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Potatoes

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Focus on new words, grammar and pronunciation in this short text.

Doing the online activities, discussion, survey and writing will help.

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Potatoes are very important in my life. Actually, they're more important on my dinner plate. I love potatoes. They are amazing vegetables. I cannot count the number of different ways to cook a potato. Potatoes can be fried, baked, mashed, boiled, sauteed, and lots more. You can also eat potatoes hot or cold – I really like a chilled potato salad in the summer. Different countries cook potatoes in different ways too. Indian cooking is great if you like potatoes. My favourite Indian potato dish is called aloo gobi – that's potatoes and cauliflower cooked in yummy spices. One day, I'll have to find out how healthy potatoes are. I know fried potatoes are high in cholesterol, but I'm not sure about boiled potatoes.

LISTENING GAP FILL

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UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
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STUDENT POTATOES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about potatoes in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about potatoes. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about potatoes. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POTATOES POSTER Make a poster about potatoes. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY POTATOES LESSON: Make your own English lesson on potatoes. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on potatoes. Share your findings with the class.

