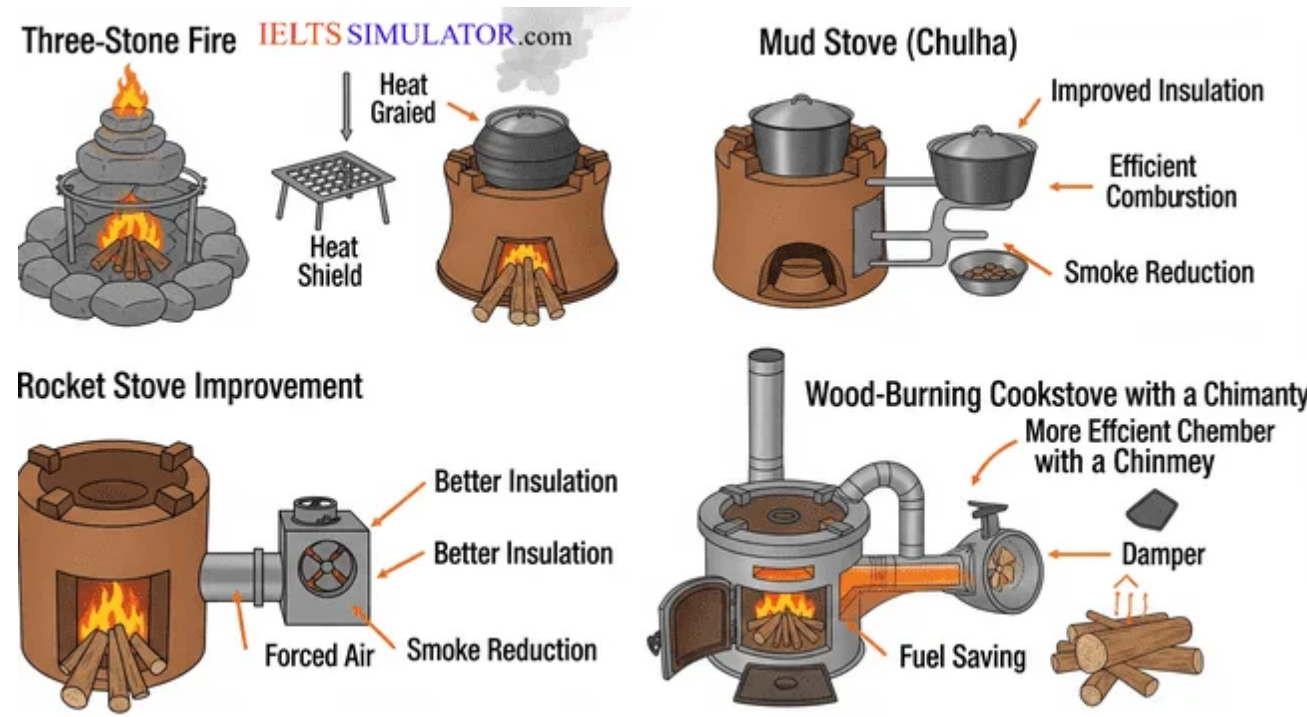


IELTS READING TEST SET 5 TASK 3 GT – Traditional cooking stoves



IELTS READING Traditional cooking stoves: an overview of designs for improving them Reading Practice Test has 10 Questions belongs to the Environmental Science / Public Health subject..

1. A large number of people in the world still use wood as the main source of heat for cooking. Many of these people use ‘three stone’ open fires, and although these have the benefit of being very cheap to make, they are inefficient to use. In addition, cooking over an open fire exposes people to wood smoke,

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Questions 35 – 38

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35. According to the writer, which of the following stove improvements is of particular benefit to children?

- A. ☐ They learn about the combustion process.
- B. ☐ They spend less time gathering wood.
- C. ☐ They have better nutrition.
- D. ☐ They can play more safely in the home.

(B. They spend less time gathering wood.)

36. Which of the following is a feature of the 'Rocket' stove?

- A. ☐ Gases produced by combustion are channelled.
- B. ☐ The cooking pot is in direct contact with the fuel.
- C. ☐ There are several air inlets.
- D. ☐ A variety of fuels can be used.

(A. Gases produced by combustion are channelled.)

37. According to the writer, wood has an advantage over charcoal because it.

- A. ☐ burns more cleanly.
- B. ☐ can be carried more easily.
- C. ☐ contains more energy.
- D. ☐ can be cut into blocks.

which irritates their eyes and lungs and makes them susceptible to respiratory diseases. There is also a risk of burns, as the fire has no protection around it. Finally, using wood for cooking contributes to deforestation, in particular around cities and towns, where the concentrated use of wood puts pressure on the surrounding land.

38. Which aspect of stoves is usually adapted in line with local customs?

- A. ☐ the position of the cooking surface
- B. ☐ the shape of the cooking pots
- C. ☐ the type of heat controls
- D. ☐ the size of the combustion chamber

(A. the position of the cooking surface)

Questions 39 – 40

Type one word only.

Improved cooking methods

There are various programmes are in place to help people to upgrade their stoves. One improvement involves installing a 39 (chimney) above the fire to increase air intake and flow.

Another improvement is the inclusion of a 40 (grate) , to allow air to enter underneath the wood. As well as stove design features like these, the choice of construction materials and fuel also determine how efficiently heat can be produced for cooking.

2. Improvements in stove design can bring a number of advantages. Improved stoves allow fuel to burn more efficiently, so getting more heat to the cooking pots, and reducing the amount of wood required to cook a meal. Typically they use between 25% and 60% less wood than open fires. Increased combustion also reduces the amount of smoke that is produced. People save time as they need to collect less firewood – a task which usually falls to women and children. The extra time allows women to take up other activities, including earning extra money, and allows children more time for education. Also, family members are reported to be more willing to help with the cooking once they have a smoke-free place in which to work.

3. There are various levels of improvement which can be made. Efficient wood combustion depends on an adequate supply of air reaching all the areas where the wood is burning. Hot gases tend to rise, creating a draught that draws in more air, so adding a chimney improves this draught. A grate to supply air under the fuel is a second improvement. The next step separates the combustion process from heat transfer to the cooking pots. For example, the 'Rocket' stove concept uses a vertical combustion chamber, where the wood burns in air, with a horizontal air and fuel inlet at the bottom. At the top of the combustion chamber, the hot gases are forced to flow through a narrow gap around the cooking pot, so that heat is transferred very efficiently to the pot.

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