

CELEBRITY PROFILE

Jamie Oliver



- 1** Jamie Oliver is one of the world's most famous chefs. You can watch him on TV in over 100 countries and read his recipe books in 29 languages. In fact, Jamie is the UK's second-biggest selling author of all time, after JK Rowling. There are also Jamie Oliver DVDs, food products, restaurants, magazines and apps for your phone.
- 2** Jamie was born in Essex, England, on 27th May 1975. When he was only eight he started helping in the kitchen in his parents' pub. After Jamie left college, he **worked** at the famous River Café in London for three years. He made his first TV series, *The Naked Chef*, in 1999. Jamie quickly became a celebrity and in the same year he cooked lunch for the British Prime Minister.
- 3** In 2001 Jamie opened a restaurant in London called Fifteen – but it wasn't a typical restaurant. Jamie took 15 young unemployed people and taught them to become chefs. The programme about the restaurant, *Jamie's Kitchen*, was on TV every week and became a big success. Jamie now has restaurants all over the UK and he **is going to open** restaurants in Australia and other countries around the world in the next five years.
- 4** Jamie is also famous for his 'better food' campaigns. In 2005 he made a TV series called *Jamie's School Dinners* because he wanted schools to give children healthier meals. Because of Jamie's campaign, the British government agreed to spend an extra £280 million on school meals. In another series, *Jamie's Ministry of Food*, he helped people to stop eating fast food and taught them to cook meals using fresh ingredients instead.
- 5** Jamie got married in June 2000 and he **lives** in London and Essex with his wife, Jools, and their four children. He loves travelling, playing the drums and riding around London on his scooter. At the moment Jamie **is writing** a new book of recipes, and when he's at home he enjoys relaxing with his family – as well as cooking, of course!

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1. When did he make his first tv series?
2. What is he writing at the moment?
3. Which instrument can he play?
4. How often was *Jamie's kitchen* on TV?
5. How many children has he got?
6. Where is he going to open his new restaurants?
7. How long did he work at the *River Café*?
8. How old was Jamie when he got married?
9. Who did he make lunch for in 1999?
10. Why did he make *Jamie's school dinners*?
11. How much did the government agreed to spend on school meals?