

7B | Rice

SPEAKING

1 Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.

- Do you like rice?
- Did you eat any rice last week?
- What do you eat rice with?

READING

1 Read the magazine article about rice. First, check you understand the words in **bold**, then decide if you think the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Rice grows on **wet** land.
- 2 Rice grows on **dry** land.
- 3 **Almost** every country has rice in its diet.

2 Read the article again and check your answers. Then match the paragraphs 1–3 to the headings a–d below. There is one extra heading.

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| a Rice in danger | c Why I like rice |
| b Rice – an important food | d Why is rice so popular? |

3 Read the article again and find the answers to the following questions.

- 1 How much rice do Europeans eat every year?
- 2 How much rice does a person in Myanmar eat every day?
- 3 How much rice does the world produce every year?
- 4 How many different types of rice are there?
- 5 What can you make with rice?

1 _____

Rice is life for millions of people around the world. It is the most important food for 50% of the world's population. **Almost every country has rice in their diet.** Europeans don't eat much rice, perhaps three kilograms per year. But in Myanmar, for example, each person eats half a kilogram of rice every day. Rice and fish is a popular combination in many Asian countries; rice and vegetables are important dishes in the Middle East and Southern Europe; and rice and beans is very popular in Latin America (in Colombia it is the national food).

2 _____

Every year, the world produces more than 500 million tonnes of rice. Rice is a popular food because it grows almost everywhere. You can grow rice on wet land and dry land, in rainforests and in deserts. Scientists think that there are more than 140,000 different types of rice in the world. Rice also has lots of uses. You can make paper, wine, bread, beer, sweets, cosmetics and even toothpaste with rice.

3 _____

Rice is in danger in many parts of the world, because of wars, environmental problems and pollution. Many of the poorest people in the world need rice. For these reasons, the United Nations declared 2004 the International Year of Rice and started many projects connected to rice. These programmes continue today.

Glossary

popular *adj* liked by many people
cosmetics *n* make-up

GRAMMAR: how much/how many

Use *How much* and *How many* to ask about quantities.

How much + uncountable nouns

How much rice do people eat?

How many + countable nouns

How many countries grow rice?

To talk about quantities, we use

a lot (of) / lots (of)

some

(not) much

(not) many

Rice is in **a lot of** national dishes.

People **don't eat much** rice in Europe.

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1 Make questions using the words in the table.

How much	water	do you buy every week?
How many	coffee	do you drink every day?
	people	are there in your English class?
	rice	did you sleep last night?
	hours	did you eat yesterday?
	eggs	
	bread	

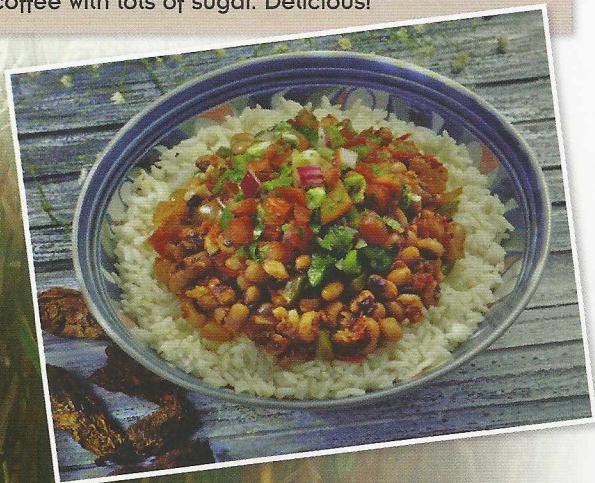
2 Work in pairs. Ask the questions from exercise 1. Answer *a lot, not much, not many* or *none*.

How much coffee do you drink every day? A lot!

VOCABULARY: food 2

1  2.13 Read and listen to descriptions of two rice dishes. Underline all the food and drink words. What are they in your language?

This is a dish I learnt in Mexico. It's called rice and beans. It's simple – it has rice, beans and corn. I like it for breakfast, with eggs and a large cup of coffee with lots of sugar. Delicious!




There are lots of different kinds of paella in Spain. For this paella, you need rice, different kinds of shellfish, Spanish sausages, an onion, some garlic, tomatoes, salt, pepper and a lemon. It's wonderful on a hot summer day.

2 Which words are countable and which are uncountable? Write C or U. Say the words.

3 Work in pairs. Do you have a favourite rice dish? What is in it? Tell your partner.

PRONUNCIATION: word stress 3

1  2.14 Listen and read the three shopping lists. How many syllables do the words have in each list?

Will's shopping list

* cheese
* bread
* milk

Jenny's shopping list

sugar
sausage
onion

Samantha's shopping list

banana
oranges
tomatoes

2 Who buys what? Put the words below into the correct shopping lists in exercise 1.

rice potatoes ice cream lettuce cake sausages

3  2.15 Listen to the recording to check your answers. Add more words to each list.

4 Work in pairs. Read your lists to your partner.

SPEAKING

1 Work in pairs, A and B. Find six differences in the photos.
A: Turn to page 133. B: Turn to page 134.