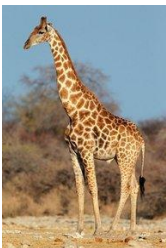


"Chicken Lips and Lizard Hips" (Bruce Springsteen)

1. Before you listen to the song, match the following names with the pictures: Chicken, Lizard, Elephant, Alligator, Shark, Monkey, Buzzard, Lion, Salamander, Rabbit, Giraffe and Camel



2. Listen to the song, and fill in the blanks with: (a) the simple past form of the verbs in brackets; (b) an animal; (c) a part of the body.

When I (1) _____ (be) a little kid
I never (2) _____ (like) to eat
Mom would put things on my (3) _____
And I'd dump 'em on her (4) _____
But then one day she (5) _____ (make) this soup
I (6) _____ (eat) it all in bed
I (7) _____ (ask) her what she put in it
And this is what she (8) _____ (say):

"Oh, chicken (9) _____ and lizard hips
 And alligator (10) _____
 (11) _____ legs and buzzard eggs
 And (12) _____ thighs
 Rabbit (13) _____ and camel rears
 And tasty (14) _____ pies
 Stir 'em all together
 And it's mama's soup surprise"

I (15) _____ (go) into the bathroom
 And I (16) _____ (stand) beside the sink
 I said, "I'm feeling slightly sick
 And I think I'd like a drink"

Mama said, "I've just the thing
 I'll get it in a wink
 It's full of lots of protein
 And vitamins, I think"

2. Put the events related in the song in the correct order.

- a) One day, the singer's mum made a dish he really liked. It was soup.
- b) When he was a little boy, the singer didn't like his mum's food and used to dump it on her feet
- c) The singer asked his mum what she had put in the soup.
- d) The singer went to the bathroom and threw up.
- e) The singer's mum revealed to his son the soup recipe.

3. Pronunciation. Check how the following vowels are pronounced. Then, classify the underlined vowels in the following box.

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I said, "I'm feeling slightly ill
And I think I'd like a drink"
Mama said, "I've just the thing
I'll get it in a wink
It's full of lots of protein
And vitamins, I think"
"Oh, chicken lips and lizard hips
And alligator eyes
Monkey legs and buzzard eggs
And salamander thighs
Rabbit ears and camel rears
And tasty toenail pies
Stir 'em all together
And it's mama's soup surprise"

4. Read the lyrics again and pay attention to the line endings. How do you pronounce the last syllable of the last word of each line? Are there any words that rhyme? What is the effect of rhyme?

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Mom would put things on my plate
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But then one day she made this soup
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I asked her what she put in it
And this is what she said:
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5. Match the following parts of the body and the definitions.

lip	a nail of one of the fingerlike parts at the end of the foot
leg	the organ of hearing, including the outer part on either side of the head.
toenail	either of the two fleshy parts or folds forming the outside edges of the mouth
ear	a part of the leg, between the hip and the knee.
thigh	The two lower limbs of an animal (or human being) that support and move the body.
eye	The organ of sight;a pair of rounded bodies in the skull with muscles and nerves.

6. Answer the following questions:

- a. Do you sympathize with the singer, or with his mum? Why?
- b. In pairs, share a childhood anecdote related to food. Use past tenses.
- c. What's your favourite dish? When did you first try it?

7. Let's get creative! In pairs, write a short paragraph describing how you made/help someone prepare an easy dish/cake.