Describe a person who enjoys cooking for others (喜欢做饭的人) You should say:

Who this person is

What he or she likes to cook

Who he or she cooks for,

And explain why he or she enjoys cooking

# 知识点:

- Signature dish: 拿手菜
- 好吃的几种表达:

Delicious, scrumptious, incredible, amazing, SO GOOD, out of this world, better than those top-notch restaurants

- Cook up a storm: 带着能量和热情大做一场盛宴
  Rob was in the kitchen <u>cooking up a storm</u>.
- The real deal: 最好吃正宗的美味(也指某人、某物特别一流水平) This Italian restaurant is <u>the real deal</u>. Their pasta tastes just like it does in Italy.
- Hit the spot: 形容好吃的食物特别令人满足,正中下怀 After a long hike, a hot bowl of soup really <u>hit the spot</u>.
- A party in your mouth: 美食的不同滋味在嘴里开 party The blend of spices in this curry <u>creates a real party in your mouth.</u>
- Nurturing our souls: 滋润灵魂 Grandma's chicken soup always feels like it's <u>nurturing our souls</u>, especially when we're sick.
- Spice things up: 增加佐料,提升风味(也指在生活里给一些事情增加趣味)
  Let's <u>spice things up</u> with some chili flakes to give this pasta <u>a kick</u>.
- Follow a recipe to a T: 一步一步严格跟着菜谱走
  When baking a cake, it's essential to <u>follow the recipe to a T</u> to get the perfect result.
- Whip something up: 快速利索地准备一顿饭
  I can <u>whip up</u> a delicious omelette <u>in no time</u> for a quick breakfast.

• Simmer down: 慢慢降温,小火炖(也指情绪慢慢降温) After <u>bringing the soup to a boil</u>, reduce the heat and let it <u>simmer</u> <u>down</u> for 20 minutes.

So, <u>the first person comes to my mind is my grandmother(第一个想到的是</u> <u>我的祖母)</u>. She <u>has this incredible knack for(非常有天赋于做某事)</u> cooking and making everybody happy with her food. She's <u>the real deal</u> in the kitchen.

My grandma mainly cooks Chinese cuisines. Oh man, she has so many <u>signature dishes</u> (拿手菜): from soup (烫) to stew (炖菜), from noodles to dumplings (饺子). Her duck soup is my favorite. It is <u>legendary (传奇的)</u>, <u>out of this world (美味无边际)</u>. It <u>tastes even better than those top-notch restaurants (比餐馆都好吃)</u>. I'm not even kidding (我没开玩笑). The flavors of ginger (生姜), garlic (大蒜), and <u>soy sauce (酱油)</u> dancing together: <u>it's like a party in your mouth (嘴里的 party)</u>. Especially when I feel cold and sick, her warm and tasty duck soup can always <u>lighten up my mood (点亮我的心情)</u> and <u>hit the spot (正中下怀, 给予我满足)</u>.

She loves cooking for her family, especially her grandchildren. My cousins and I all loved her food when we were little. We still do. <u>It's a shame that</u> (很遗憾) we don't visit her that often anymore <u>these days</u>(如今). But <u>from time to time</u>, we see her on holidays and someone's birthday. She still offers to <u>cook up a storm</u>(大烧特烧) for us, <u>even at the age of 80</u>.

<u>Moving on to</u> the reason why she loves cooking, well, it's not just about <u>satisfying our stomachs</u>; it's also about <u>nurturing our souls(滋养灵魂)</u>. She is and always will be the <u>caregiver(照料者)</u> in our big family. And

She always <u>puts family first(家庭第一)</u>. Cooking is <u>her way of showing</u> <u>love(是她展示爱的方式)</u>. I mean, when you've <u>had a long day(漫长一天过</u> <u>后)</u>, and you walk into her kitchen, the smell of the food will make you forget everything.

So, yeh, that's my grandma. Thank you for your time.

