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Describe your best meal and how you were feeling and where you were. Chris Han	when we cooked steak at 5227, bought 150dollars worth of ribeye steak and dane and sam had a cooking competition and we tasted both. Chris Han i was feeling happy and homey i was feeling happy and homey Chris Han	my dad makes chicken terriyaki, the fact that it was the only thing my dad could make so it felt special when he made it. Chris Han i felt: excited, content, peaceful at home Chris Han	Mom sister and I, went for bike ride and after went to restuarant right on water -Don't remember what I got -Tasted good bc exercise -Super hungry Eamonn	Rice dish that grandma makes Rice and egg Good memories Makes me feel like a kid	Restuarant in Portugal - got a lot of stuff that I wasn't used to - uniqueness Company was good - only five of us, on a farm Eamonn Had to walk to get there - like a reward at the end Eamonn Eamonn	Probably 98k. It was euphoric. I felt nothing else but simple happiness. My depression was temporarily relieved. Caroline Jiang	The best meal I had was this baracoa quesadilla from this Mexican place in New Jersey. It was already really juicy and really really good except I bought this cilantro garlic aioli. It made me want to take a bigger bite each time. Caroline Jiang	My roommates and I made a greek style meal. It was over the summer at home. There were buttery garlic pan fried potatoes with a garlic mayo. The tabbouleh was so fresh, so zingy on my tongue. The potatoes were perfect. We also had chicken that was deglazed with lemon in the pan. It was so good. Each bite together was a little party in my mouth. Caroline Jiang	1. I was with my extended family and we had grilled bass and vegetables. I was happy cuz I was around family and it was fun to see the process of dinner take place Eamonn	Italy - Venice Friend who was gluten free, looking for an hour and found hole in the wall After the hour we spent looking it was so nice to sit down in a sturdy and comforting place Eamonn
What's your most recent experience of having good food? Could you walk me through what happened at that time?	I went to george and sab's place and she cooked udon, four people, ate food and talked, have not seen these people since the begining of summer, nice catching up with them Chris Han	cafe 33, the food is delicious. i had a 1-1 with eunice, the experience was made better bc it was with someone i was confortable with. Chris Han	When I'm back home and my family orders Thai food Not super often so it makes it special Family style Eamonn		Last night went out with my parents - this was really important to me Tasted good - food that I hadn't had for a while - nice view and good company Eamonn	We were traipsing to a hole in the wall Chinese restaurant off the beaten path. The restaurant itself was a little janky looking. It was kind of dingy and not like a cute atmosphere like I was hoping for, but then the food subverted the aesthetic expectations of the restaurant and gave me the comfort of classic cheap grungy Chinese food from Chinatown.	Yesterday my housemates and I wanted to go out for dinner, so we decided to go to a Thai place. I was having a lot of difficulty choosing what meal to get, but I decided on pork because I never cook pork. I got a really spicy crispy pork belly dish over rice Caroline Jiang	My most recent good food experience is from last night. We made fish tacos at home. I was sitting at the head of the table in a hard chair, and I felt like I was undergoing an euphoric sensation with every bite. I couldn't speak, it was so good. I just was eating. We made them at home. We battered the fish, I made a fresh cole slaw, and we had some sriracha mayo. We used tilapia. It was so good. I was like, in shock. I was like this is what joy is. Caroline Jiang	2. I had a rice noodle bowl from a place on my campus. It was the one I usually get and I ate it while sitting with friends in the student center.	Was sick recently and went to get noodles, I could feel it helping me
