

Sentence Expansion

An activity of "Some cooking videos on TikTok are becoming too popular".

Short cooking videos are all the rage on TikTok! Read "Some cooking videos on TikTok are becoming too popular" (page 7, *What's Up* October 2024).

In this activity, you will practise expanding sentences. This will help take your writing to a higher level.

- A. Using the story, expand each sentence by filling in the blanks with the words or phrases provided. Use each word or phrase only once.

around the world, including America	taking viewers through the whole recipe	— often lasting less than a minute
for all kinds of food	and the common desire for sweetness	crunchy, transparent
proudly	sudden	particularly
		easy-to-make

1. Cooking videos are _____ popular on TikTok.
2. Most cooking videos on television are long, _____.
3. TikTok's videos are short _____.
4. Cooking videos on TikTok provide entertainment using _____ food.
5. TikTokers cooked the dishes and _____ posted their recipes.
6. Cottage cheese was revived when people on TikTok began using it _____
_____.
7. The _____ interest in cucumber caused a shortage in Iceland.
8. Thanks to TikTok, the snack tanghulu has gained many fans _____
_____.
9. Because of tanghulu's easy recipe _____,
people are making it at home.
10. They dip the fruits into boiling sugar and ice water to make a _____
_____ shell.

B. Expand the following story. Stretch each sentence by adding details to make it interesting. The first sentence has been done for you.

1. I was famished.

Yesterday after school, I was famished and felt faint after having skipped lunch_____.

2. Then I went home.

_____.

3. I gobbled up some cookies.

_____.

C. In five sentences, write a story describing your recent experience of eating or cooking a type of food. First write short sentences, then expand each one by adding details.

1. Short sentence: _____.

Expanded sentence: _____

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2. Short sentence: _____.

Expanded sentence: _____

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3. Short sentence: _____.

Expanded sentence: _____

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4. Short sentence: _____.

Expanded sentence: _____

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5. Short sentence: _____.

Expanded sentence: _____

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D. In small groups, share your stories. Give one another feedback and suggestions on how to further expand the sentences with interesting details.