

# What shall we have for dinner?

Catherine wrote a book which gave advice on what to serve your guests for dinner. The suggestion below is for one meal – it sounds like a huge amount of food but you wouldn't be expected to eat it all (what a shame!). Instead, you would have a selection of the foods you liked the sound of best. What would you choose at Catherine's dinner party?



## Tick the foods you like the sound of!

- Spring soup
- Mock turtle
- Salmon
- Fillets of Soles à la Maître d'Hotel
- Mackerel
- Lobster Sauce
- Potatoes
- Two spring chickens boiled
- Oyster sauce
- Lobster patties
- Sweetbreads
- Ham
- Fore quarter of lamb
- Stewed kidneys
- Curry rabbit
- Two ducklings
- Asparagus
- New potatoes
- Peas
- Currant and raspberry tart
- Orange jelly
- Custards
- Cabinet pudding

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Some of Catherine's suggestions sound rather unusual for a modern audience! Can you guess what you would have been given if you'd asked for these dishes?

Draw a line to match the meal with its description.

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Mock turtle

Cabinet pudding

Sweetbreads

Smelts

Snipe

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# Charles Dickens Museum

## Dinner with Dickens

Imagine that you have invited Charles and Catherine to your house for dinner. What will you serve them? You could choose some dishes from Catherine's list above to make them feel at home or you could give them an entirely 21st century feast!



**Write out your menu below.**

A large, light beige rectangular area with horizontal blue lines, intended for writing a menu.

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## Answers

### Mock Turtle

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In the 1750s turtles were so popular they were hunted almost to extinction and became very expensive. Different parts of the turtle's body tasted like veal, beef, ham, pork and fish!

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