

Italian restaurant named as best in the world

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A restaurant in the city of Modena, Italy, has been named as the best restaurant in the world. The restaurant Osteria Francescana was crowned number one at the World's 50 Best Restaurants awards ceremony in New York. The ceremony is like the

Oscars of the food world. Italian food is loved worldwide, but surprisingly, this is the first time an Italian eatery has won the annual prize. The Osteria Francescana came second in 2015 and third in 2013 and 2014. The chef and owner of the Osteria Francescana is Mr Massimo Bottura. He was very emotional on stage when he collected the award. He said: "I want to thank everyone because it has been so hard. Our job is all about art...in the kitchen."

Winning the award has been good for business. The Osteria Francescana is fully booked until November. Anyone who wants to eat there must make a reservation six months in advance. Customers will now fly to Italy just to eat at Mr Bottura's restaurant. The competition judges gave Bottura the award for his creative and original food and traditional ingredients. In particular, Bottura makes amazing shapes with cheese and creates, "forms and textures most diners will never have previously experienced." One of his best-known dishes is a dessert called, "Oops, I Dropped the Lemon Tart". This is a pastry that the chef drops from half a metre and smashes on the plate.

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Writing

Cooking is the greatest and most difficult art there is. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

restaurant / awards / ceremony / Italian food / annual / owner / emotional / art / winning / business / reservation / competition / ingredients / dishes / dessert / lemon

True / False

- An Italian restaurant in Medina is the best restaurant of 2016. T / F
- The restaurant was top of a list of 50 restaurants. T / F
- It is the third time an Italian restaurant has won this award. T / F
- The chef said his job is to create art in the kitchen. T / F
- Winning the award has not been good for the chef's business. T / F
- People need to book 24 hours ahead to get a table at the restaurant. T / F
- The chef creates amazing shapes with cheese. T / F
- The chef drops a lemon tart from 50 cm onto a plate. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. restaurant | a. booking |
| 2. like | b. amazingly |
| 3. surprisingly | c. shapes |
| 4. annual | d. completely |
| 5. award | e. eatery |
| 6. fully | f. recipes |
| 7. reservation | g. prize |
| 8. in advance | h. similar to |
| 9. forms | i. ahead |
| 10. dishes | j. yearly |

Discussion – Student A

- What is your favourite restaurant and why?
- What is the world's best food?
- What is the best restaurant in your town?
- What do you think of restaurants?
- What's the worst restaurant you've been to?
- Which country do you think has the worst cuisine?
- Have you ever won an award?
- What is it about cooking that makes it an art?

Phrase Match

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| 1. crowned | a. of the food world |
| 2. The ceremony is like the Oscars | b. hard |
| 3. an Italian eatery has won the | c. six months in advance |
| 4. it has been so | d. been good for business |
| 5. Our job is all about art | e. number one |
| 6. Winning the award has | f. is a dessert |
| 7. fully | g. ingredients |
| 8. make a reservation | h. in the kitchen |
| 9. original food and traditional | i. booked |
| 10. One of his best-known dishes | j. annual prize |

Discussion – Student B

- What is your cooking like?
- What things are important in a good restaurant?
- What do you like most about eating in restaurants?
- Would you like to go to the award-winning restaurant?
- What do you think it is like to be a chef?
- How important is the presentation of food?
- What do you think of the dessert mentioned in the article?
- What questions would you like to ask Massimo Bottura?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. d	7. a	8. i	9. c	10. f

Role Play

Role A – Italian
 You think Italian food is the world's best cuisine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their food. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): Mexican food, Lebanese food or Japanese food.

Role B – Mexican
 You think Mexican food is the world's best cuisine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their food. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): Italian food, Lebanese food or Japanese food.

Role C – Lebanese
 You think Lebanese food is the world's best cuisine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their food. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): Mexican food, Italian food or Japanese food.

Role D – Japanese
 You think Japanese food is the world's best cuisine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their food. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): Mexican food, Lebanese food or Italian food.

Speaking – Cuisines

Rank these cuisines with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Italian | • Japanese |
| • Thai | • French |
| • Mexican | • Indian |
| • Lebanese | • Chinese |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.