

La Flava Floro.

Edith, Jane, John and Henry are entering the building.

Julia approaches them.

“Welcome. I have something new for you to try today if you wish. Pea purée vocyls.”

“Pea purée what?” asks Edith.

“Vocyls - it is a newly coined word, - a vocyl is, and I quote,” says Julia looking at a piece of yellow paper with some printing on it, “a vegan origin cylindrical foodstuff.”

Edith hands the piece of paper to Edith, who holds it so that she and the others can all read it.

“Ah, a sort of ministory,” says Edith “... I suppose that these could be handed out at a creative writing class and people invited to write a short story including those bits in it.”

Edith pauses.

“It looks like it is the size of a compliments slip, and if it is, it could have the same width as the pages of the novel, so a copy could be pasted in place so that the readers can have a look at it.”

Jane looks at Edith with amazed disbelief that Edith has just casually referred to the readers and indeed the page size of the novel.

“There we go, paste in place.” says Edith cheerfully.

'Ah, a useful new word to use.'

vocyl (“VO-sill”),
a vegan origin
cylindrical
foodstuff

AT THE
SUPERMARKET

“Excuse me, do
you have any **pea
purée vocyls**
please?”

ON THE WAY HOME

'Mmm, I am
looking forward to
a meal of **pea
purée vocyls** and
vomash potatoes'

“Anyway,” says Julia, “when I saw that I thought that we would make a trial batch of pea purée vocyls, try a few and freeze the rest. When your receptionist rang to say that you were on your way here we were just about to freeze them so I decided to keep some back in case you might like to try them.”

“That sounds nice, yes, I would certainly like to try them,” says Edith, adding, turning to the others, “How about you?”

There is general agreement.

“What would you like with it? There is the vegan mashed potatoes and there is long grain white rice - you can have some of each if you like.”

“Some of each everybody?” asks Edith.

There is general agreement.

Julia is serving the meal in the Incunabula Room.

“I know everything here has no gluten-containing ingredients,” says Edith “but more generally could a vocyl contain gluten and still be a vocyl?”

“Well the word is just about vegan origin and the shape, so I suppose that a particular vocyl could contain gluten - so anywhere else it would be best to specify that there should be no gluten in it.” replies Julia.

“Is the word so that one does not use the word”

“Yes. But it is also to specify the vegan origin. By having a word specifically for vegan food that will hopefully avoid confusion by clearly labelling vegan products.”

“Good, it can sometimes take a lot of label reading to make sure of having a vegan product.” says Edith.

“This is interesting. I shall try to find out more about vocyls and foods made in that shape and try to write about them in *Arts Magazine*.” says Jane.

“There is another, similar sort of leaflet in the office with a word for a different shape and a product idea for that shape. We haven’t made any of those yet. I’ll get the leaflet for you to have a look at after you have eaten if you like.”

“Yes please.” says Jane, thinking ‘I wonder if Edith will paste a copy of this one in place.’

They finish eating. Edith rings the bell.

Julia enters the Incunabula Room with the leaflet for Jane.

“Thank you.” says Jane.

“Would you like some peppermint tea?” asks Julia.

“Yes please.” says Edith.

Everyone agrees.

“Peppermint tea for four then.” says Julia as she returns to the kitchen.

Jane reads the leaflet.

Jane turns to Edith “I suppose that you want to paste a copy of this one in place too!” says Jane with a smile.

“Well, that’s a good idea. Here we go.”

'Ah, a useful new word to use.'

voround (“VO-round”), a vegan origin disc-shaped foodstuff

AT THE SUPERMARKET

“Excuse me, do you have any **butterbean purée vorounds** please?”

ON THE WAY HOME

'Mmm, I am looking forward to a gorgeous meal of **butterbean purée vorounds** and long grain white rice'

Julia returns with the peppermint tea.

“As I said, we haven’t made that one yet. I am hoping to do it in a compartmented container so that there can be two vorounds and a separate portion of tomato purée with herbs gluten-free sauce to have with it. I am not going to put the rice in the pack though. Though I can serve it with long grain white rice if you wish.”

“That sounds delicious.” says Edith.

There is general agreement.

“I will make a point of letting you know when I have some for you to try.” says Julia.

“Thank you.” says Edith.

‘I wonder’, thinks Henry ‘how the word cylinder translates into other languages. How would vocyl translate?’