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Do you think children should learn how to cook in school?

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**Sample 1:** Yes - they should and not only the girls. I don't think it should take up too much school time as students have so many things to do these days but it should certainly be offered by schools. I guess it could be optional because if you make something compulsory people will hate it.

It is useful to use words that clearly express your opinion: “I don't think it should ...”, “it should certainly ...” and “I guess it could ...”.

**Sample 2:** No. School children have so many subjects to study and so many projects to complete that there is no time for cooking classes. I think it's old-fashioned to ask kids to learn how to cook because they can watch how things are done by watching cooking programs on television or downloading video clips from the web.

If you disagree with an idea, always make sure you explain your viewpoint and offer an alternative suggestion.