Track 117

Ugly Food

Shoppers at farmers markets or grocery stores usually choose "perfect" food. They look for fruits and vegetables that they believe are the right shape and color. Some people don't want bananas with brown spots or apples that are too small. Some people don't like tomatoes that are different shapes.

Farmers throw away a lot of their fruits and vegetables because they aren't "perfect." Stores throw away more fruits and vegetables because nobody buys them. The reason is simple: farmers and grocery stores think that people don't want to buy "ugly food."

The United States wastes billions of tons of fresh fruits and vegetables every year. Some people are trying to change this. They want people to know that "ugly food" and "perfect food" taste the same. "Ugly" tomatoes make good tomato sauce. "Ugly" fruits make good smoothies. "Ugly" vegetables make good soups and salads.

At some grocery stores, you can buy "ugly food" at a lower price. At some farmers markets, you can wait until the end of the day when the market is quiet and pay a lower price for the food that other people did not choose. If people buy food that is not perfect, we can stop wasting good food.

Track 118

1. I'd like a hamburger.
2. He'd like tacos.
3. She'd like a garden salad.
4. I'd like a ham and swiss sandwich.
5. She'd like a soda.
6. He'd like ice cream.

Track 119

Narrator: Order 1

Server: Are you ready to order?

Customer 1: Yes, I'd like a tuna sandwich.

Server: Would you like anything to drink?

Customer 1: I'd like an iced tea, please.

Server: What would you like?

Customer 2: I'd like fish and chips.

Server: What would you like to drink?

Customer 2: I'd like an iced tea, too.

Narrator: Order 2

Server: Are you ready to order?

Customer 1: Yes, I'd like a cheeseburger.

Server: Would you like anything to drink?

Customer 1: Yes, I'd like a soda.

Server: And what would you like?

Customer 2: I'd like chicken soup and a chef's salad.

Server: Would you like a cup or a bowl of soup?

Customer 2: I'd like a cup.

Server: What would you like to drink?

Customer 2: I'd like a cup of coffee.

UNIT 11

Track 120

1. a front desk clerk
2. a babysitter
3. a busser
4. a cashier
5. a cook
6. an electrician
7. a housekeeper
8. a landscaper
9. a laundry worker
10. a manager
11. a plumber
12. a security guard
13. a manicurist
14. a server
15. a driver
16. a hair stylist

Track 121

A: What do you do?

B: I'm a manicurist in a salon.

A: Do you like your job?

B: Yes, I do. I like it very much.

A: Do you work in the day or in the evening?

B: I work in the day from nine o'clock to five o'clock.

A: Do you speak English at your job?

B: Yes, I do. Many of the customers speak English, and I like to talk to them.

A: Do you wear a uniform?

B: No, but I always wear an apron and gloves.

A: Do you receive benefits?

B: Yes, I do. I work full time, so I get good benefits.

A: That's great! Do you get tips?

B: Yes, I do. Sometimes I get big tips.

Track 122

1. Does he work full time? Does she work full time?
2. Does he wear a uniform? Does she wear a uniform?
3. Does he get benefits? Does she get benefits?
4. Does he like his job? Does she like her job?
5. Does he work at night? Does she work at night?

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Track 123

I'm a valet at a restaurant. I work in the evenings, and I park cars. I work part time, Thursday to Sunday. I work for five hours a night. We are very busy on Friday and Saturday nights because people like to eat out on the weekend. When the restaurant is busy, I park about sixty cars a night. I get a lot of tips. Most drivers give me two or three dollars.

Track 124

I'm a housekeeper at a hotel. I start work at nine o'clock in the morning, and I work until five o'clock. There are more than 200 rooms in the hotel, and I am in charge of the third floor. My coworker and I work together. We clean 20 to 30 rooms a day. We change about 40 beds. Most people leave a tip of three to five dollars a night.

Track 125

My name is Ricardo Lopez. I'm the evening manager of the Sunrise Hotel. The Sunrise Hotel is a big hotel with more than 200 rooms. There's a restaurant, a bar, and two swimming pools—one indoor and one outdoor. Many tourists stay here when they visit the city.

The Sunrise has about 100 employees. There are front desk clerks, valets, housekeepers, bellhops, landscapers, and restaurant employees. We have a van driver. He drives guests to and from the airport. And, we have an electrician and a plumber who make repairs. Many people like our restaurant because in the evening, we have a piano player and a singer.

We need people for all three shifts. People who work at night make one dollar more an hour than day employees. Some employees work full time, but we also have many part-time positions.

We are always looking for employees. The Sunrise is a friendly hotel, and it's a nice place to work. Most people like their hours, and the workers like the tips. Are you looking for a job? We have job openings now.

Track 126

1. What does Ricardo Lopez do?
2. Does the hotel have a pool?
3. Where does the van driver go?
4. Who makes repairs?
5. Do all employees work full time?
6. How many employees does the hotel have?

Track 127

1. Please clean rooms 371 and 374.
2. Could you park the cars for these guests, please?
3. Table Four needs more water and the dessert menu.
4. Do we have any empty rooms for Saturday?
5. Some of these towels are not clean. What kind of detergent are you using?
6. The air conditioner in Room 424 isn't working. Please check it.
7. Three guests need to get to the airport.
8. Clear and reset the tables near the window.

Track 128

A Pet-Friendly Hotel

If you have a dog or cat and want to travel to California, think about staying at a popular hotel in Coronado, San Diego. This beachfront hotel is one of the most pet-friendly hotels in the United States. The hotel allows guests to bring up to two cats or two dogs for just 100 dollars extra each night.

At the resort, pets enjoy their vacation just as much as their owners. Their vacation starts at reception, where the front desk clerk welcomes them with a special tag, a water bowl, and a treat. There is a special beach for dogs to run and swim. The surf instructor can also take them surfing! In each room, there is a map of dog-friendly walking areas. Owners will also find a special pet menu in their rooms. There is a cook at the resort who makes special dishes just for cats and dogs. Owners can also bring their pets to the hotel restaurant, where the servers provide them with a water bowl.

The hotel can also provide guests with extra services. Pet sitters take care of the cats and dogs if their owners want to spend an evening in the city. Dog walkers walk dogs if guests are tired. Dog groomers wash, shampoo, and cut dogs' hair. When it's time to leave the hotel, housekeepers carefully clean the room for the next guests and their four-legged friends.

Track 129

A: Hello. I'm calling about the job as a security guard.

B: Do you have any experience?

A: Yes. I was a security guard at a bank in Atlantic City for four years.

B: Can you come in for an interview?

A: Yes, I can.

B: We have appointments at ten o'clock and at noon. What time is good for you?

A: Ten o'clock is good.

B: Okay. What is your name, please?

A: My name is Brian Garcia.

B: Okay, Mr. García. See you at ten o'clock, and please bring two references.

A: Thank you. See you at ten.

UNIT 12

Track 130

Parts of the body:

1. head
2. ear
3. neck
4. arm
5. back
6. leg
7. hair
8. face

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