

Listening Practice

Task 1: Listen to the conversation and complete the dialogue with the missing words and phrases.

Nick: Oh, good, we have some tomatoes.

Evan: Sorry, Nick. I don't like them.

Nick: Come on, Evan! Tomatoes are **really good for you**. I didn't like them much when I was a child, but I love them now.

Evan: Hmm - I didn't like a lot of things when I was a kid.

Nick: Oh - you were a picky eater! What didn't you like?

Evan: I didn't like any **green vegetables**.

Nick: Did you like **any** vegetables?

Evan: Only potatoes. I loved French fries.

Nick: What about fruit? Did you like fruit?

Evan: I liked **some fruit**, but not all. I didn't like bananas. I liked fruit juice. I drank apple juice.

Nick: And now you drink a lot of coffee!

Evan: Yeah - and tea. But I didn't like tea when I was a kid.

Nick: So what were your favorite foods?

Evan: I liked Ice cream, chocolate, chips, cookies, especially **chocolate cookies** - uh - you know, I liked all the usual things kids like.

Nick: All the **unhealthy** things!

Evan: I liked pasta too. Pasta with **tomato sauce**. I love that!

Nick: **Tomato sauce!**? But you don't like tomatoes.

Evan: Tomato sauce is different. Hey, let's not **eat in tonight**. Let's go out to Romano's.

Nick: Romano's - a great idea! It's my favorite Italian restaurant.

Task 2: Discuss these questions with your partners.

- Are you a "picky eater"? Why or why not?
- Do you know a person you consider to be a picky eater? What do they eat? What don't they eat?
- What kinds of food did you dislike when you were a child?
- Did your tastes (gustos) change when you grew up? How?
- What is your favorite restaurant to visit when you eat out? What do you like to order there?