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Fantastic Places of the World

Chopsticks

Of the Orient



For thousands of years, chopsticks have been used as a tool for eating. Countries like Japan, China, Korea, Vietnam, and Thailand use them for eating their meals daily. Chopsticks are usually made of wood, but they can also be made with materials such as bamboo, metal, bone, Ivory, and of course, plastic.

Studies show that approximately 30% of the world's population uses chopsticks as eating instruments. This amounts to almost a third of the world's population.

Despite what some in the western world believe, chopsticks are easy utensils to use. They are used to grab, stir, roll, cut, and push the food that will be served.

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Although chopsticks seem complicated to use, it just requires some practice to be able to grab food correctly. If it's your first-time using chopsticks, it is easier to learn by using rubber bands or special appliances that are placed on the sticks to control the movement to open and close them.

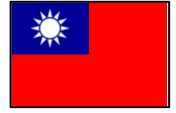


Sometimes, particular chopsticks are used depending on the situation or occasion. For example, there are specific chopsticks people use to cook and to eat some foods that are specific to the country. There are also special chopsticks to celebrate the new year and ceremonies rituals. And, of course, there are disposable chopsticks that are used and then thrown away.



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Disposable chopsticks have been used since 1875. They are usually made of wood or bamboo. Some places consider them to be a threat to the environment. There are people who carry their own chopsticks with them, so they add to this excessive use of resources natural.



ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. What are chopsticks used for?

2. How would you feel if you had to use chopsticks for the first time?

3. What solution would you propose for the abusive use of disposable chopsticks?

4. Put the following materials used to make chopsticks in order from the least expensive to the most expensive.

Bamboo 1. _____

Metal 2. _____

Ivory 3. _____

Plastic 4. _____





5. Why do you think it is a threat to the environment to use disposable chopsticks?

6. If you had to use chopsticks to eat, on what holiday would you likely use them? Why?

7. Design and draw your own pair of chopsticks below.