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To Mum

Grant me a sense of humour, Lord,
The saving grace to see a joke,
To win some happiness from life,
And pass it on to other folk.

Old Irish toast



FOOD
& DRINK

FOOD & DRINK - GENERAL

'Life,' said Emerson, 'consists in what a man is thinking all day.' If that be so, then my life is nothing but a big intestine.

Henry Miller

Show me another pleasure like dinner, which comes every day and lasts an hour.

Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand

Oh, boy, dinner time! The perfect break between work and drunk.

Homer Simpson

I'm so hungry I could eat a bowl of lard with a hair in it.

Corsican Brother, *Cheech & Chong's The Corsican Brothers*

I'm so hungry I could eat the dates off a calendar.

Helen Rudge, quoting her uncle

I'm so hungry I could eat a vegetable.

Al Bundy, *Married With Children*

—You seem to have a good appetite.

—Not at all, madam, but, thank God, I am very greedy.

Fellow Diner and Anthony Trollope

He's had more hot dinners than you've had hot dinners.

Anon, on Cyril Smith, MP

He's 20 stones. For his salad, you just pour vinegar and oil on your lawn and let him graze.

Jim Bakken

—What would you like for breakfast?

—Just something light and easy to fix. How about a dear little whiskey sour?

Joe Bryan and Dorothy Parker

To open champagne at breakfast is premature, like uncovering the font at a wedding.

Pierce Synnott

I always have a boiled egg. A three-minute egg. Do you know how I time it? I bring it to the boil and then conduct the overture to *The Marriage of Figaro*. Three minutes exactly.

Sir John Barbirolli

I marmaladed a slice of toast with something of a flourish.

P.G. Wodehouse, *Stiff Upper Lip, Jeeves*

A Texas breakfast is a two-pound hunk of steak, a quart of whiskey and a hound dog. If you're wondering why you need the dog - well, somebody has to eat the steak.

Texas Bix Bender

Sex: Breakfast of Champions

Badge on the racing suit of James Hunt, champion racing driver

Yogurt is one of only three foods that taste exactly the same as they sound. The other two are goulash and squid.

Henry Beard

Peach flavour yogurt tastes best on the way back up.

Brüno Gehard, aka Sacha Baron Cohen

Ah, Wensleydale! The Mozart of cheeses.

T.S. Eliot

I hate clams. To me, they're like God's little bed-pans.

Sylvester Stallone

I am known to cross a street whenever I see an anchovy coming.

Jeffrey Steingarten

A winkle is just a bogey with a crash helmet on.

Mick Miller

Canapé: a sandwich cut into 24 pieces.

Billy Rose

Buffet: a French word that means, 'Get up and get it yourself.'

Ron Dentinger

The better a pie tastes, the worse it is for you.

Ed Howe

I never drink tap water in London, because the water here is hard, limey and tastes like it's been used to rinse false teeth.

A.A. Gill

I never drink water. I'm afraid it will become habit-forming.

W.C. Fields

I drank some boiling water because I wanted to whistle.

Mitch Hedberg

It's half past four, I think we'll have tea. Put the kettle on, Harnsworth. Oh, you've put the kettle on. It suits you.

Tony Hancock

'Spit and polish' – surely one of the worst crisp flavours ever devised.

Humphrey Lyttelton, *I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue*

With this sauce a man might eat his father.

Leigh Hunt, quoting the verdict of a jury of taste-testers on a new sauce

Garlic is the ketchup of intellectuals.

Anon

Hotter than hell in a heatwave.

Gary O'Shea, eating the naga-bih jolokia, the world's hottest chilli

American Danish can be doughy, heavy, sticky, tasting of prunes and is usually wrapped in cellophane. Danish Danish is light, crisp, buttery and often tastes of marzipan or raisins; it is seldom wrapped in anything but loving care.

R. W. Apple, Jr.

—What is Osama Bin Laden's favourite dessert?

—Terrormisu.

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As a boy, I was seduced by the honeycomb centre of a Crunchie. I'm sure I wasn't alone in trying to make a deep hole in the honeycomb with my tongue, before the chocolate collapsed around it.

Simon Hopkinson, *Roast Chicken and Other Stories*

Liquorice is the liver of candy.

Michael O'Donoghue

Fry's Turkish Delight...a refrigerated human organ dipped in chocolate.

Charlie Brooker

Tinned soups, unless you happen to like the taste of tin, are universally displeasing.

Elizabeth David

Rightly thought of there is poetry in peaches, even when they are canned.

Harvey Granville Barker

Raspberries are best not washed. After all, one must have faith in something.

Ann Batchelder

—What's red and sits in a corner?

—A naughty strawberry.

Alan Davies, *QI*

Kiwi: a Draylon-covered tasteless fruit.

Mike Barfield, *Dictionary for our Time*

Jerusalem artichokes...are none the worse for not being artichokes and having nothing at all to do with Jerusalem.

Jane Grigson

The French'll eat anything. Over here, My Little Pony is a toy; over there, it's a starter.

Paul Merton, *Room 101*

Whilst in Normandy last summer, I found Bisto gravy powder in a hardware shop on the same shelf as colouring for tile grout.

M.J.J. Tanner

I visited a supermarket in southern Italy, where I found Bird's Custard on shelves reserved for pet foods.

