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Vocabulary Test About COOKING Choose The Right Answer MCQ Exercise 68

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Explanations

1. She had just _____ the shell of the hard-boiled egg and was starting to peel it.
✔ **B) cracked**
To **crack** an eggshell means to break it slightly so that lines appear in it, which is the first step before you peel it. **Shattered** means broken into many small pieces, which is too strong here, and **burst** and **fractured** are not used for eggshells.

2. Add the grated _____ of two lemons to the cake mixture.
✔ **C) rind**
The **rind** is the tough outer layer of citrus fruit such as lemons and oranges, and it is often grated into cakes: **the grated rind of a lemon**. **Crust** is used for bread and pies, and **bark** is used for trees.

3. When you have cracked the eggs, put the _____ in the rubbish bin.
✔ **C) shells**
The hard outer part of an egg is its **shell**, so after cracking the eggs you throw away the **shells**. **Skins** are the soft outer layers of fruit and vegetables, not eggs.

4. He always eats the soft parts of the bread and leaves the _____.
✔ **B) crust**
The hard brown outside part of bread is the **crust**: **He cuts the crusts off his sandwiches. Edge** is a general word for the outside line of something and is not used for bread.

5. Would you _____ some onions for me, please?
✔ **B) chop**
To **chop** means to cut food into small pieces with a knife: **chop an onion**. **Chip** and **crack** mean to damage something slightly, and **split** means to divide something into two parts.

6. I'll cook the potatoes if someone will _____ them first.
✔ **A) peel**
To **peel** potatoes means to remove their skin with a knife or peeler before cooking. **Strip** and **uncover** are not used for preparing vegetables.

7. You will have to _____ those peas before you cook them.
✔ **C) shell**
To **shell** peas means to take them out of their pods (outer cases) before cooking. Not **peel**: you peel fruit and vegetables such as potatoes or oranges, not peas.

8. Will you _____ some cheese to put in this sauce?
✔ **B) grate**
To **grate** cheese means to rub it against a grater to make very small thin pieces, which melt well in a sauce. Not **grind**: you grind coffee, pepper or meat, not cheese.

9. Rain and sun had swelled the pea _____ so that the peas inside were ready to be cooked.
✔ **B) pods**
Peas grow inside long green cases called **pods**: **a pea pod**. **Husks** are the dry outer coverings of grains such as corn, and **rinds** belong to citrus fruit and cheese.

10. Put the orange _____ in the wastebasket, not on the floor!
✔ **A) peel**
The outer layer of an orange that you remove before eating it is the **peel**: **orange peel**. **Shell** is used for eggs and nuts, **crust** for bread, and **husk** for grains such as corn.

11. Six oranges, two grapefruits and a small _____ of grapes, please.
✔ **A) bunch**
Grapes grow and are sold in a **bunch**, a group of them joined on one stem: **a bunch of grapes**, **a bunch of bananas**. **Cluster** exists but is not what people say when buying grapes, and **heap** means an untidy pile.

12. Don't forget to take the _____ out of the cherries when you cook them.
✔ **D) stones**
The single hard seed in the middle of fruit such as cherries, plums and peaches is called a **stone**. Not **seeds**: we use that word for the many small seeds in fruit like melons or tomatoes.

13. A traditional English breakfast consists of at least two eggs and several _____ of bacon.
✔ **A) rashers**
A **rasher** is a thin slice of bacon, and in British English we say **a rasher of bacon**. **Slivers** are very small thin pieces, used for things like almonds or glass, and **flakes** and **lumps** are not used for bacon.

14. The second _____ of cakes turned out much better than the first.
✔ **A) batch**
A **batch** is an amount of food cooked at the same time: **a batch of cakes**, **a batch of cookies**. **Bunch** is used for flowers, grapes or bananas, and **set** means a group of things that belong together.

15. I don't like these oranges; they have too many _____.
✓ **B) pips**
Pips are the small seeds found in oranges, lemons and apples: **orange pips**. Not **stones**: a stone is the one large hard seed in fruit such as cherries or plums.

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