**Knives and Knife skills**

**Knife:** The **most important** item in the tool kit *(p.56)*

- A good knife begins with a single piece of **metal**, stamped, cut, or best of all, forged and tempered
- Knives are different **sh_______s** and **si_______s** for the different jobs they do

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French knife or chef's knife

Santoku knife or Japanese cook's knife

Utility knife

Boning knife

Slicer

Butcher knife

Scimitar

Oyster knife

Clam knife

Vegetable peeler

Steel
Worksheet 3B

To sharpen knives, we use either a **S**_________ or a **W**__________.

Knife skills (p.78)

One of the most important tools the student chef must master is the **k**_______.

Good knife skills are critical to a chef’s success because the knife is the **most commonly** used **tool** in the kitchen.

**Using the Knife Safely:**

1. Use the correct knife for the task at hand (think what you need to do first)
2. Always **cut away** from yourself
3. Always cut on a **cl_______n cutting board**
4. Do not cut on **glass, marble or metal** (this includes plates!)
5. Place a damp towel **underneath** the **cutting board** to keep it from sliding as you cut
6. Keep knives **sh________**; a dull/blunt knife is **more dangerous** than a sharp one
7. When carrying a knife, hold it pointed down, parallel and close to your leg as you walk
8. A falling knife has no handle. **Do not attempt to catch a falling knife**; step back and allow it to fall
9. Never leave a knife in a **sink of water**;

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Complete the above information with your group.

Caring for Your Knives

- **Sharpening**
  - Whetstone
  - Steel – hones or straightens blade after sharpening

- **Washing and storing**
  - Do not wash knives in commercial dishwashers
  - Always wash and **dry knives** by hand. Make sure you dry your knife, otherwise it can ruin

**Gripping (holding the knife):**

Find your own best way to hold the knife. It should be the **safest way** and one that you can control your actions.
**Cutting with your knife:**

- Keep your fingertips curled back
- **Control** the food as much as possible
- Use the **tip** of the knife for smaller, lighter cutting/chopping/slicing
- Use the **thick** part for larger, heavier cuttings/chopping/slicing

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**Slicing:**
- To __________ is to cut an item into relatively broad, thin pieces.

**Chopping**
- To __________ is to cut an item into small pieces when uniformity of size is neither necessary nor feasible.

**Cutting and Dicing**
- To __________ is to cut an item into cubes (just like a dice).
- Cutting makes the item into sticks that can then be diced.
In your opinion, what is the most important thing to remember?

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