

Quiz topic: Cooking idioms

Many words used for food preparation can be used as idioms. Can you guess the correct verb to complete each idiom?

1. The police _____ her for hours about the murder.
a) chopped
b) washed
c) diced
d) grilled

2. The situation _____ over and soon people started shouting and fighting.
a) steamed
b) boiled
c) roasted
d) sliced

3. He sat in the corner, _____ with anger about the treatment he received from his boss.
a) washing
b) boiling
c) simmering
d) peeling

4. I just let him _____ for a few hours before I told him the news.
a) dry
b) smoke
c) stew
d) bake

5. Hey, _____ down and relax... getting angry about it won't help!
a) cook
b) simmer
c) steam
d) cut

6. I don't want to listen to any more of your half-_____ ideas. Come back when you have some ideas that aren't impractical and stupid.
a) baked
b) peeled
c) rinsed
d) mashed

ANSWERS

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1. The police _____ him for hours about the murder.

- a) chopped
- b) washed
- c) diced
- d) grilled**

a) Sorry, try again. Imagine the police standing 'over' him and questioning him in a heated way.

b) Sorry, try again. Imagine the police standing 'over' him and questioning him in a heated way.

c) Sorry, try again. Imagine the police standing 'over' him and questioning him in a heated way.

d) Correct! You can imagine the police standing over him and asking him questions in a heated way.

2. The situation _____ over and soon people started shouting and fighting.

- a) steamed
- b) boiled**
- c) roasted
- d) sliced

a) Sorry, try again. Hint: Which action can involve liquid spilling over the pan and creating a mess?

b) Correct! Imagine liquid boiling over and creating a mess!

c) Sorry, try again. Hint: Which action can involve liquid spilling over the pan and creating a mess?

d) Sorry, try again. Hint: Which action can involve liquid spilling over the pan and creating a mess?

3. He sat in the corner, _____ with anger about the treatment he received from his boss.

- a) washing
- b) boiling
- c) simmering**
- d) peeling

a) Sorry, this is not the correct answer. We usually associate anger with heat...

b) Sorry, this is not the correct answer. Boiling suggests something more aggressive and immediately noticeable.

c) Correct! You can imagine his anger but he is just managing to hide it.

d) Sorry, this is not correct. We usually associate anger with heat...

4. I just let him _____ for a few hours before I told him the news.
- a) dry
 - b) smoke
 - c) stew**
 - d) bake
- a) Sorry, this isn't correct. Which verb means 'to cook slowly'?
- b) Sorry, this isn't correct. Which verb means 'to cook slowly'?
- c) Correct! This means deliberately leaving someone to worry for a while.**
- d) Sorry, this isn't correct. Which verb means 'to cook slowly'?
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5. Hey, _____ down and relax... getting angry about it won't help!
- a) cook
 - b) simmer**
 - c) steam
 - d) cut
- a) Sorry, this isn't correct. Imagine someone turning down the heat a little bit under a boiling pan.
- b) Correct! 'Simmer down' means to calm down and 'reduce' your emotions.**
- c) Sorry, this isn't correct. Imagine someone turning down the heat a little bit under a boiling pan.
- d) Sorry, this isn't correct. Imagine someone turning down the heat a little bit under a boiling pan.
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6. I don't want to listen to any more of your half-_____ ideas. Come back when you have some ideas that aren't impractical and stupid.
- a) baked**
 - b) peeled
 - c) rinsed
 - d) mashed
- a) Correct! Well done, this is a natural expression which means an idea which is impractical or even stupid because it hasn't been thought through properly or for long enough.**
- b) Sorry, this isn't correct. Which verb means 'cook in an oven'?
- c) Sorry, this isn't correct. Which verb means 'cook in an oven'?
- d) Sorry, this isn't correct. Which verb means 'cook in an oven'?

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