

Items in a Kitchen

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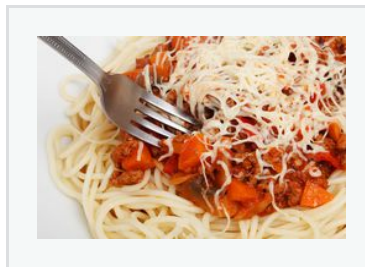
Utensils: Forks, Knives, and Spoons

By ReadWorks



Photograph of utensils

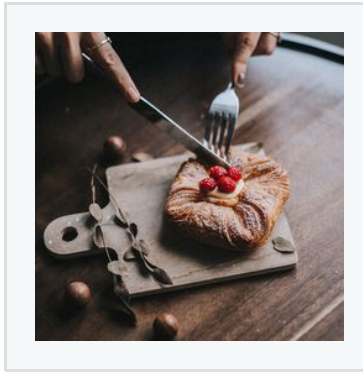
Forks, knives, and spoons are utensils. Utensils make it easier to eat food. Each utensil has a different job.



Photograph of fork in pasta

Forks are used to pick up food. Why do people pick up food? They pick up food to eat it!

Forks also help knives do their job. Knives are used to cut food. Forks keep the food in place when people are cutting it.



Photograph of person using a fork and knife

Like forks, spoons are used to pick up food. This food is different though. It is liquid. People drink or sip food from spoons.



Photograph of person using a spoon

Which utensil has the most important job?

A Freezer

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Illustration of a freezer

A freezer keeps food cold. The temperature inside of a freezer is 0 degrees or below. This temperature keeps food frozen.

What kinds of desserts need to stay frozen? Ice cream and popsicles! They need to stay in the freezer or else they will melt.



Photograph of an ice cream cone

Ice cubes need to stay in the freezer too! Just like popsicles and ice cream, ice cubes need to stay frozen. Can you think of what ice turns into when it melts? Water!



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Ice cubes

People also like to store food in the freezer. When food is frozen, it does not go bad. If people want to save food for a few weeks, they can freeze it!



Photograph of frozen berries

A Toaster

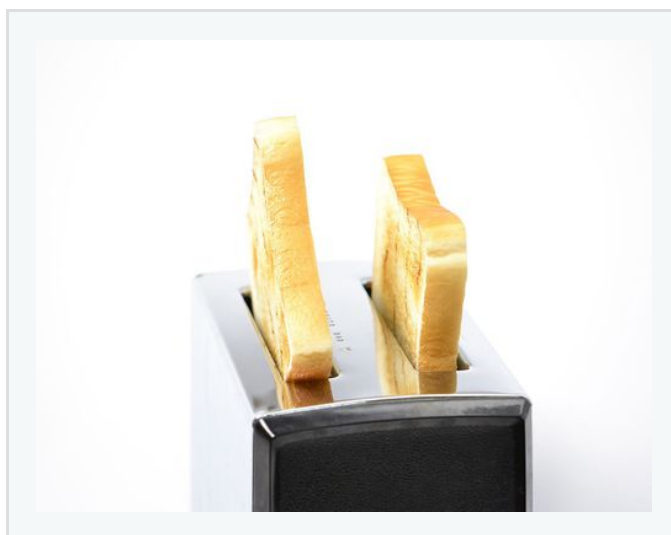
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Photograph of toast with butter

Toast is a very popular breakfast meal. People like to eat toast with butter. People like to eat toast with fruit jam. Some people even like to eat toast with chocolate!



Photograph of bread in a toaster

Making toast is easy. The first step is to cut a slice of bread. The next step is to put the bread in the toaster. The third step is to decide how long you want your bread in the toaster. Many toasters let you set a timer. When the timer goes off, the bread pops out!



Illustration of toast popping out of toaster

So how do toasters work? Inside the toaster, there are wires. Electricity makes these wires very hot. When the bread goes into the toaster, the wires heat up the bread.

