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Stéréotrip - English Food by Paul TAYLOR

How much do you remember after watching the video?

1. Classify these stereotypes by order of importance

- # English food is disgusting
- # English music is the best in the world
- # if it's not tea time it's beer o'clock
- # the English are all obsessed with the royal family
- # the English are all way too polite

2. Say whether the following are displayed/mentioned in the video or not. Cross out the ones that are not

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| a crusty top | jellied eels |
| a pudding bottom | jelly |
| baguette | kebabs |
| beer | lager |
| big chunks of meat | lasagna |
| Boiling water | lemonade |
| brandy | lettuce |
| butter | marmelade |
| camembert | Marmite |
| foie Gras | mashed potatoes |
| cabbage | milk |
| carbs | marmelade |
| cheddar | minced meat |
| cheese | paella |
| cheesy tuna fish pasta | parsley sauce |
| chicken tikka masala | pancakes |
| coffee | pie and mash |
| Coke | rice |
| dessert | roast beef |
| fish and chips | sausages |
| full English breakfast | steak and kidney |
| grapes | tea |
| gravy | venison pudding |
| ham | wine |
| Indian food | |

3. Find adjectives or nouns you could hear that describe English food

4. Find jobs that are mentioned or evoked

5. What is these people's favourite food? See list underneath

Paul Taylor –	tourists –
David Beckam –	builders/working-class people –
The Queen –	miners and dockers –
A hooligan/lout –	Alex (joke!) –
The English –	soldiers –

beer / chicken tikka massala / full English breakfast / jellied eels / Marmite / meat / pasta / pie and mash / roast beef / tea

6. Paul's mum's ingredients for her recipe

7. How would you describe Paul? (not physically!)

8. Finish up the sentences

Paul Taylor was born in
9 years ago, he moved to
He is famous for his TV program
The test you take to acquire British citizenship is called
He wants to rip up his British passport because
The people who helped Paul find 5 stereotypes are
We understand that the 3 people Paul has invited for his documentary are in fact
To lead his enquiry, he decides to first pay a visit to
It turns out that Paul's mum is not a good
Alex, the French cameraman, pretends he likes Marmite just because
The city where you will most find pie and mash is
Paul makes a joke about the number of English restaurants in London which is
His French friends have a nickname for Paul, they call him le

9. Vocabulary from the video

se moquer de	tourte et purée
échouer	goûter
déchirer	un pub au hasard
poli	vomir
un documentaire	nourrir, donner à manger à
grossier	attaque !
rendre visite à	Bon appétit !
incompris	les classes populaires
cuisiner	des glucides
la cuisine (activité)	servir
la cuisine (pièce)	les étrangers
un cuisinier (personne)	couler, sombrer
la cuisinière (objet)	gueule de bois
un plat	sincère
carburant	chronophage
remplir un trou, combler un vide	fier
un ménage	de la viande

10. Did you like the video?

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Kebabs
lager
Lasagna
lemonade
lettuce
Marmelade
Marmite
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milk
marmelade
minced meat
paella
parsley sauce
pancakes
pie and mash
rice
roast beef
sausages
steak and kidney
tea
venison pudding
wine

3. Find adjectives or nouns you could hear that describe English food

disgusting – shit – terrible – bad – very good - awful – pretty rotten - already been eaten – wonderful

4. Find jobs that are mentioned or evoked

historian / sociologist / comedian / cameraman / restaurant-owner / cab drivers / builders / dockers / miners / football player / cook (restaurant) / You Tuber

5. What is these people's favourite food? See list underneath

Paul Taylor – pasta

David Beckham – jellied eels
 The Queen – tea
 A hooligan/lout – beer
 The English – chicken tikka massala/Indian food
 tourists - full English breakfast
 builders/working-class people – pie and mash
 miners and dockers – meat
 Alex (just being polite) – marmite
 soldiers – roast beef

6. Paul's mum's ingredients for her recipe

pasta – tuna fish – boiling water – cheese - milk

7. How would you describe Paul? (not physically!)

interesting, curious, funny, hilarious, pedagogical, mocking, ...

8. Finish up the sentences

Paul Taylor was born in	Canterbury, England	
9 years ago, he moved to	Paris, France	
He is famous for his TV program	What the Fuck France	
The test you take to acquire British citizenship is called		the British Citizen Test
He wants to rip up his British passport because		he failed the test
The people who helped Paul find 5 stereotypes are		his followers
We understand that the 3 people Paul has invited for his documentary are in fact		3 friends
To lead his enquiry, he decides to first pay a visit to		his mum
It turns out that Paul's mum is not a good		cook
Alex, the French cameraman, pretends he likes Marmite just because		he's being polite
The city where you will most find pie and mash is		London
Paul makes a joke about the number of English restaurants in London		1
His French friends have a nickname for Paul, they call him le		rosbif

