



CHOPSTICKS - ANCIENT & MODERN

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PDF 2: Varied Speaking Activities

Activity 1: Image Discussion (Pairs)

Look at the image and discuss:

- What differences do you see between the “Ancient” and “Modern” sides?
- Which scene looks more relaxing?
- Would you feel comfortable eating with chopsticks in the modern restaurant?
- What do you like most about the image?

Activity 2: Would You Rather...? (Groups)

1. Would you rather eat with chopsticks every day or with a spoon and fork?
2. Would you rather use beautiful traditional chopsticks or cheap disposable ones?
3. Would you rather learn to use chopsticks perfectly or invent a new eating tool?
4. Would you rather eat traditional Chinese food or modern fusion food?

Activity 3: Design Your Dream Chopsticks + "Which One?" Challenge

Part A: Design

In pairs, design the ultimate pair of chopsticks for the future.

Decide:

- Material (bamboo, metal, smart plastic, recycled material, etc.)
- Special features (temperature control, easy-grip, built-in fork/spoon, LED light, self-cleaning, etc.)
- Design and colors
- Give them a cool name

Part B: Present & Pros/Cons

Present your creation to the class.

While other groups are presenting, the listening students fill in this table:

| Chopstick Invention | Pros (+) | Cons (-) |
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| (Name of the invention) | | |
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After all presentations, have a short class discussion:

Which chopsticks would you actually like to use in real life? Why?

Activity 4: Role-Play Prompts (Numbered)

Close your eyes and point to a number (1–8). Act it out:

1. You are teaching a foreign friend how to use chopsticks.
2. You are in a Chinese restaurant and drop your chopsticks many times. Ask for help.
3. You accidentally stick your chopsticks in rice. Your Chinese friend reacts.
4. You are explaining the history of chopsticks to your classmates.
5. A tourist is struggling with chopsticks. Help them politely.
6. You are a chopsticks manufacturer presenting new eco-friendly chopsticks.
7. Two friends argue about the best way to hold chopsticks.
8. You are inviting someone to try chopsticks for the first time.

Activity 5: Quick Reflection

Answer one:

- Do you like using chopsticks? Why or why not?
- What is the most difficult thing about using chopsticks?
- Would you like to learn more about other countries' eating customs?