#### Part3:

1. What do we need to prepare when we need to cook?

So <u>the first thing we need to do</u> is to decide what kind of dish or dishes we want to make. And then, we need to gather all the necessary <u>ingredients and spices</u>(食材和香料). And next, we need to make sure that we have the proper <u>tools</u> and <u>utensils/cookers</u>(厨具) and <u>the recipe in</u> <u>hand</u>(手中有菜谱) which we can find either from a <u>cookbook</u>(烹饪书) or all the free recipes online. And finally, we can just start cooking by <u>following the steps</u>. That's the basic <u>prep work</u>(准备工作) for cooking.

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2. Do you agree that food is an important part of Chinese festivals and ceremonies?

Oh yeah for sure, I agree. This idea <u>applies to(适用到)</u> almost every culture <u>worldwide(全世界范围内的其他文化)</u> because food is essential to everyone's life, right? During Chinese festivals and traditional ceremonies, the <u>major theme(主题)</u> is always to <u>sit down at the same table</u>, and enjoy a scrumptious meal together(一起享受绝美的一餐). It's the perfect reason to <u>bring people together(把人团结到一起), celebrate the occasion</u> (庆祝场合), <u>practice gratitude(实践感恩)</u> and <u>enjoy each other's</u>

<u>company(享受陪伴)</u>. The delicious food makes the moment even more unforgettable. Food really <u>bonds people together</u>. (原因)

3. Which dishes are a must at festivals?

Wow it's really hard to answer this question because there are <u>countless</u> (数不清的) dishes served at festivals based on <u>different regions</u> and <u>specific celebrations</u>. What I can tell you is what are the must-haves on each festival. For example, during <u>Chinese New Year (春节)</u>, people must have <u>dumplings</u> as they <u>symbolize wealth and prosperity</u>; And during <u>the</u> <u>mid-autumn festival (中秋节)</u>, eating mooncakes is the must-do. And Mooncakes symbolize family <u>reunion and togetherness</u> (团圆, 在一起). And during <u>the Dragon Boat Festival (端午)</u>, people must have zongzi which are <u>pyramid-shaped rice dumplings (金字塔型的米饺子)</u> that are super tasty. So, it's really hard to <u>sum up (总结)</u>. (举例子)

4. Should students learn to cook at school?

I think schools can <u>offer cooking and baking courses as an option (提供烹</u> <u>饪课、烘焙课作为选择)</u> for students, not necessarily <u>a compulsory course</u> <u>(必修课)</u>, but <u>an elective one (可选的)</u>. I see cooking as a very useful <u>life</u> <u>skill (生活技能)</u> that most students (and to be honest, most people) should master. It can help students <u>develop a sense of independence (发</u> <u>展独立性)</u> and learn to eat healthy and also <u>on a budget (带预算吃饭过日</u> <u>子)</u>, Many parents are <u>of the opinion that (带这样的观点)</u>, for students, all they need to do and focus on is their <u>academic performance (学术表现)</u>. But <u>I don't see it that way (我不那么看)</u>. I see a school as a place that helps students <u>prepare for the future</u>. And the future includes being able to feed themselves and take care of themselves. So, I think it's a good idea for students to at least <u>have the option (有选择性)</u> to learn to cook at school. (让位驳斥)

5. Do you think cooking should be a compulsory or an elective course question why?

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6. Are there any differences between cooking today and in the past? Oh yeah 100%. There are huge differences between cooking today and in the past. Back in the days (过去), like my grandmother's generation, cooking was often more laboring-tense(重体力的) and <u>relying on open</u> flames(依赖明火). It was more time-consuming and energy-consuming (花时间、花精力). <u>Not to mention</u>, it required a lot of experience and techniques to make the food delicious. Let's just say (咱们就这么说吧), it wasn't something super easy or enjoyable. Whereas nowadays, I can say that cooking can almost be a fun thing to do. And even a cooking newbie (做饭新手) can make some good food <u>with the help of technology</u>. We have all the kitchen devices and technologies such as microwaves, ovens, grillers, blenders, mixers and even self-cooking machines. I'm not even joking(我可没开玩笑), sometimes I open a bottle of red wine(开一瓶红 ·酒), sipping my wine(小口抿着我的酒) while cooking. That's how relaxed I can be in the kitchen. So yeh, the difference is definitely day and night (白天黑夜之别). (时间分层)

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