Have you eaten toast before?

Measuring Cups & Spoons

By ReadWorks



Photograph of measuring cups

Measuring cups and spoons help chefs measure ingredients.
Ingredients are the parts of a dish.



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Photograph of measuring spoons set

Measuring cups and spoons come in sets or groups. There are between four and six cups in a set. The cups are different sizes.

Measuring spoons are smaller than measuring cups. There are between four and six spoons in a set.



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Photograph of measuring spoon and baking powder

How do chefs know which measuring cup or spoon to use? The recipe tells them! Many chefs follow the recipe for each dish. The recipe lists the ingredients in the dish. It also lists how much of an ingredient to use.

A Coffee Maker

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Illustration of a coffee maker

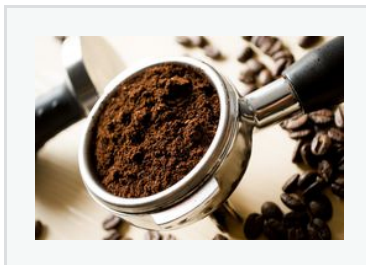
Do you know what a coffee maker does? It makes coffee! Coffee is a drink that wakes people up. Many people like to drink it in the morning.



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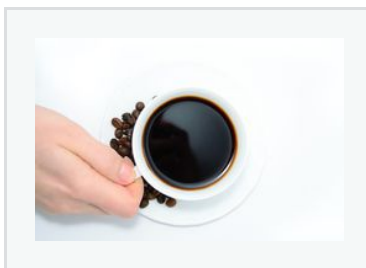
Photograph of coffee beans

Coffee is made from coffee beans. Coffee beans are not beans, however. They are fruit pits. The fruit is called a cherry. Cherries grow on plants in warm areas.



Photograph of coffee grinds

How do people turn coffee beans into coffee? There are a few steps. The first step is to add water to the coffee maker. The coffee maker will heat the water up. The next step is to grind the coffee beans into tiny pieces. The third step is to put the ground coffee into the coffee maker. In just a few minutes, you will have a cup of coffee!



Photograph of cup of coffee

Sponges

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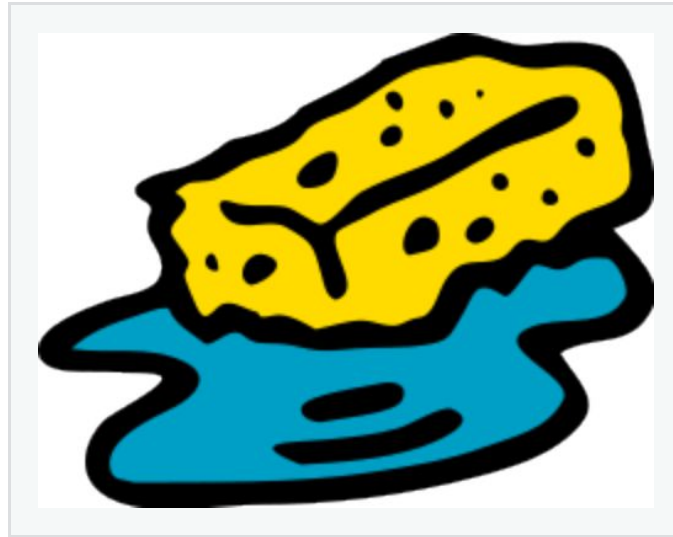


Illustration of sponge

People use sponges to clean their kitchens. People also use sponges to clean their dirty dishes.

Sponges have two different sides. One side is used for cleaning. People put soap and water on this side. This side has holes in it. These holes hold in water and soap.



Up-close photograph of a sponge

The other side of a sponge is tough. It is used for scrubbing. Sometimes food sticks to dirty dishes. This side of the sponge is good for scrubbing the food off.

When people are done using their sponges, they rinse them off. It is important to clean the sponge before using it again.