Was there ever a moment where you couldn't enjoy your food? What was the context? Chris Han	98K. i was getting dinner with a friend just to try out this restuarant and i wanted to have someone to go with to try it but she was on her phone the entire time. Chris Han	today i had to rush to make food bc i had a meeting so i didnt have the time to ,make it well and i had to scarf it down and couldnt enjoy it (ate it in 2 mins) Chris Han	Eating dinner with family and the conversation gets a little weird Ex. eating with all my siblings and people start talking about throwing up Feel a little nauseous Eamonn	Past summer - putting on weight Eating a lot of pasta at my moms house Late at night Eamonn	If I'm in a rush - during the week lunch is hard to enjoy Time is the big factor	When eating in an atmosphere that isn't meant to be eating in. Like when I'm eating in studio, people are distracting and I just want to concentrate on my food but people come over to talk or yell. Food is supposed to be a reprieve from life, it's supposed to be a mini escapism Kevin's presence makes it not enjoyable. Caroline Jiang	When I had covid, I couldn't taste or smell so when I ate my burrito all i could feel was the mushy texture with no taste at all. It felt like i was eating a burrito that i ate and threw up. Caroline Jiang	Today I had to eat in a hurry. A lot of days when I have to eat in a hurry I don't enjoy my food that much. I hate when I feel like choosing the food is a rush. For example, today, I had to be somewhere at 6pm and it was 5:50 and I was in line at Subway. The woman said they ran out of lettuce and spinach. I was like, what veggies do I put in my sandwich then? So I just had to have it with hard veggies like cucumbers and peppers and onions. The sauce distribution was not very good, the woman was not very talented at it. I had to eat it in a hurry because I was doing a tabling thing and it was super crowded and rainy and not great vibes and my onions were so overpowering I felt uncomfortable. I just couldn't sit down and relax and enjoy my meal. I felt like I was eating because I needed to eat, not because I was getting joy out of it. Caroline Jiang Caroline Jiang	3. Before class sometimes I have to eat super quick because I won't have time to eat for the next couple hours. In those times I can't enjoy my food	Usually it's cuz I cant sit in one spot and eat - moving and eating doesn't work Eamonn
Have you ever eaten a meal where the food was mediocre/below expectations, but you enjoyed the experience anyway? Can you describe why? Caroline Jiang	a lot of 5227 meals. chicken bakes, chicken melts, taquitos, it was a mid meal. the company made me enjoy the experience anyways. Chris Han	i think we as 10g we made shabu shabu for maxs bday, food wasnt terrible buy it was made more fun to have everyonne together. food with mid but fun being iwth company and being full	If I'm eating on campus, not great but its worth it if I'm meeting a friend Food isn't the priority then The convenient option is best when meeting someone Eamonn	Subway - certain smell but don't really dig Eating more often Watching them make it , my personal thing Eamonn	Anytime I'm hiking In portugal, cooked pasta and brought it up to lake - company and location were awesome Food with a destination in mind - taste doesn't matter as much	I went to a rooftop restaurant recently, and the food was pretty bad. Just objectively not good. But the ambience, the vibes, the company there were drinks too, so it was still enjoyable. Mostly because of friendship, not because of the ambience. Caroline Jiang	One time I went to an Italian place, and I got this pasta that was not a pasta shape that I expected. I did not like the sauce as much as i thought and the chicken was a little bit dry. I used the food to help me wash down my sangria, so it was fine. Caroline Jiang	I went to this vegan restaurant in Boston and I got a chicken burger that's vegan. It was made out of satan. It tasted like bread. It didn't really taste that good. But, I really enjoyed the experience because I was eating with my good friends and we were also drinking a little. It was like summer on the patio. It was really good company, so even if the food was expensive and mid, i still enjoyed the experience overall. Caroline Jiang	4. I went to this buffet place with my friends and got a rice dish and it wasn't great, plus it wasn't even a buffet so we were trying to figure out if we wanted to leave before the waiter came over. It was a fun and funny experience so I enjoyed it.	Thanksgiving - some of my aunts can't cook Good to be around family and have everyone together Eamonn
