

My Kitchen

Introduction: The kitchen is the heart of the home. It's where the family gets together for the important things in life - food, conversation, and celebration. Three women from around the world invite us into their kitchens. Penny Rogers reports.

The Interview

- 1) How much is your house worth?
 - a) About \$80,000.
- 2) How big is it?
 - a) It's not very big. It's my little corner of the house. It's where I belong, and where I'm happiest.
- 3) ...
 - a) 129 square feet.
- 4) ... What's your favorite thing?
- 5)
 - a) My cabinets are full of different Italian herbs.
- 6) ...How much do you spend in the kitchen?
 - a) About four hours every day. And the same in the garden.
- 7) ...How many meals do you cook a day
 - a) Three. For the three of us, and whoever comes by - friends, relatives. My family is the most important thing to me. I want grandchildren!
- 8) ...What's in your fridge and cabinets?
- 9)
 - a) Vegetables, water, milk, eggs, cheese, ham, sausages, lemonade, butter, pasta, canned tomatoes, beans, honey, and homemade jam.
- 10) ...
 - a) Nothing. I have all I need.
- 11) ... Who helps you?
 - a) My daughter helps sometimes. My husband wouldn't dream of it, and I wouldn't want him to..
- 12) ... How often do you sit down to eat together as a family?
 - a) Twice a day.
- 13) ... How much do you spend on groceries every week?
 - a) I grow my own vegetables, and we have chickens and rabbits, so I only spend about \$50 a week. But there is a drought this year.
- 14) ... What is your kitchen like?
 - a) My garden, my orchard, and my olive trees.

Task 1: Read the introduction to My Kitchen at the top of page 1. Do you agree that it is the heart of the home? Is it where your family gets together?

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| (A) **What's in your fridge and cabinets?
(B) What's your favorite thing?
(C) ** How much is your house worth?
(D) What would make your life easier in the kitchen?
(E) What can you see from your kitchen windows? | (G) How many meals do you cook a day?
(H) ** Who helps you?
(I) How often do you sit down to eat together as a family?
(J) How much do you spend on groceries every week?
(K) **How big is it? |
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(F) What is your kitchen like?	(L) **How much time do you spend in the kitchen?
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Task 2: Read the questions in the box and match them with the answers in the interview above. Copy/paste each question next to the number where it makes the most sense. When you finish, tell your teacher and he will give you the answer key.

Task 3: Answer the questions.

1. What does she do?
a. ...
2. What does her husband do?
a. ...
3. Where does she live?
a. ...
4. What's her house like?
a. ...
5. How does she feel about her kitchen?
a. ...
6. Is her life easy or difficult?
a. ...
7. What does her family eat?
a. ...
8. Does she seem to be happy?
a. ...
9. What do you think she worries about?
a. ...

Task 4: Now you will separate into different groups and compare the people you read about. Get ready to explain the most important details to the other groups.