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•	Coffee, Black Tea and Earl Grey Tea	



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# **Shopping List**

For 4 ~ 5 people

- Asparagus, fresh 12 8 strips Bacon, Beef (topside) 1 kg
- Beer
- Black pepper, freshly ground Bread 1 loaf Butter 100g Carrots, 5 large
- Cheddar cheese
- Club soda
- Cream 500ml
- Cream cheese
- Crushed cookies, for garnish
- Cucumbers
- Custard
- Dill
- **English Mustard**
- Frozen peas 1 pack Garlic powder 1/2 teaspoon
- Gin
- Ginger ale
- Gravy powder 4 teaspoons
- Ice (crushed ice is best)
- Lemons
- Mayonnaise
- 500ml Milk Mint, fresh 4 sprigs
- Olive oil
- Onions
- Orange juice (or orange liqueur or sherry) 1/2 cup
- Pepper
- Pickles
- Potatoes 6 medium
- Pound cake 1 Pumpkin 1/2
- Rosemary (or sage or other mixed fresh herbs)
- Salt
- Sea salt
- Sour cream 1 cup
- Strawberry jam
- Sugar, granulated white 2 cups
- Sweet potatoes
- Vanilla extract
- Vegetable oil

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# Recipes

# Shandy

### **Ingredients**

- Beer Mug
- 1/2 glass beer
- 1/2 glass ginger ale

### **Directions**

- 1. Fill a glass half full of beer (lighter beer works better).
- 2. Fill the rest with Ginger Ale, 7-Up or CC Lemon etc.

### Lemon Cucumber Cocktail

# <u>Ingredients</u>

- Club soda
- Gin
- Squeeze of lemon juice
- Thin slices of lemon
- Thin slices of cucumber
- Sprigs of fresh mint, for garnish (optional)
- Ice (crushed ice is best)

- 1. Place a lemon slice and a cucumber slice in a glass.
- 2. Add ice.
- 3. Pour in gin.
- 4. Add a squeeze of lemon juice.
- 5. Top with soda.
- 6. Garnish each with a mint sprig.

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## Homemade English Lemonade

## <u>Ingredients</u>

- 1. 3/4 cup white, granulated sugar
- 2. 1 cup water
- 3. 1 cup lemon juice (4-6 lemons)
- 4. 2 to 3 cups cold water (to dilute)

### **Directions**

- 1. Place the sugar and water in a small saucepan and bring to a simmer.
- 2. Stir so that the sugar dissolves completely and remove from heat.
- 3. While the water is heating for the simple syrup, juice your lemons.
- 4. Pour the juice and the sugar water into a serving pitcher.
- 5. Add 2 to 3 cups of cold water and taste.
- 6. Add more water if you would like it to be more diluted. (Note that when you add ice, it will melt and naturally dilute the lemonade).
- 7. If the lemonade is too sweet, add more lemon juice.

Refrigerate until cold and serve with ice, sliced lemons.

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# **English Afternoon Tea Sandwiches**

### Ingredients

- Loaf of bread
- Cheddar Cheese
- Pickles
- English Mustard
- Cucumber
- Dill
- Cream cheese

### <u>Directions - Cheddar Cheese</u>, <u>Pickles and English Mustard</u>

- 1. Place thin slice of cheddar cheese, sliced pickle and mustard on a slice of bread.
- 2. Top with another slice of bread.
- 3. Cut off the crusts.
- 4. Cut into 4 triangles.

# <u>Directions - Cucumber, Dill and Cream Cheese</u>

- 1. Blend cream cheese and chopped dill together.
- 2. Spread onto a slide of bread.
- 3. Add thinly slice of peeled cucumber.
- 4. Top with another slice of bread.
- 5. Cut off the crusts.
- 6. Cut into 4 triangles.

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# French Onion Dip with British Potato Crisps Makes 2 cups of dip

# <u>Ingredients</u>

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- salt and pepper to taste

- 1. Heat the oil in a large frying pan over medium heat
- 2. Add the onions and 1/4 teaspoon of salt.
- 3. Cook and stir until the onions are caramelised golden brown (about 20 minutes).
- 4. Remove the onions from the heat and cool.
- 5. Mix together the sour cream, mayonnaise, garlic powder, pepper and salt.
- 6. Stir in the onions when they are cool.
- 7. Cover and refrigerate before serving.
- 8. Serve with Potato Crisps

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# **Asparagus and Bacon Rolls**

## Ingredients

- 8 strips of bacon
- 12 fresh asparagus
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil

- 1. Boil asparagus lightly and drain well.
- 2. Cut into 5cm lengths.
- 3. Place two asparagus pieces on a bacon strip (or half strip depending on length).
- 4. Roll bacon around the asparagus.
- 5. Secure roll with a toothpick.
- 6. Repeat.
- 7. Heat vegetable oil in a frying pan.
- 8. Saute bacon rolls with a medium heat until lightly browned.