Is it important to you that you have good company while you are eating? Chris Han	very important. bc i dont want to feel sad when i eat. eating is an experience. Chris Han	1- 10 8 Chris Han	Yeah totally, but I don't always need it. My best meals are always when there's other people. Although this might be influenced by being a restaraunt. Eamonn It's something else you can focus on - a way to bond without giving all the attention to the food Nice multitasking Eamonn	Yes and no. In college, watching something while I eat. In high school didn't do that cuz my family would eat together. Generally would rather have good company.Eat more when alone. Eamonn	Generally no I don't prioritize company - I enjoy eating alone but I think more about where A factor but not number 1	When I'm by myself, sometimes. Sometimes I don't. It's not contingent on anything specific; I guess you could say how tired I am. If I'm tired I will just sit there and mindlessly eat my food. If I am more awake I want something to occupy myself while I'm eating, but it's only when I'm alone. I don't use my phone when I'm out with other people. Caroline Jiang	I prefer to eat alone unless I'm going to eat with people for the experience, like going out to a restaurant, because I think I enjoy the food more and at my own pace more when I eat my food alone. Caroline Jiang	Yes, very. I either want good company or to be alone in front of the TV. My alone company is also good company. But I do really enjoy chilling and speaking with my loved ones, like my loved friends while I'm eating because it's a good experience. I would not like to have a meal with someone I'm not super close with because then it's super awkward. Caroline Jiang	5. Not all the time. I really like eating alone, especially breakfast. But around dinnertime I do like to eat with people. It's a balance	No, I'm a functional person But it's nice when it's a meal to have people with me - more of a social thing, and occasion
Do you use devices when you eat?	i do but i try not to use it when i am eating with other people. i pull it out when we are running out of things to say and i need to go to signal to the other person Chris Han i bring devices when i eat alone. very rarely do i not want anything. Chris Han	eating with people i try not to. esp if its someone i dont eat often with Chris Han alone yeah. i prefer to have muy device with me Chris Han	I use social media or watch something I get bored! And I'm also a slow eater, so it takes time Social media if it's a short meal Netflix is a more of a "settling in" Eamonn Eamonn	Watching something or on device 60% of time. Random stuff on Youtube, UFC. Never a time when I don't watch sometime only if I'm really in a rush. Habit forming - not bored while I eat.	Where is number 1 Eamonn Rarely use phone	I scroll through my social media mostly. What I normally do is use Reddit, but I don't know if you should write that because it makes me seem like a loser. I guess I personally just don't watch videos that much, but other than [Reddit] that's what I do. Or I read DailyMail. Caroline Jiang	No. I cannot focus. I am so focused on my food that I can't focus on my phone. The food is so good that I am always digging into my next bite that I don't have time to look at TikTok. Caroline Jiang	Definitely when I'm alone. When I'm with people, not really, but sometimes at the end of our meal when we're mostly done and just chatting, I'll just go on my phone for a little if I'm not really participating in the conversation because I'm chilling and enjoying myself. Caroline Jiang	6. Yes, a lot of the time	If I'm alone yeah, if not no
What do you watch? When do you want to or not want to? (Why?)	i watch sermons by christian pastor, smashbros ultimate breakdown videos, basketball recaps	i ususaly wathc youtube, music, i like to watch a 10-12 min video so its the same length as i am eating Chris Han	Watch netflix if I have a show going if it's a long meal Maybe if I'm really tired Eamonn Hi's just a habit so it's almost every time Maybe if I'm really tired	Taste is first Well prepared. Don't really care much about how it looks. Big factor is who you're with. Don't care about other people unless affects service Eamonn	Usually for communication if I do use it - Lunch and trying to figure out logistics Not really social media			I love watching stuff while I eat. I like watching New Girl, i"ve been super into that. I want to use devices when I am eating alone, and I don't want to use devices when I'm eating with others. Caroline Jiang	7. I watch Youtube sometimes, or I listen to music. I especially want to if I'm eating alone in my room. In the dining hall i usually don't, i just listen to music. Eamonn	Watch a show or scroll through insta if the food really good I wont
