



Segment 9 (Units 17–20)

Convenient Cuisine

Genre: Cooking show

Viewing Time: 2:58

Background Information

In this cooking show, Chef Jamie visits people's homes and cooks something with whatever ingredients he can find in the participant's kitchen. Chef Jamie's message is that good cooks don't need lots of ingredients to make a delicious dish. This time, however, Jamie is in for a surprise because the challenge is greater than he expected.

Vocabulary for Comprehension

Preview the vocabulary with your students.

bacon bits: *a bacon imitation that is not really meat*

croûtons: *small squares of bread cooked in fat and served in soup*

drizzle: *to sprinkle or shake lightly*

feast: *a very good large meal*

gourmet: *what is said about very good food and drink*

on my watch: *while I am in charge*

pantry: *a small room near the kitchen where people keep food, dishes, etc.*

stale: *no longer fresh*

Answer Key

Previewing (Answers may vary—as long as they are appropriate guesses, accept them for now.)

1. They are a chef from a TV program and a person chosen to participate in the show.
2. They are at Barbara's house.
3. Jamie is a little arrogant; Barbara is a little bit shy and absent-minded.
4. Jamie ended up preparing a salad and praising himself as a chef.

In-Depth Viewing

1. Not really. All she had was some stale bread, lettuce, onion, butter, cheese, and seasonings.
2. He thought it would be difficult to do anything acceptable using what Barbara had in her kitchen.
3. A salad mainly with lettuce, bread, and onion.
4. He thinks he is a great chef. He first pointed out that Barbara had nothing to cook with and then he kept on praising his salad.
5. We don't know—Jamie didn't let her try it.



Video Script

Jamie: OK, Barbara. So, you understand how this works?

Barbara: Yes, Jamie. You're cooking dinner for me.

Jamie: Not just *dinner*, Barbara. A feast! A gourmet meal made from only the food already here in your kitchen!

Barbara: I don't have much. I don't like to cook.

Jamie: That's why I'm here, Barbara. To show you that *anyone* can make a wonderful meal with whatever they have in the house.

Jamie: Let's see. Whoa! Barbara, when you said you didn't have much, I didn't know you meant *nothing!*

Barbara: I told you, I don't like to cook.

Jamie: That's OK! The less we have, the greater the challenge! I just love a good challenge! Let's see what's in your freezer. This looks like it might have been meat at one time. Barbara, where's your pantry? Oh, Barbara. When you said you never cook, you meant *never*, didn't you?

Barbara: I usually pick something up after work. I like take-out.

Jamie: Take-out's OK on occasion, but not on my watch! Stale bread. My favorite! Now, let's get to work! Barbara, could you hand me a bowl?

Barbara: OK.

[time passes]

Jamie: And there you have it—the Jamie Sharp Salad Supreme! Made from practically nothing!

Barbara: Well, it certainly looks good.

Jamie: Of course it does. And it tastes even better. Mmmmmm. Delicious! Since we didn't have real bacon, we added some bacon bits. Always a good idea to keep a jar of bacon bits on hand. We also added some lovely red onion—because a salad isn't a real salad unless it has red onion—

Barbara: Uhm . . . excuse me, Jamie . . .

Jamie: One moment, love. Our homemade croutons came out perfectly! We cut up that stale old bread into nice, bite-sized chunks, seasoned them with garlic powder, drizzled some butter over them, and baked them until they turned golden brown.

Barbara: Could I have a taste, Jamie? I'm kind of hungry.

Jamie: You can add more Parmesan cheese if you like, but I already put in a healthy amount in this dressing . . . Oh, this is wonderful! Isn't it, Barbara?

Barbara: How would I know?

Jamie: I'm your host, Jamie Sharp. Please join us next time for another delightful meal on *Convenient Cuisine!* 'Bye now.

Barbara: Come on now! Give me some!

Jamie: Come on, love! Give a wave to our audience!