

Talking about a text

Jamie Oliver – The Naked Chef

- At 31, Jamie Oliver is already a star in the British food scene. He's called "The Naked Chef" – not because he takes his clothes off when he cooks, but because he thinks food preparation should be kept simple. "Strip it down and get to the
- 5 basics" is Oliver's motto.
- A pub owner's son from Clavering in Essex, Oliver has produced four best-selling cookery books. After attending catering college in London, he went on to work at two of London's best Italian restaurants, including the famous River Café. By chance, a TV documentary film crew made a programme that showed
- 10 Oliver working in the kitchen there.
- Within a week he had a handful of offers for his own TV show. It was cool. It showed Oliver driving round London's markets on his Vespa before going back to his flat to cook for his friends.
- The Naked Chef* TV series and books followed, as well as advertising contracts
- 15 and a column in *The Sunday Times*. Oliver has even put his name on *Cookin'*, a CD collection of his favourite music for the kitchen.
- Oliver's recipes have turned a new, young and cool generation on to the pleasures of good food. In real life, Oliver is much like his TV persona – charming, funny and enthusiastic.

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turn sb. on to sth. – jmdm. Lust auf etwas machen (adapted from Spotlight)

Reading

- 8 Why is Jamie Oliver called "The Naked Chef"? 1
- 9 Describe how Jamie Oliver got his own TV show. 2
- 10 Name three more of Oliver's projects apart from the TV show. 3
- 11 Which of his projects do you like best and why? 2
- 12 What's the difference between Oliver on TV and in real life? 1

Use of English

- 13 What's the opposite of *to take off* ones clothes? (line 2) 1
- 14 Replace the participle in this sentence: *After attending catering* 2
college, he went on to work at two Italian restaurants. (line 6)
- 15 Give a definition for *restaurant*. (line 8) 2
- 16 Rephrase the following sentence without using *favourite*: 2
This is his *favourite* music. (line 16)