

Verbal Hors d'oeuvres

Set 1

The idiomatic expressions ingrained in our language enable us to communicate with a liveliness that would be impossible without them. Our love of verbal games adds color, sound, action, and run-away visuals to our everyday speech. We have managed to mix food into our vocabulary, making it tasty as well.

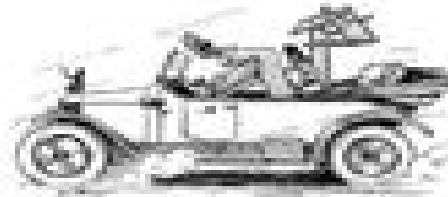
Each of the following sentences requires the addition of the name of a food. Write the correct missing word in the blank.

Warning: This activity could upset your appetite and cause you to read a whole novel.

Example

My brother is a shameless _____ behind the wheel. He should be banned from driving forever.

Answer: hot dog



- _____ 1. I bragged that my favorite team would win the tournament. Now I have to eat humble _____.
- _____ 2. The science test was a piece of _____. I knew every question.
- _____ 3. Dad drove the SUV over my bicycle and smashed it as flat as a _____.
- _____ 4. Mr. Kirby packed us on the bus like _____ and then took us on a wonderful bug-hunting expedition in the park.
- _____ 5. Grandpa tells one _____ joke after another, but he always makes me laugh.
- _____ 6. My parents call each other "_____." If the bees knew, would they approve?
- _____ 7. Last one in the pool is a rotten _____!
- _____ 8. Instead of giving a normal oral report like everybody else, Jamal decided to _____ it up. He was a hit.
- _____ 9. My whole family was in a _____ over the lost keys until I spotted them hanging in the car's ignition.
- _____ 10. Outmaneuvering my sister in a game of chess is like taking _____ from a baby.
- _____ 11. If you want to drive Mr. Roland _____, go to his desk and say "I don't have no pencil. Can I borrow one?"
- _____ 12. An afternoon without homework is just my cup of _____.
- _____ 13. Calvin's new joke laid an _____, but I'm sure he'll have another one by tomorrow.
- _____ 14. If you don't study, you won't know _____ about tomorrow's history test.