How do you decide you like a restaurant? Chris Han	if the food taste good, if the service is bad but food taste good that is fine but if the wait is super long that is bad. Chris Han	if the food taste god Chris Han	If I get food I REALLY don't like I'll dislike the restaurant The VIBES - atmosphere, clean, normal people, relatively fast, consistent Eamonn	Look it up on maps Use the star system Eamonn	Sometimes watch TV - more when cold out Eamonn The food is the main factor - if the food and/or the setting is unique	If the food is good, that's the first thing. The second thing is if the prices are reasonable. It can be expensive, but the food has to be worth the price. If it's good service; if it's slow, but the food is really good, I probably wouldn't come back. Ambience is the last thing. Regarding Expensive, highly rated restaurant: if it's well known / trendy, or has a michelin star, I'd be more inclined to pay more money for that. I feel like I don't necessarily care about the novelty of an expensive restaurant, I'd rather go to a place that's just known for having good food. Caroline Jiang Caroline Jiang	If the food is really delicious, or if it is okay delicious but a reasonable price, or if the ambience is nice and the food is not terrible. Caroline Jiang	If I feel like I eat a dish and I'm like, "that was really good" and i can see myself recommending it to other people without shame. If it has a nice ambience, or it's exceptionally yummy or cheap, or exceptionally cool. If it stands out. Caroline Jiang	8. If it has a nice ambiance and good food. An interesting menu but not designery or experimental. Just good food	Mostly quality and quantity of food If they pride themselves on being able to sit down I don't even care if hy don't care
Where do you look to find restaurant recommendations, and how do you pick which one to go to besides asking the group who you are eating with? (how do you choose beyond asking "hey guys where do you feel like going")	Yelp and google reviews number of reviews and amount of stars. Chris Han Chris Han	friends waht i havent eaten in a while Chris Han Chris Han	Google maps - nearby Look at pictures, stars, try to remember the look of it Eamonn	Amount of protein Protein per dollar Don't buy unnessary stuff • cheaper - chicken thigh not as expensive If out, look at how much food vs price Eamonn	Recommendations from people I know, someone who has been there	I'm very indecisive. We can look at Time Out magazine, or Yelp reviews, Google reviews. It's mostly just reviews, or if there's a place that's on a list "top restaurant on a list." Usually I just choose places I already know, unless I'm explicitly trying to find something different. I like to try new restaurants, but everyone is indecisive, so we usually end up going to someplace we know or someplace we've heard of from someone else personally. Some of my friends really like to look at TikToks which show restaurants. Caroline Jiang Caroline Jiang	I ask my friends for recommendations, or I look on yelp, or google maps for what's nearby. I normally look at the photos and the star value on either yelp or google photos and google maps. Caroline Jiang	I pretty much exclusively use google maps. I will look at the menu, I'll look at pictures, I'll read reviews and see if it looks like something I like. Caroline Jiang	9. Usually Apple Maps, which has star reviews and stuff.	Word of mouth Check it out then look at ratings Looking at maps if alone, cheap and good ratings Eamonn
Explain your cost/benefit analysis when you are deciding to make your own food or buy it Chris Han	i almost always just buy it. Chris Han	how much money it is and waht ingerdients do i have to cook at home	When grocery shopping, don't think about cost, brand, looks good Good to treat yourself sometimes, but also be careful Eamonn	Food is one of the things I like spending money on Eamonn	Cost is number 1, what I'm in the mood for Loosely nutrition - not all about that - defintely some enjoyment -	Predominantly time is the main thing that distinguishes between if I cook or buy food. If I am with company, I'll probably go out. Or if I am craving something specifically, like 98k. But I am poor, so.	I will buy food when there is a social event when someone invites me to go to a social event. Most of the time I cook unless I'm eating out with people. It's a cost and convenience thing, but mostly cost. Caroline Jiang	I buy food when I use my meal card at school, because I still have money on it. If i'm at school i'll use my meal card. I don't really go out to eat on my own. If I am buying food outside that isn't on my meal card, that'll be for a social event. Otherwise I'll eat at home. Caroline Jiang	10. If I'm really craving something I can't make at home, it's not too expensive, and I haven't ordered out in awhile, then I'll order. Also if it's a special occasion with friends i'll pay for ordered food.	Groceries I hunt for discounts 2 for 1 I'll buy 2 quality of the food Some things like meat I prefer quality, spend more but something like pasta don't care Eamonn Eamonn If out, quality of the food quantity isn't always most relevant - is if take out