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échouer	fail	goûter	taste
déchirer	rip up	un pub au hasard	a random pub
poli	polite	vomir	throw up
un documentaire	a documentary [,dɒkju'mentəri]	nourrir, donner à manger à	feed
grossier	rude	attaque !	Dig in!
rendre visite à	pay a visit to	Bon appétit !	Enjoy your meal
incompris	misunderstood	les classes populaires	working-class people
cuisiner	cook	des glucides	carbs
la cuisine (activité)	cooking	servir	serve
la cuisine (pièce)	kitchen (Brian)	les étrangers	foreigners
un cuisinier (personne)	cook	couler, sombrer	sink
la cuisinière (objet)	cooker	gueule de bois	hangover
un plat	a dish	sincère	honest
carburant	fuel	chronophage	time-consuming
remplir un trou, combler un vide	fill a hole	fier	proud
un ménage	a household	de la viande	meat

Welcome to my home country of England or as the rest of the world call it “Good afternoon your majesty, it's tea time. After you “ or “Fuck off, mate. Let's have a pint”

[Music]

Ah, it's the one you've all been waiting for, after five other episodes in five other countries it's now time for me to make fun of my own country stereotypes. But before we do that, I've got a little confession to make: because I've been living in France for nine years I feel a little less British than I used to. So before coming here I decided to take a British citizenship test, fuck me. The British citizenship test. British citizens it's a fucking cunt bag.

British citizen Welcome to vlog 100.

Took the British citizenship test for my You Tube channel and here's what happens. Are you ready for the results? Oh, fuck. I failed the test. Means I can take this British passport and fucking rip it up.

Clearly, I don't know my country as well as I thought, so I asked you on social media to help me out with the stereotypes. So, go crazy, go wild, don't be so racist. Okay? And you didn't let me down, people. In fact, most of your comments were hilarious. Here is your top 5.

#1 the English are all way too polite

#2 the English are all obsessed with the royal family

#3 English food is disgusting

#4 English music is the best in the world

and #5, if it's not tea time it's beer o'clock.

So there you have it and in order to help me on my mission, here are the three experts that are helping me throughout the documentary: Patrick who's a historian, Lisa who's a sociologist and my good friend Ian who's a comedian.

Ian / Paul

- Right, I'm Ian Moore. I'm an English stand-up comedian and Paul, you're a twat

- Oh, whoa-whoa-whoa; Ian, you're being really rude. I thought English people were supposed to be polite and in order to find out, why, I'm off to learn how to say hello.

[Music]

Welcome to my hometown of Canterbury. Now we couldn't talk about English food being disgusting without me showing you the food that I grew up with. So I thought it would be a good idea to pay my mum a visit. She just lives here, she doesn't know that we're coming, so let's see what happens.

[Music]

Pauls' mum / Paul

- Oh my God.

- What's going on? And you how are you?

- Oh my God.

- Right, so mother, we need to talk about food in England, so I thought I'd come and see you and well we'd find out. First of all what you've got in your kitchen. So, you got, well, cheddar. Clearly we've got some cheddar over here. We've got butter, grapes. Grapes is good. You got baguette. Is this what you call a baguette mum?

- You should have brought some over from France because the baguettes here are ..

- I can kill someone with this Check this out.

Paul / Patrick

- Third stereotype is that English food is shit, is terrible.

- There is a lot of really bad food in England. I mean, I think I think you have to say that's true, you know. We've all had so much bad food in this country, so we know the joke's justified.

Paul : Oh classic jelly, look at that.

Lisa : I think that our English food is misunderstood, and I think that other countries in Europe totally misunderstand it.

Paul : Marmite, classic Marmite. Look at that beautiful brown shit. What are you doing?

Mum : They have got to taste marmite. Have a bit.

[Music]

Paul : Alors?

Cameraman (Alex) : It's okay. Very good.

Mum : "He likes that"

Paul : "He's being polite"

Paul / Paul's mum

- Reason I came honestly, is because I wanted you to cook me the dish that I loved growing up.
- Cheesy tuna fish pasta.
- Cheesy tuna fish pasta.
- Okay, let's do this. Now, it just takes two minutes to make.
- It takes two minutes to make, yeah
- That's why I made it for you
- Yes that's what you made it for me.
- Tagliatelle

Ian : There's a different attitude to food in England than you have in France. In the UK food is just fuel.

Paul / Paul's mum

- Ah, you're putting boiling water in
- Yeah
- Why?
- Cuz it makes it even faster than two minutes.

Ian : When I was growing up, you would say of a good meal : "Well that filled a hole" and that was how you regarded food.

Paul's mum / Paul

- Where's the cheese?
- The cheese is over here
- Now, I think you have to be brought up and learning how to cook. My mom never taught me how to cook. Ever
- So then you never taught me how to cook
- No. Can you give me some milk?
- Some milk?
- Yeah. There must be English people in this country that can cook.
- Have you met anyone? Any English people that can cook?
- No

Patrick : We have lost in a sense a tradition of how to eat in the home. It's only a minority of households that do that anymore.

