



## “The Gifts? I forget. But the meal!”

Link to text below

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2011/12/21/dining/20111221-holiday.html>

### Vocabulary

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### Questions

*True or False; read the following statements and, based on the text decide if they are true or false.*

1. The writer's mother could not cook well; she could only cook eggplant macaroni.
2. The writer's mother had a diverse range of dishes she was very good at making.
3. For the Bruni family, all holiday feasts had to include a pasta dish.
4. It was the author's mothers hope that the family would diversify into non pasta dishes.
5. The beef wellington she made one Christmas eve was not tried by many people
6. His mother stopped trying to introduce new dishes into the Christmas menu.
7. The author's mother died in 1995.
8. The eggplant macaroni was eaten by everyone except his mother.

*Which paragraphs would best for the following headings?*

1. Mom's classic hit.
2. English culture meets Mediterranean appetites.
3. A new attempt every year, inevitably met with failure.

*Match the word on the left with the translation.*

Pastry	Hummer
Nonnegotiable	Teig
Casserole	Unverhandelbare
Lobster	Aubergine
Eggplant	Auflauf