

Mental Exercise

Figure It Out

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Food Grammar

Match the adjective on the left to the food on the right that it is associated with.

avian	horse meat
ovine	turtle soup
apian	game hen
swine	frog legs
bovine	mutton
ranine	lobster
piscine	honey
equine	goat
vituline	pork
caprine	beef
cancrine	crab
homarine	veal
chelonian	fish

One for All

What single word can complete all three?

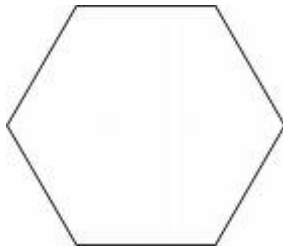
fast

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comfort

Cheese Slicing

You are presented with a cube of cheese. Could you slice it in a way that it has a regular hexagon cross section, like this:



Water and Wine

You have two glasses, a 12 ounce wine glass containing some wine and a 16 ounce water glass containing some water. One ounce of liquid from the water glass is transferred to the wine glass and then an ounce of liquid (mixture of wine and water) is transferred back to the

water glass. This is repeated twice more. So, is the amount of water in the wine glass, more, less, or the same as the amount of wine in the water glass?

No Carbs

The element carbon is the basis of life on earth. Most everything that we consume in our diets contains carbon – with two notable and common exceptions. What are these two?

Double by Half

An apple has two of them but a pair just one. What could it be?

Taste Test

Suppose a taste test is performed on a hundred people. They must match four labels with the each of four soft drinks. 35 people correctly matched exactly one label to the correct drink with three wrong. 45 people correctly matched all four labels to the correct drink. How many people matched none of the labels correctly?

Puzzling Pear

In some liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?

Inside Out

What fruit has its seeds on the outside?

Mystery Vegetable

It's the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh. What is it?

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Foreigners cannot enjoy our food, I suppose, any more than we can enjoy theirs. It is not strange; for tastes are made, not born. I might glorify my bill of fare until I was tired; but after all, the Scotchman would shake his head, and say, "Where's your haggis?" and the Fijian would sigh and say, "Where's your missionary?"

-- Mark Twain, A Tramp Abroad