

# Real Chicken Soup? Fake Chicken Soup?





Ying-ying and Ali lived in the same apartment complex. She ran a small business selling frozen chicken soup packs, which received many positive reviews from online buyers. The product was great in quality. She rented a nearby factory and hired several people to help with her growing business.

The food supply company owner had been working with Ying-ying for a long time. One day, he said, "Ying-ying, your frozen chicken soup pack business is doing so well. The cost of preparing the soup must be quite high."

Ying-ying replied, "The cost of ingredients keeps rising, and there are expenses like factory rent, salaries, utilities, and gas. Running a business is not easy at all."

Ying-ying listened to what he said, and she hesitated for a while before making her final decision.



One weekend afternoon, Ali took Fuzzy the dog and Meow the cat out of their apartment building for a bike ride. They saw a truck parked on the sidewalk. It was blocking their way.

Ali thought, "Who parked their truck on the sidewalk? That's just selfish."

The truck driver looked at Ali. Ali was just a little boy, so he decided to ignore him. The driver continued to unload boxes from his truck, and carried them into the apartment building with a cart. After the security guard signed for the parcel, the driver finally moved his truck away.

The security guard was sweating because he had to put all the delivered goods in the proper place. He accidentally dropped a box on the ground. Ali immediately rushed over to help.

Ali asked, "Who ordered so much stuff?"

The guard replied, "It's Ying-ying, the lady selling frozen chicken soup. Her chicken soup is quite popular on the internet. Have you heard of it?"



The security guard took out a coupon from underneath his desk.

"See, this is the frozen chicken soup she is selling. It's very famous among online buyers. All our apartment building residents can get a 10% discount. Take this home. Ask your mom if she's interested in buying some."

As the security guard was talking to Ali, many people who lived in the same building came over to get the coupons.

Just then, De-de passed by, and the guard called out to him.

“De-de, tell your boss that the stuff she ordered is here. Remember to come get them when she has time. Also, would you like to introduce your frozen chicken soup packs to everyone? Since you work at the factory, you must know more about it than me.”

A group of people from the apartment building surrounded De-de and bombarded him with questions.

“Do you use free-range chicken or commercial chicken?”

“How long do you slow-cook the soup?”

“Where is your factory? Do you have a store where we can buy directly?”

“If I order more, can I get a better discount?”



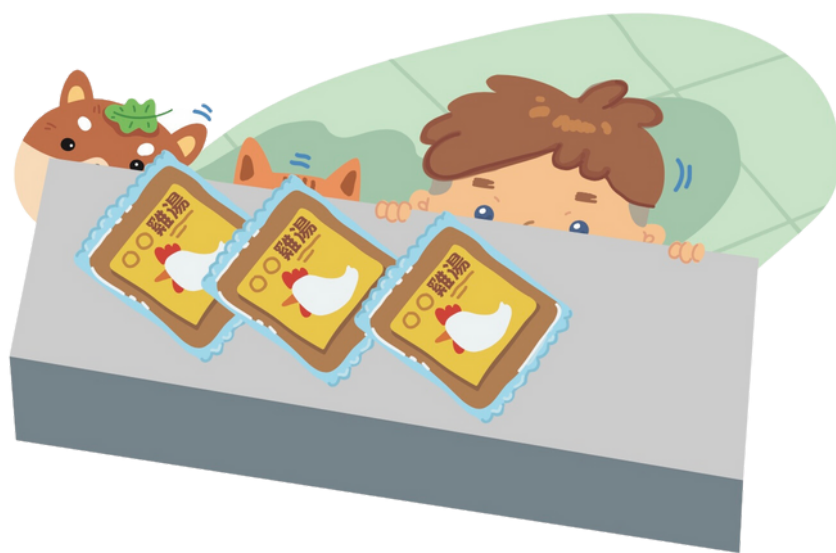
De-de looked nervous and shy. He answered in hesitation, avoiding giving too much information.

De-de stammered, “I, I, um..., I can’t represent my boss and answer your questions on her behalf. You decide whether you’re buying or not. I haven’t tried the soup myself, and I’m planning to quit.”

“Quit your job? Why? The company is doing so well. You should be getting lots of bonuses. Why do you want to leave?”

“I, I don’t know. Don’t ask me! I’m going to be late for work. Goodbye!” De-de hurriedly left behind a group of confused people.

Ali smelled something fishy. De-de was acting awfully strange. How come someone who worked in a chicken soup company never tasted its own products? Also, the business was doing very well. Why would De-de want to quit?



Meow the cat suggested that they should disguise themselves and secretly follow De-de to the factory.

Ali, Meow, and Fuzzy soon arrived at the chicken soup factory, and noticed that there were only a few people working in the kitchen.

Meow was hoping to find some chicken bones to eat at the factory. However, to their surprise, they couldn't spot a single chicken bone in the entire place.

Meow twitched her whiskers, and said, "No chicken bones? Then how do they make the chicken broth?"

Ali, Fuzzy, and Meow tiptoed into the kitchen. Yingying directed her workers to add gravy powder into a boiling pot. Then, they added many kinds of unidentified seasoning and flavors into the mix.

"Their ads say that they make the soup by slowly cooking fine quality chicken, but they're actually using instant gravy powder and artificial flavors. No wonder their own employees dare not drink it.

How can they sell something like this?" whispered Ali.



Ali used his phone to take videos of everything. After he recorded the evidence on his phone, he accidentally activated the flashlight while calling the police.

"Who's there?" Ying-ying was shocked to see Ali and his phone. She was caught using subpar ingredients. She angrily grabbed Ali. They pulled each other and Ali's phone slipped from his hand.

Meow jumped onto Ying-ying's back and showed her sharp claws. Ying-ying was so scared that she cried loudly, "I am sorry. I was wrong."

Then they heard the police sirens approaching. The police arrived just in time to bring Ying-ying to justice.

The news spread quickly, and everyone thanked Ali, Fuzzy, and Meow for fighting against Ying-ying's dishonest business.

They also learned the importance of choosing safe and hygienic food products in the future.





## I'm a Little Detective!

- Ying-ying sells frozen chicken soup packs on the internet. This is an online advertisement page for her product. Read it carefully and mark three places where there are deceptive words in the advertisement.



**Ying-ying's Chicken Soup**

- Slow cooked, high quality chicken
- Nutritious and tasty
- Boost your immune system
- Rich and flavorful broth
- Fresh chicken meat
- Rich in collagen to slow down aging
- Rich in calcium and protein
- Promoting bone health and bone growth

**Residents get a special 10% OFF!**  
Ginseng chicken soup, mushroom chicken soup, and various flavors

## Think About It

**1. Why did Ying-ying listen to the food supply company owner and use gravy powder to make her soup?**

- A. The cost is lower.
- B. Gravy powder is healthier and tastier.
- C. The food supply company owner threatened her.

**2. What are the consequences of false food advertising?**

- A. Consumers might believe that the food can cure them and spend a lot of money on it.
- B. Consumers can't get the correct information and might eat things that are not good for their health.
- C. This is lying.

**3. What would you do if you were De-de, and you discovered that your boss was not being honest?**