

2) Fill in the blanks according to the information in the text.

- a) is a single-portion take-out or home-packed meal in Japanese cuisine.
- b) is the shortened form of 'decorating bento'.
- c) means crafting bento in the likeness of children's favourite characters.
- d) A is the person who creates edible characters.

3) Write if the sentences True (T) or False (F).

- a) Bento has turned out to be a national obsession in Japan.
- b) Many people follow this food movement.
- c) Tomomi Maruo only creates popular anime characters.
- d) Cute characters and scenes are created with food in Japan.
- e) It does not make sense if a bento box doesn't taste good.
- f) The main priority of charaben is to look good.

4) Answer and discuss the following questions.

- a) Can food be art? What do you think?

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- b) Is cuisine an art form all its own or not?

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- c) Have you ever had a fabulous meal that you can still remember to this day?

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