

Select Readings, Second Edition
Elementary, Chapter 9 Test

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

My Love for Cooking
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I love to cook. You might say I have a passion for cooking. I am not a professional chef or even a serious cook. But I love to cook. I enjoy trying new flavor combinations and testing new recipes. I am excited to see a look of satisfaction¹ on someone's face when they eat my food. And cooking gives me time to myself. When I am cooking, I can forget about everything else and really relax.

I started cooking when I was still a young child. Since both of my parents worked, I often made my own dinner. I didn't mind. While other kids wasted time watching TV or playing video games, I pretended² to be a scientist. The kitchen was my laboratory,³ and I tried making new foods with all kinds of different ingredients.

Sometimes the food I made was great. Sometimes it was terrible. But over the years, I learned a lot about what works and what doesn't. After some time, I became a pretty good cook and started to make dinner for the rest of my family. Sometimes they liked what I made, and sometimes they didn't. But it didn't matter to me. I was always happy to see my family eat what I prepared. And I learned a lot.

I don't get to cook for my family very often now. I live far away from my family, and my friends are like my 'family' now. But my feelings about making great food are no different than they were all those years ago. I love to cook a big dinner, have my friends come over to my house, and see their happy faces when they eat the food I prepared.

I think good food really brings people together. Maybe that's the most important reason I love to cook.

1. After many years of cooking, the author is still very _____ about it.
A. passion
B. passions
C. passionate
D. passionately
2. The author likes to _____ new flavors together when he cooks.
A. combine
B. combining
C. combined
D. combination
3. The author cooked his own dinner while _____.

¹ **a look of satisfaction** a happy, pleased look

² **pretended** acted like, imagined

³ **laboratory** the place a scientist works

- A. his parents worked
 - B. playing video games
 - C. wasting time
 - D. watching TV
4. When he cooked in his parents' home, the author imagined he was _____.
- A. on TV
 - B. in the kitchen
 - C. a scientist
 - D. a kid
5. When he was young, the author liked making food with different _____.
- A. kids
 - B. ingredients
 - C. thoughts
 - D. faces
6. All of these are true about the author's cooking EXCEPT: _____
- A. Sometimes his food was good.
 - B. Sometimes his food was terrible.
 - C. It didn't matter to him if his family liked the food or not.
 - D. His family always liked what he made.
7. Nowadays, the author cooks mostly _____.
- A. for his friends
 - B. for his family back at home
 - C. at work
 - D. differently than he did many years ago
8. Which of the following is true about the author?
- A. He is now a professional cook.
 - B. He is a serious cook.
 - C. He didn't like cooking when he was a child.
 - D. He likes to try different kinds of recipes.
9. The author feels _____ when he sees people eating his food now.
- A. lonely
 - B. hungry
 - C. happy
 - D. different
10. What does the author say is the most important thing that good food does?
- A. It can make you relaxed.
 - B. It brings people together.
 - C. It makes you remember your family.
 - D. It helps you make friends.