

## Ejercicios resueltos &gt; Complete the sentences

## Should the State tell us what to eat and drink?

Anyone who, in an honest spirit of enquiry, has watched many of us eat and drink will have been frightened at the sight. A large part of the population has become simultaneously gluttonous or rather it chooses terrible things to consume and terrible ways of consuming them. How far should the Government be responsible for the head1th consequences of its own population's lack of taste and self-control?

We should not overlook far deeper and more revealing aspects of the national diet, however. Most people prefer not to think about these, because they reveal society in a state of profound decomposition. If you examine the national rubbish, as I do wherever I walk, you discover that it is composed mainly of the wrappings of junk and fast food. We eat on the street to a degree almost unknown anywhere else.

But why should this be? A sociologist told me that half of our homes no longer have a dining table. Flats in which there are no dining tables are also flats in which not much in the way of cooking fresh ingredients goes on. The microwave is the cooker, the saucepan, the casserole dish, and the entire batterie de cuisine in fact; and everyone in the family eats not as a social activity, but almost furtively. Meals are nasty, solitary and short.

In other words, one of the most elementary but important and enjoyable of all social activities, eating together, is now restricted to a considerable proportion of the population.

**Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the words in brackets when given.**

a) Last night before eating (eat) his orange, John asked for a second cut of fried bread.

**Ayuda:** se debe utilizar el gerundio después de preposición. El verbo "ask" vá seguido de la preposición "for"

b) John, you ate (eat) more than two loaves (loaf) of bread, didn't you?

**Ayuda:** se debe utilizar el *Pasado Simple* porque la "tail question" está en *Pasado*. El plural irregular de "loaf" es "loaves"

c) According to a survey, most people buy (buy) kitchen furniture once or twice in their life.

**Ayuda:** se usa el *Presente Simple* para acciones habituales. "Once", "twice" y "three times" son expresiones establecidas.

**Complete the following sentence to report what is said.**

d) "Anne, do you want something else to eat?"  
I offered her something else to eat.

**Ayuda:** Es la típica construcción de reporting verbs: verbo + complemento + infinitivo con "to". Se utiliza frecuentemente con verbos tales como: invite, ask, persuade, tell, remind and advise.