I.S. Harrison

Somewhere lives a bad Cajun cook, just as somewhere must live one last ivory-billed woodpecker. For me, I don't expect ever to encounter either one.

William Least Heat-Moon

—Why is parsley like pubic hair?
—You push it aside and keep eating.

Anon

—Is it true that the Chinese will eat anything with four legs, unless it's a table?
—Yes. And anything with wings, unless it's a plane.

Andrew Purvis and Xu Ying Jie

The story about the Indian and the Cantonese confronted by a creature from outer space: the Indian falls to his knees and begins to worship it, while the Chinese searches his memory for a suitable recipe.

Paul Lévy, *Out to Lunch*

Some of the food looks good enough to eat.

Paul Merton, in India

Photographs fade, bric-a-brac gets lost, busts of Wagner get broken, but once you absorb a Bayreuth-restaurant meal, it is your possession and your property until the time comes to embalm the rest of you.

Mark Twain, dining in Germany

I feel like a bus on a wet day: full up inside.

Monica Nash, quoting an acquaintance

Always get up from the table feeling as if you could still eat a penny bun.

Joyce Grenfell and Hugh Casson, quoting 'Nanny'

COOKING

I miss my wife's cooking - as often as I can.

Henny Youngman

It took her the first 3 months of married life to discover you can't open an egg with a can opener.

Joey Adams

She has the only dining room with a garbage disposal for a centrepiece.

Bob Hope

My wife can't cook at all. She made chocolate mousse. An antler got stuck in my throat.

Rodney Dangerfield

She loves to make soup - especially 'cream of yesterday'.

Milton Berle

Hey, I stuck that in the microwave, pressed 'power', pressed 'time', pressed 'start', and this is the thanks I get?

Roseanne Conner, *Roseanne*

—This hot chocolate you made...tastes like some warm water that has had a brown crayon dipped in it.

—[sips it] You're right. I'll go put in another crayon.

Lucy and Linus van Pelt, *Peanuts*

The husband that uncomplainingly eats what's set before him may live more peacefully, but not as long.

Kin Hubbard

I tried boiling pig's feet once, but I couldn't get the pig to stand still.

Groucho Marx

I'm an all right cook. It depends on how much I want to sleep with you, really.

Benjamin Zephaniah

Here, taste my tuna casserole and tell me if I put in too much hot fudge.

Larry Lipton, *Manhattan Murder Mystery*

I have enough fruitcakes in my freezer to enlarge my patio.

Erma Bombeck

Mammy's cakes are so heavy the post office won't take them.

Ernest Matthew Mickler

All you used to give me was TV dinners or convenience food... If you'd been in charge of the Last Supper, it would have been a takeaway.

Rodney Trotter, to Del Boy, *Only Fools and Horses*

Who bothers to cook TV dinners? I suck them frozen.

Woody Allen

I don't even butter my bread; I consider that cooking.

Katherine Cebrian

Cook book: a collection of recipes arranged in such a fashion that the cook must turn the page just after the point where a thick paste of flour, water and lard is mixed by hand.

Henry Beard

Skid Road Stroganoff... Add the flour, salt, paprika and mushrooms, stir, and let it cook five minutes while you light a cigarette and stare sullenly at the sink.

Peg Bracken

My favourite recipe: Warm up car. Let stand for an hour next to restaurant.

Margery Eliscu

Chef: any cook who swears in French.

Henry Beard

A lot of chefs stick a banana up a duck and call themselves geniuses.

Sanche de Gramont

—What's the difference between Gordon Ramsay and a cross country run?

—One is a pant in the country...

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I'm not a smarmy arse. I don't think you should walk into the dining room and grace tables, standing there like some starched stiff erection, gawping at customers and asking how the food was.

Gordon Ramsay

If you give Heston Blumenthal a human brain he might poach it lightly in a reduction of 1978 Cornas and top it with a mortarboard made of liquorice.

Julian Barnes

Heston Blumenthal could probably make you a cloud sandwich if you asked.

Charlie Brooker

I'm sure Nigella's cooking is fantastic, but a bit wasted on me. I like toast with Dairylea, followed by Weetabix for supper.

Charles Saatchi, on his wife, Nigella Lawson
My Name is Charles Saatchi and I am an Artoholic

Was there ever anything more absurd than the cult of the stellar egg-flipper?

Will Self

I met a famous chef a few years ago: he said that while cooking was undoubtedly an art, it was the only one the products of which ended up in the sewer.

Alice Thomas Ellis

The only good vegetable is Tabasco sauce.

P.J. O'Rourke

Give peas a chance.

Tom Brokaw

—These peas are a bit big.

—They're sprouts.

Morecambe and Wise

New potatoes in their jackets or, as the Italian expression has it, in their nightshirts.

John Lanchester, *The Debt to Pleasure*

You say potato, I say vodka.

Karen Walker, *Will and Grace*

Veal is a very young beef and, like a very young girlfriend, it's cute but boring and expensive.

P.J. O'Rourke

Roast Beef, Medium, is not only a food. It is a philosophy.

Edna Ferber

Tongue - well, that's a very good thing when it ain't a woman's.

Charles Dickens, *The Pickwick Papers*