

Video zone – How to chop an onion

Instructions

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do Task 1. You can also read the transcript.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary	Definition
1. to guide	a. to cut
2. a stalk	b. to cut into small square pieces
3. to slice	c. to direct
4. to score	d. a part of a plant where the roots begin
5. a heel	e. to cut into a thin piece
6. to dice	f. to mark a line into the surface
7. to discard	g. to throw away
8. to chop	h. a stem of a plant

Task 1 – Reorder the sentences

Write a number (1–8) to put the sentences in order.

.....	Throw away the stalk.
.....	Hold the partially sliced onion together and start to slice through.
.....	Place the flat side down.
.....	Then halve the onion.
.....	Don't cut all the way through, only score it.
.....	Slice the onion from the side using a finger to guide the knife.
.....	First, cut the top off the onion.
.....	At the end push the onion away, then chop the last bits.

Discussion

Do you like cooking? Do you think that learning to cook is a useful skill?

Transcript

Food busker: Hi, guys! I'm going to show you how to finely dice an onion. Top the onion. Then slice the onion in half. Place it down. Don't put your knife down like this, put it in at the side and using this finger as a guide to place the knife in each time. Make sure that the hand is like this. That way you won't chop off your fingers because the knife runs off the finger. The heel holds the whole onion together. You're not cutting all the whole way through, slice all the way round. Score it through. Holding the whole onion together using your finger as a guide, start slicing through. When you get to the end push the onion away, drop it down. So that you can get these last bits of onion here. And discard the stalk or use it in stocks. So that's how to finely dice an onion. If you want any more tips then click on the link.

Answers

Preparation

1. c
2. h
3. e
4. f
5. d
6. b
7. g
8. a

Task 1 – Reorder the sentences

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- 6
- 3
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- 4
- 1
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