

eat

There are lots of different words that you can use in your writing instead of **eat**. These words will make your writing much more interesting, and really help you to build up a vivid picture of the situation you are describing.

When someone eats greedily or quickly, you can use these informal words:

tuck in(to)
gulp down
bolt down
wolf down
scoff
knock back
polish off
gobble

If someone is eating noisily, you can say they

crunch
munch
slurp

You can use these words to describe how someone is chewing:

munch
gnaw

If someone is not very hungry or is eating just a little at a time, you can say they

peck
pick
nibble

In more formal situations, you might say that people

dine
breakfast
lunch

Over to you

Choose a word from above to make these sentences more interesting.

- 1 They were so hungry they couldn't wait to **eat** their dinner.
- 2 Callum's mum told him off for **eating** his cereal noisily.
- 3 The dog sat under a tree and **ate** an old bone.
- 4 She was feeling very ill and **ate** her food slowly.
- 5 'Guests will **eat** at eight o'clock in the banqueting hall,' announced the butler.