Ian : I think we have this kind of Protestant Northern Europe work ethic that if you spend any time over the meal that you shouldn't be spending, you're not working hard enough. It's just not important to us.

Paul / Paul's mum

- Yes mate.

- Taste it and tell me what you think
- You're burning that now
- Oh get out of this kitchen. Would anyone else like a little bowl? Alex?
- Oh poor Alex. Mum when will this torture end? I have to admit though cheesy tuna pasta isn't exactly English cuisine. If you were to name typical English food dishes what are they, mum?
- Indian
- What else?
- Kebabs

Patrick : You know yeah it is said the most popular dish in England is chicken tikka masala.

Paul : What? The most popular food is Indian food. Is our traditional food really that awful?
Well let me say bye to my mum first and we'll find out.

- I've got to see some other people. I love you too. I'll see you later bye

[Music]

Restaurant owner / Paul

So I'm back up here in London to try some proper English food but I didn't want to be a tourist and go to a club, so I've come to a proper pie and mash shop.

- The Pie and Mash is a very London thing, you wouldn't see anywhere else.
- Right, okay and if you were to describe it to people who have never tasted it before?
- It's a pudding bottom, a crusty top, minced meat with mashed potatoes and parsley sauce.

Paul / Ian

- Tourists come to London
- Yeah
- and wanting English food they go to a random pub
- Yeah
- and I think they go back and they go "well, this is shit."
- Well that's the thing, the pub food is generally pretty rotten.

Anyway there's no fish and chips here. Just pie and mash but they also serve an interesting side dish which you have to try : jellied eels. Oh don't throw up on me just yet because this speciality has been feeding the East End of London for generations and generations. Time to dig in.

Now the French people that are watching us will be going "oh my god this is just a mess on a plate.

Paul : It just looks like a pile of stuff mixed together.

Lisa : Yeah, yeah. And it is.

Patrick : It looks as if it's already been eaten.

Paul / Restaurant-owner

- Who would traditionally eat pie and mash?
- Some who've just finished their night-shift. The traditional black cabbie eat and then you get the builders through lunchtime period which is quite working-class,
- proper East End working class

Lisa : You know the Industrial Revolution started here. People that worked in the docks, worked down the mines and what do they need? They need carbs, big chunks of meat. So I don't think our food is bad. I think it kept the English nation going.

Paul / lady / restaurant-owner

- Jellied eels. Let's see what it goes.
- David Beckham, he eats two pounds of this.
- Yeah, David Beckham. Well, if David Beckham eats that, it can't be that bad, right?

What's interesting is that wherever you go in the world you find an Italian restaurant, a Thai restaurant but you never see any English restaurants anywhere.

Patrick : I can't say if there are really. I can't think of any either. Food sophistication, which is what you need if you're going to charge a price, is absolutely not English.

Yeah maybe but I was determined to find an English restaurant in London that didn't serve me food that looked like it had already been eaten and I found one, it's called 'the English restaurant'. It's just one.

Paul / Kay (lady restaurant-owner)

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| - Hi | most, |
| - Hello | - It's the classic. The impression that foreigners have is |
| - Okay, there is an English restaurant in London. | that we eat this thing everyday |
| - There is. We're it. | - Oh yeah We don't, do we? |
| - You are it. You are the only one | - How often would you eat an English breakfast? |
| - Well, there are a few more. | - Once a year |
| - Oh, wow. Wonderful, I love it | - Once a year |
| - The full English breakfast is the thing that we sell | - Yeah. |

Ian : If everybody was actually getting up and having that in the morning this whole island would sink.

Lisa / Paul

- I think that's one of our greatest exports.
- Why do you think it's so good?
- Because it's great for an hangover.

Paul / Kay

- I'll be honest, I've never tasted venison pudding before.
- It takes hours to cook. I think English cooking is particularly time-consuming. And you know, you do need to have the skills.
- And what would you typically have at home?
- Indian cooking

Paul / Patrick

- So did we ever have the culture of cooking in the UK?
- If you look hard and far back, you do find there is a strong tradition of quite plain good English food. During for example when the French and the English were fighting, Napoleon, the English got the name of roast beef. Roast beef it was because, yeah because they were so proud of the fact that they had all this beef to eat.
- I've always wondered why my French friends called me Le Rosbif and now I know it's because we had a lot of it back in the day. Hopefully at some point English food will make a comeback.

Kay / Paul

- Let's have another look at what the English kitchen has got to offer because I think there's a lot there that people don't really appreciate
- One of the things that you don't have to defend so often is our music
- Absolutely
- Which is the next stereotype is that English music is the best in the world