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## Serves 4; 128 calories per serving

1 tbsp vegetable oil

1 large onion, cut into wedges

1 red pepper, deseeded and sliced

2 garlic cloves, chopped

2 tbsp Thai red curry paste

300ml vegetable stock

2 tbsp Thai fish sauce

1 tsp soft brown sugar

200g tin bamboo shoots, drained

200g beansprouts

220g tin water chestnuts, drained and sliced

2 tbsp coriander, chopped

200g young spinach leaves

25g peanuts, chopped

Handful of basil leaves

1 Heat oil in a wok or large frying pan, add onion, pepper and garlic and fry on a medium

heat for 5 minutes or until softened. Add curry paste and cook for a further 2 minutes.

- 2 Add stock, fish sauce and sugar. Bring to the boil, stir, lower heat and simmer for 15 minutes.
- **3** Add bamboo shoots, beansprouts, chestnuts and coriander, and cook uncovered for a further 15 minutes, adding the spinach towards the end of the cooking time. Serve with a scatter of chopped peanuts and basil leaves.

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