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Speaker A: No, of course English people are good at cooking, but I think, maybe what you mean is they don't have a very recognizable national cuisine, which I suppose is true. Although, if you **go back into** the Victorian and earlier eras of England, you'll see that they do have very **hearty** meat and too, potatoes and pies and puddings kind of cooking, Elizabethan. I don't know, yeah I don't know, it's very difficult to define British food and British cuisine, but there are lots of very very fine cooks and chefs in England, who cook and they're particularly good because they cook **cuisine** from all over the world, just as you've demonstrated with Gordon Ramsay.

They can cook Italian, French, Asian, you know, Middle Eastern, all kinds of different cuisines and I'm sure you can have a fantastic meal of cuisine from anywhere in the world, in England

Speaker B: Yep, it's a myth and it's a stereotype that English food is bad, and it's a myth that's perpetuated by people who go to England, expecting the cuisine to be the same shape as the cuisine in their country. I mean, people from other countries where, for example, in France or Italy or wherever else they have their own cuisine which is very clearly defined and they go to the UK and expect to see the same thing. UK cuisine which is distinct from cuisine in other parts of the world, and it's easy to find in restaurants, but also what hap(pens)... and that's not the case, as my mum has said that we have, you know, we cook well but we cook... we include dishes from other countries, and another thing, that people, that happens... is people go to the UK and they go to parts of London, the touristy areas, and they go to wherever, like Leicester Square or some other touristy destination and they eat the food in restaurants there, and that's not the right food, that's bad food.

Speaker B: There is definitely some bad food in England, of course, it's... but there's bad food in France and I'm sure there's bad food in Italy, bad food anywhere.