



## Assessment #3i. Cooking (Part 1)

Do you like cooking? [Why/Why not?]  
How often do you cook? [Why/Why not?]  
How important is it for a person to learn how to cook? [Why?]  
Do you ever cook for other people? [Why/Why not?]



Read the example below. Take note of the preparation and assessment feedback comment. To listen on the AlyIELTS.com website, [click here](#).

**English Teacher:** Do you like cooking?

**Darby Laai:** I do.

**English Teacher:** Why?

**Darby Laai:** I think I would have to say the reason is that I find it relaxing.

**English Teacher:** How often do you cook?

**Darby Laai:** Hmmm...let's see...I suppose about 4 or 5 times a week.

**English Teacher:** Why?

**Darby Laai:** I guess it's because I just don't have time to cook more than that. You see, I often cook a big meal and then have the leftovers the next day.

**English Teacher:** How important is it for a person to learn how to cook?

**Darby Laai:** Extremely important. Especially vegetarian food.

**English Teacher:** Oh? Why?

**Darby Laai:** I think I would have to say that it is because eating out can be really expensive. Especially for these fancy vegetarian girls these days...And there comes a time when everybody is short of money...kind of like all my artist friends...so cooking is a good skill to have.

**English Teacher:** Uh huh...Ah hem...Well then ok...Do you ever cook for other people?

**Darby Laai:** From time to time yeah.

**English Teacher:** Why?

**Darby Laai:** I suppose it's because it's just fun to have people over and enjoy a meal together. Ummm...are there any other ways to say "have people over"? I heard it on TV and I was wondering about that.

**English Teacher:** Good question....but better to write that down and prepare that question for either




the beginning of the live class or for after the training session.

**Darby Laai:** Ummm...ok. Fair enough I'll do that.

**English Teacher:** Let's move on to the feedback comment...You used an alternative expression for the yes/no question, which was natural and meaningful. Put more stress on the word "do" in your first answer.

## Preparation Feedback Comment

 Asking questions about different ways to say things during the assessment task takes away from your focus on the feedback comment. If you know that you want to say it during the task, prepare beforehand.

## Assessment Feedback Comment



You used an alternative expression to "Yes" or "No" that was natural and meaningful.



You used alternative expressions for "Yes" and "No", but you might consider focusing on picking the right expression to match your meaning before moving forward.



If you only use simple responses to yes/no questions, you will lose the opportunity to show a range of vocabulary to the interviewer.