Do you ever feel guilty for spending too much money on food? If you do feel guilty, why do you continue this habit? Chris Han	yes i do. i am trying to cook becuase it is worth it because it saves time. Chris Han	yeah. i usually dont eat out but when i do i feel bad. this week i ate out once and it wasnt that espensive and it was wehn i had class and didnt have time to make stuff for myselg	Yeah, when I think that I could be using my meal plan, esp when I've been eating out a lot Eamonn When I'm with friends and they want to eat somewhere, it's hard to break off and say you want to go somewhere else	No. Only if a friend walked by called me fat. Over the summer mom was saying that	depends on if its a chill meal or workout etc Eamonn Yeah but just occasional Comes from indugence and budget	Yeah, I totally feel guilty. I guess it's also the paying for convenience thing. At the same time though, it's food – it's something you need. And when you go out, you're paying for the experience – not just the food. Caroline Jiang "Experience" meaning company, ambience, etc	Yes i always feel guilty about how much i spend on food. But i feel like i don't have a choice because this is how people hang out, and if i dont buy food with people i wont have friends. Caroline Jiang	I do feel guilty for spending too much money on food, but the times that i do and it's a social event, i'll see it as like I'm putting effort into a relationship so it's like the cost of having a social life. Recently I spent \$50 at Japanese BBQ and it hurt, I'm not gonna lie. But it was a dinner with like 15 people that i was meeting for the first time and trying to get to know them, so I kind of had to do that. Caroline Jiang	11. Yeah sometimes, especially with delivery apps hiking up the prices. Last year when I couldn't go to the dining hall after 9 and I'd be super hungry, I'd order from DoorDash. I would regret it but the same thing would naturally happen again and I would have to order food. Now the only reason I order food is for a special event. Eamonn	Yes because I know I could put it toward better things But food is so GOOD Eamonn
Do you ever feel self conscious about what you are eating, or how much you are eating?	No, becuase i dont care. Chris Han	not really Chris Han	Yes. I really don't like when people comment on WHAT I'm eating - "that looks gross" etc. You are eating it so it shouldn't matter. Don't really care about how much. Eamonn	Metaverse Know from CNET Youtube Mark Z talking VR as similar as you can to real life - talking to family member from far away I don't know how eating could be in metaverse. I	Nah not really	Yes, I guess. I feel like most people do. Caroline Jiang	One time I was eating with a vegan and I had a medium rare beef and they looked at it and they asked me if I was really gonna eat it. And I have never felt more judged in my entire life. I ate it anyways. Caroline Jiang	yes Caroline Jiang	12. I'm always very conscious of what I eat, especially if it's empty calories. In terms of how much I eat, sometimes I eat too much and regret it, but overall it's not the amount so much as what I choose to eat.	Not how much, gotta put on weight Sometimes I worry I prioritize speed too much, not health
What people think about metaverse and virtual experience?	i want to work at facebook but metaverse is not it. I think it is bad bc it is like social media how the	that sounds stupid, i dont food not matching the understand the point of it, restaurant is weird like you can learn how to eat ramen at a gourmet	l've heard about it but barely know anything. Think of video games -	couldn't imagine Eamonn	Spider man? lol I think a lot would be lost	I am unfamiliar with it.	I think it's trippy and I prefer not to think about it.	I literally don't know anything about it, but I'm sure it's not good because bad vibes.	13. I just know that the metaverse is some	I don't know much, don't know how it's expected to just capitalizing

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something and can't go

Caroline Jiang

People buying real estate

in the meta verse?

Movies that go into it?

Mark Z is a lizard

nothing about the metaverse food

Caroline Jiang

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FaceBook thing or something with avatars and stuff. But I know

Eamonn

Would be fun to hang with

friends who are far away. -

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restaurant is weird.

Chris Han

Further Questions

If you decide to eat Describe your most recent food experience with someone or a group, what is your that you really loved intention? Chris Han Chris Han

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