love surprising people,' Dave says.

Adam and Danny come to the door.

'Hello?' says Adam. He sees the TV camera and he looks at Danny.

*What's happening?* he thinks.



'Hello, boys,' says Dave. 'I've got a Chinese takeaway here for you. Can I come in?'

'Of course,' says Adam.

What's happening? The boys still don't know.

Dave gives the boys their takeaway. It's sweet and sour pork, egg fried rice and a special fortune cookie. After they've eaten, Dave has a question for the boys. It's about Chinese food.

'OK, boys,' he says. 'How many kinds of rice are there?'

'Sixty?' guesses Danny. 'There must be sixty.'

'A hundred?' Adam says. 'A hundred and fifty?'

'There are 140,000 kinds of rice!' Dave tells them.

Dave has more questions. 'What makes the sweet taste in sweet and

# FORTUNE COOKIES

If you eat in a Chinese restaurant in the United States, you usually get a fortune cookie at the end. But fortune cookies were first made in Japan – not China! Today, you can eat fortune cookies in Chinese restaurants all over the world, but not in Hong Kong or other parts of China.



sour pork?’ he asks. ‘What makes the sour taste?’

‘Pineapple for the sweet taste?’ guesses Danny.

‘The sweet taste is sugar,’ Dave tells them. ‘And the sour taste is soya sauce and rice vinegar.’

The boys clearly don’t know much about Chinese food. Dave gives them the fortune cookie.



Danny opens the fortune cookie and they read the message.

‘You’re going to China,’ Adam reads to Danny.

‘Who’s going to China?’ asks Danny. Dave laughs. Danny looks at him.

‘Are we going to China?’ he asks.

Adam and Danny look at the camera. They can’t believe it.

‘Do my mum and dad have to come?’ asks Adam.

‘No,’ says Dave.

‘Get in!’\* Adam laughs.

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In Hong Kong, the people use very fresh food. They buy their vegetables and meat in the market every day. Hong Kong food tastes and looks different from the sweet and sour pork from the Chinese takeaway in St Albans. It doesn’t taste as strong, doesn’t have as much sugar and the colours are completely different.

Adam and Danny are going to China to find out about real Chinese food. They’re going for three days, but it’s not a holiday. Dave isn’t going to China with them, but he’s going to send them messages every day.

The boys are going to Sha Tin, an area of Hong Kong. Hong Kong is famous for its food. Some dishes have unusual ingredients. The boys are going to get a lot of surprises!



**Now watch Clips 2 and 3 and answer the questions on pages 12–13.**

\* Conversational Language. See page 48.

 CLIP 2

1 Watch the clip and complete the sentences with the correct words.

- It's *daytime / evening* when Dave brings the takeaway.
- Dave is *alone / with a cameraman*.
- Adam and Danny eat Chinese takeaways *once a week / three times a week*.
- There are *140,000 / 14,000* types of rice.
- Pineapple / sugar* is the sweet taste in sweet and sour food.
- Adam and Danny *know a lot / don't know much* about real Chinese food.
- Danny opens the fortune cookie with *a knife / his teeth*.
- The boys are going to China *with / without* their parents.

2 Watch the clip again. Complete the sentences with the missing words.

- 'Boys, I hear you love a \_\_\_\_\_.'
- 'I'd like to \_\_\_\_\_ and have a chat if that's alright!'
- 'You're going to China. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your toothbrush!'
- Meet Adam and Danny. They're \_\_\_\_\_ friends.
- Dave is going to give the boys a big \_\_\_\_\_.

3 What's your favourite takeaway? How do you make it?

 CLIP 3

1 Watch the clip. Which adjectives do you hear? Tick the correct answers.

dirty fresh empty scary exciting beautiful

2 Watch again and tick the correct answers.

- What colour top is Adam wearing for the journey?  
green  grey  orange
- What's the weather like in Sha Tin market?  
It's sunny  It's raining
- Which of these can you see on the market stalls? Tick three boxes.  
meat  bread  pineapples  fish  pizza   
pig's ears

3 Answer the questions.

- You are Adam or Danny. You are going to China for the first time. How do you feel? What will be exciting? What will be difficult?
- Does Sha Tin market look like markets in your country? How is it different? How is it the same?