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COOKING VERBS

Russian Vocabulary

ГОТОВИТЬ

The verb “**готовить**” is used to express the ongoing or continuous action of cooking or preparing food. This verb is often followed by a direct object, specifying the food being cooked or the dish being prepared.

Мама готовит суп.

Mom is making soup.

Я каждое утро готовлю кашу.

I cook oatmeal every morning.



ПРИГОТОВИТЬ

The verb “**приготовить**”, on the other hand, is used when referring to the completed or finished act of cooking or preparing food. It implies that the food is ready.

Я приготовил завтрак.

I have prepared breakfast.

Она приготовила пирог.

She made a pie.

готовить еду
готовить завтрак
готовить салат

готовить/приготовить
+
noun in the accusative case

варить

"Варить" is used for cooking something in boiling water or brewing beverages like coffee. It's transitive, meaning it takes a direct object.

Я **варю** картошку.

I am boiling potatoes

сварить

Perfective form. Indicates that the action is completed.



Я **сварил/отварил** рис для гарнира.

I cooked rice for the side dish.

отварить

Often implies boiling as a preparatory step before another cooking method. It can also suggest boiling something separately or partially.



кипеть/закипеть

"Кипеть" is intransitive verb and refers to the state of a liquid boiling. It doesn't take a direct object.

Когда вода **закипит**, добавь соль.

When the water starts boiling, add salt.

жа́рить

"Жарить" is imperfective and refers to the general process of frying or roasting.

Я **жарю** картошку.

I am frying potatoes.



пожа́рить

"Пожарить" indicates that the action of frying or roasting is completed with a result. It's the finished action of "жарить."

Я **пожарил** яичницу на завтрак.

I fried eggs for breakfast.

обжа́ривать/ обжа́рить

"Обжарить" implies a quicker, less thorough frying. It's about browning the surface or sautéing ingredients, often as a preliminary step before further cooking.

Мясо нужно **обжарить** с двух сторон.

The meat needs to be fried on both sides.

ре́зать

"**Резать**" is the most general term for cutting. Many other verbs related to cutting are formed from this verb.



нареза́ть/ наре́зать

Indicates the action of cutting something into specific shapes or portions.

- **нарезать кубиками** *cut into cubes*
- **нарезать тонкими кольцами** *slice into thin rings*

отреза́ть/отре́зать

"**Отрезать**" means to separate a part from the whole by cutting.

Отрежь кусок хлеба.

Cut off a piece of bread (from the loaf).

порéзать

Indicates that the action of cutting is completed.

Я **порезал** яблоко на дольки.

I cut the apple into wedges.

добавлять

The most general term for adding any ingredient. It's often followed by the ingredient name: "добавить масло," "добавить муку."

Она **добавила** щепотку соли в суп.

She added a pinch of salt to the soup.



соли́ть/посоли́ть

to salt

Солите пищу по вкусу.

Salt the food to taste.

Мама **пересолила** суп.

Mom oversalted the soup.

- **пересоли́ть** *oversalt*
- **недосоли́ть** *undersalt*
- **засоли́ть** *pickle*
(preservation method involving salt)

перчи́ть/поперчи́ть

to pepper

Лучше не **перчить** слишком сильно.

It's better not to over-pepper.

меша́ть

"**Мешать**" is the most general verb that can be used to mean "to mix" or "to stir" in a variety of contexts. It can also mean "to interfere" or "to obstruct," so it's important to pay attention to the context when using this verb.



пере**ме**шива́ть/пере**ме**ша́ть

"**Перемешивать**" is a more specific verb that means "to stir" or "to mix thoroughly." It is often used when you want to combine two or more ingredients evenly.

Перемешайте сахар с мукой.

Stir the sugar and flour together.

по**ме**шива́ть

to stir occasionally

Помешивай соус, чтобы он не пригорел.

Stir the sauce so it doesn't burn.

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