

5A Teacher's notes It's a fruit. It's red or green.

Activity: Information exchange crossword

Language point: Food, compound nouns (Unit 5, Section A)

Time: 20 minutes

Materials: One handout for each pair of students, cut into two along the lines.

Procedure:

- Say *It's a fruit. It's red or green. It comes from trees. What is it?* and elicit *apple*. Tell students that they're going to use definitions like this in a speaking activity.
- Pre-teach/Review *across* and *down* by drawing arrows on the board and eliciting the two words. Briefly hold up the two crosswords (A and B) to show the class. Explain that two of the 'down' words are missing on each crossword. Students need to find the missing words by asking their partner for definitions of the missing words. Write these questions on the board to show how the students need to ask for the definitions: *What's 2 across? What's 7 down?* Point out that all the words in the crossword are food words.
- Put students into pairs, A and B, and give the appropriate part of the handout to each student.
- Tell students they must NOT look at their partner's crossword. They must take turns to ask for definitions for the words that are missing from their crossword.
- Go round the class as students work, giving support and gentle correction where necessary.
- When a pair finishes, they should look at each other's crossword to check that they have spelled all their missing words correctly.
- Finally, the pairs should work together to write down as many compound nouns as they can from the words in the crossword (example answers: chocolate cake, coffee cake, fruit cake, ham sandwich, cheese sandwich, cucumber sandwich, fruit salad, olive oil, ice cream, ham pizza, mushroom pizza, tomato bread).
- Check the answers with the whole class. Which pair has the most compound nouns on their list? (You may have to be the judge on what compound nouns are and aren't acceptable, if students are being very 'creative' with their ideas!)

KEY:

Across

- 2 sandwich
- 5 meat
- 6 salad
- 9 fruit
- 11 cucumber
- 12 cheese
- 14 mushroom
- 15 tomato
- 18 ice
- 20 vegetables
- 21 dinner

Down

- 1 pizza
- 3 nuts
- 4 ham
- 7 lettuce
- 8 cake
- 10 chocolate
- 11 cream
- 13 coffee
- 16 apple
- 17 oil
- 19 bread