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### **Roast Beef**

### Ingredients

- 1 kg beef (topside)
- Olive oil
- Sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

### Directions

- 1. Take beef out of the fridge 30 minutes before cooking.
- Preheat oven to 240°C
- 3. Place beef on roasting tray and drizzle with olive oil
- 4. Season beef well with salt and pepper, rubbing it all over the meat.
- 5. Place beef in the preheated oven.
- 6. Turn the heat down immediately to 200°C
- 7. Cook for 1 hour for medium beef.

For medium-rare beef, reduce cooking time by 5 to 10 minutes For well done beef, extend cooking time by 10 to 15 minutes

- 8. If cooking roast potatoes and veggies, put them into the oven for the last 45 minutes of cooking.
- 9. Halfway through cooking, remove the beef from the oven and baste (cover in juices).
- 10. If the vegetables look dry, add a little water to prevent burning.
- 11. When cooked, remove from oven.
- 12. Cover with foil and tea towel and let sit for 15 minutes.

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# Roast Vegetable Tray

## Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons olive or vegetable oil
- 2 sweet potatoes, cut into thick wedges
- 2 Onions, cut into quarters
- Pumpkin, cut into thick wedges
- Bunch of rosemary, sage or other mixed fresh herbs

### Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 200C.
- 2. Pour 2/3 of the oil into a roasting tray.
- 3. Scatter and roll the vegetables and herbs in the oil and season with salt and pepper.
- 4. Drizzle with the remaining oil.
- 5. (Can be prepared to this stage up to an hour ahead)
- 6. Roast the vegetables for 45-55 mins until tender and golden brown.
- 7. Serve.

# Gravy

# <u>Ingredients</u>

- 4 teaspoons gravy powder
- 1 cup water
- Meat drippings (as much as you like)

- 1. Heat water in a saucepan.
- Remove from the heat when it reaches a full boil.
- 3. Add the meat drippings and stir.
- 4. Add the gravy powder and whisk the mixture for one minute on a low heat or until the gravy thickens.

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## **Creamy Mashed Potatoes**

#### Ingredients

- 6 medium sized potatoes, peeled and guartered
- 50g butter
- 475ml milk
- Salt and pepper to taste

### Directions

- 1. Bring a pot of salted water to boil.
- 2. Add potatoes and cook until tender but still firm.
- 3. In a small saucepan heat butter and milk over low heat until the butter melts.
- 4. Mash the potatoes using a potato masher.
- 5. Slowly blend milk mixture into potatoes until smooth and creamy (add more or less depending on desired taste and consistency).

#### **Boiled Peas and Carrots**

# <u>Ingredients</u>

- Frozen peas
- 5 large carrots, washed, peeled and cut into 2cm slices
- 3 tablespoons of butter
- Salt and pepper

- 1. Rinse carrots and place in medium saucepan.
- 2. Cover with cold water.
- 3. Bring to a boil over high heat.
- 4. Boil hard for about 4-5 minutes, then turn off heat.
- 5. Let stand for 3 minutes.
- 6. Test a carrot; if not tender, boil a little longer.
- 7. Add frozen peas to saucepan and cook for 2 minutes.
- 8. Drain well and return to saucepan.
- 9. Add butter and toss over medium heat to melt.
- 10. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve.

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# **Individual Strawberry Trifles**

Makes 10 trifles

### Ingredients

- Strawberry jam
- 1 fresh pound cake
- 1/2 cup orange juice (or orange liqueur or sherry)
- Custard
- Crushed cookies, for garnish
- Whipped Cream
  - o 2 cups of cream
  - o 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
  - o 1/4 cup sugar

#### Directions

- 1. Slice the pound cake into 1cm thick slices.
- 2. Cut out circles from each cake slice using a glass or cup.
- 3. Place one cake circle in the bottom of each individual cup.
- 4. Brush the cakes with orange juice (or orange liqueur or sherry).
- 5. Spread strawberry jam over the cake.
- 6. Pour a layer of custard over the jam and then a dollop of whipped cream.
- 7. Repeat steps 1 ~ 6 once again to make another layer.
- 8. Cover the trifles with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to serve.
- 9. To serve, remove the plastic wrap. Sprinkle crushed cookies on top.

# **Quantity Reference**

1 teaspoon ≈ 5ml 1 tablespoon ≈ 15ml 1 cup ≈ 250ml