

ДЪРЖАВЕН ЗРЕЛОСТЕН ИЗПИТ ПО АНГЛИЙСКИ ЕЗИК

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ВАРИАНТ 2

ДА СЕ ПОЛЗВА ЕДИНСТВЕНО ОТ УЧИТЕЛЯ-КОНСУЛТАНТ ПРИ НЕОБХОДИМОСТ!

Учителят-консултант изчита на глас и инструкцията, и съответния текст, според указанията в инструкцията!

Directions: *You will hear a text about how an Air Bed-and-Breakfast host has transformed his life, twice. Before you listen to it, you have 1 minute to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have 3 minutes to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among A, B or C. Then you will hear the text again and will have 1 minute to check your answers.*

Jonathan is a single parent raising three kids in Los Angeles. For years he worked as a cook 60-80 hour weeks but found his job unfulfilling. For years he tried to look after his three children, and let his own ceramics studio fall apart.

When his schedule was cut back at work and the money became less, Jonathan decided to list one of the extra rooms he had in his home on the agency website of *Air Bed-and-Breakfast*. His first guest gave him such a positive review that more lined up, and he was soon renting out a second room as well.

“This was the change that made it all possible.”

Hosting has become not only an extra source of income, it has also allowed him to be more available to his own family. Whereas before Jonathan would have to leave fires burning at work to rush across town to get his kids from school, he can now easily pick his daughter up and spend time with her. And even have extra energy left over for his guests, who, in the end, feel like family, too.

His new job as a host also paved the way for Jonathan to pursue his work as a ceramicist. Previously he could hardly afford to work on his art because he'd never had the time or resources to make it fly. Now, while he still works part-time at his old job, he is able to devote more than three full days per week to his ceramics. He can care for his home and take the time to travel.

Directions: *You will hear some tips on making the perfect latkes, potato pancakes, twice. Before you listen to it, you have 1 minute to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have 3 minutes to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among A, B or C. Then you will hear the text again and will have 1 minute to check your answers.*

If you don't fry food regularly, it can be a frightening task – especially if you do it once a year. The following advice will help you fry delicious Hanukkah *latkes* – and with a little practice, you might even decide to start preparing these traditional potato pancakes year-round!

First things first: When you grate the raw potatoes, you'll notice liquid collecting in the bowl. Get rid of it. Put the grated potatoes in a clean dish towel and twist to squeeze out the liquid.

Before you begin frying the grated potatoes, remember: If your oil isn't hot enough, your first *latkes* will stick or flip poorly, and you'll have a mess on your hands.

Once they are ready, keep in mind that *latkes* should be crisp, not greasy. So put a paper towel on a plate, and transfer the ready *latkes* to it. It'll absorb any extra oil and keep the crispness.

As with all cooking, there's an art to successful *latke* frying that comes with practice. Rely on your senses: if you see the *latkes* browning too quickly, lower the heat a bit.

Of course, before serving, think beyond plain potato *latkes*, and have some fun by adding accompaniments. Add a touch of your favourite herbs and spices to perk up a standard recipe, or experiment with different veggies. You are the chef, so it's your decision.

Directions: *You will hear **Richard's story about his encounter with Laura** twice. Before you listen to it, you have **2 minutes** to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have **4 minutes** to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among **A, B, C** or **D**. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.*

For a couple of years I was a DJ at a club in Kentish Town and I loved doing it. I was a good DJ, I think. At any rate, people seemed happy: they danced, stayed late and came back week after week.

I met Laura right in the middle of that period. She had been to the club three times before I noticed her. So, on this third time she came up to my corner and spoke to me. She asked me to play a record that I really liked, but which had cleared the dance floor whenever I tried it.

“Were you here when I played it before?” I asked.

“Yeah.” she answered with a smile.

“Well, you saw what happened. They were all about to go home.” I reminded her.

“They won’t this time,” she said firmly.

“How do you know that?” I challenged her.

“Because I brought half of this lot here, and I’ll make sure they dance.” she said grinning.

So I played it, and sure enough Laura and her friends flooded the dance floor, but one by one they all drifted off again, shaking their heads and laughing. I got nervous when people weren’t dancing, so I put another record on quick. Laura stopped dancing and marched over to me, but she was not angry. She just wanted to know where she could buy the record. I said if she came next week I’d have a disc for her. She looked really pleased and I liked her straight away.