



Grammar Talks 2-08 | Transitive Verbs

Fruity Fans

Meg talks about eating right and the foods she loves to eat to keep herself healthy and fit.

Todd: So Meg, you _____ like a healthy person. Do you eat lots of fruits and vegetables?

Meg: I do eat lots of fruits and vegetables, especially fruit. I love to eat fruit because it's so sweet.

Todd: Yeah? What fruits do you like?

Meg: I love _____ because they're so healthy for you. And so usually, in the morning for breakfast, _____ a banana. I also love blueberries. Blueberries are my favorite fruit. But sometimes, they're _____ so I can't often eat blueberries.

Todd: Oh, I agree. Blueberries are so good. I _____ blueberries in oatmeal.

Meg: That's a good idea. I love to have blueberries in **muffins**.

Todd: Oh, that's nice. Well, you bake. Do you _____ blueberry muffins?

Meg: I do bake blueberry muffins, and also blueberry bread, blueberry pancakes, many blueberry things.

Todd: Wow. That's great. So are there any fruits you _____ ?

Meg: I don't like kiwi actually because the **flavor** is okay but the fruits is too soft. So _____, I don't want to eat kiwi.

Todd: Oh well, I love kiwi. I love kiwi and bananas. It's very good.

Meg: Hmm, sounds okay but maybe I'll just have the banana.

Todd: So what about vegetables? Are you a person who eats lots of salad?

Meg: I don't _____ of salad but I do like to eat vegetables with my meals, usually lunch and dinner.

Todd: So you cook vegetables.

Meg: I _____ vegetables or I eat vegetables fresh. For example, usually with my lunch, I'll _____ a cucumber, and _____ some salt or pepper on the cucumber and eat with my lunch.

Todd: Oh great. I love **vegetable sticks**, so I love carrot sticks, cucumber sticks, radish sticks. It's very good.

Meg: Do you like to **dip** vegetable sticks into any dressing?



Quiz

1) Who eats blueberries with oatmeal?

- a) Todd
- b) Meg

2) Meg puts blueberries in _____.

- a) muffins
- b) pancakes
- c) smoothies

3) Meg does not like _____.

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4) She eats vegetable _____ for lunch.

- a) salad
- b) sticks
- c) soup

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- a) fry
- b) boil
- c) roast

Grammar Challenge

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

love	expensive	bake	look
cut up	have	eat a lot	don't like
bananas	put	cook	usually

Speaking Challenge

Match the answers with the questions.

- 1) What do you do in the morning?
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Point 4: We often use a general word after **What** when asking about the object of a sentence.

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6. I can cook **soup and stews**.

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Meg: No.

Todd: But yeah, I love the dressing like the ranch dressing with carrot sticks or the ranch dressing with cucumber sticks. It's very nice.

Meg: Yeah. It's pretty delicious. But you're right. Not so healthy.

Todd: No. So what vegetables do you cook?

Meg: Sometimes I cook broccoli. I actually like to roast broccoli, which is when you put broccoli into the oven and cook it a few minutes. So it's really delicious. You can add some salt or seasonings and it's easy to make. You can cook some meat or rice while the broccoli is in the oven and then it's ready for your dinner.

Todd: That's great. Yeah. You see some vegetables like on a kebab that are roasted. I guess onions are roasted, peppers are roasted.

Meg: Right, right.

Todd: Do you roast other vegetables **besides** broccoli?

Meg: Sometimes tomatoes, and sometimes potatoes although, it's that a vegetable.

Todd: It is but it's not a very healthy vegetable.

Meg: So maybe I shouldn't eat potatoes.

Todd: I love potatoes though. So you roast vegetables, do you cook vegetables any other way? Do you boil vegetables or fry vegetables?

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Todd: Yeah. Actually, I love carrots but I only like raw carrots.

Meg: Oh really?

Todd: And I hate cooked carrots.

Meg: Oh well, I'll try to remember that if ever you **come over for dinner**.

Todd: Yeah. Carrots sticks please.

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