

Unit 4 Foods

★Activities to learn the names of foods.

Unit Aims

Foods and beverages are a topic anyone would show an interest in. There are quite a few names of foods and beverages in English that are the same in Japanese as loan words. Of course there are differences in pronunciation between the original English names and the Japanese loan words. However, it would be a very good opportunity for children to notice these differences. When food is the theme of an activity, it can naturally be linked to an activity where children can ask each other about likes and dislikes. It would be nice if children can get to know the different likes and dislikes their friends have by working on an activity choosing dishes that they like or dislike from a menu.

Vocabulary

curry and rice *sushi* salad soup fried chicken noodles pizza spaghetti (with meat sauce, *tarako*, seafood) ice cream (vanilla, chocolate, strawberry) juice (orange, apple, grape) cake (cheese, fruit, chocolate) milk tea pie

Classroom English

What food is there?
Do you like spaghetti?
What do you want?
Which do you like best?

Step of Activities

(1) Learning the names of various foods by looking at the pictures on the

page. P.17

- (2) Expressing whether children like or dislike the foods found on the pages. P.18-P.19
- (3) Choosing three items from the foods shown on the pages. P.18-P.19
- (4) Discussing and finding out which of the dishes shown on the page are popular in groups. P.20

Reference

In this unit, it is important for children to notice the differences in pronunciation between the original names of foods in English and the equivalent Japanese loan words. Please make sure of the differences using the attached CD. You could also let the children listen to words recorded on the CD.

Other Possible Activities

Prepare pictures or photographs of dishes and beverages other than those shown on the pages, and introduce the English names of these items. Children will be even more interested if they are familiar with the names of the items.