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Level 2

Bangkok street-food chef says no to international cooking honour

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180112-street-food-2.html>

A street-food seller wants to give back a top international chef's award. The seller is known as the "crab omelet queen". Jai Fai, 72, has a street stall in the middle of Bangkok. Her crab omelets are so tasty that the international dining guide Michelin awarded her a Michelin Star. This is one of the highest awards a chef can get anywhere in the world. It usually only goes to chefs in top restaurants. Michelin said it would add Bangkok to its fine dining lists. Many people were surprised that a street-food seller in Bangkok got the Michelin Star.

Chefs are usually happy to get the Michelin Star, but Jai Fai said she is not so pleased. She wants to give the star back. Ms Fai said her life has changed too much and she wants her old life back. She said she does not like being famous because of the star. One reason is that many people are now around her stall. She is getting stressed. Tourists take photos, passers-by stop to watch her, and some tax officers visited her. Fai said: "Many people come just to look and take pictures and not necessarily to eat." She said happy customers are more important than "a million stars".

Sources: <http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/bangkok-street-vendor-michelin-star-raan-jay-fai-give-back-a8150341.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180112-street-food-2.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The seller is known as the | a. a chef can get |
| 2. a street stall in the middle | b. dining |
| 3. Her crab omelets | c. of Bangkok |
| 4. one of the highest awards | d. surprised |
| 5. anywhere | e. are so tasty |
| 6. chefs in top | f. in the world |
| 7. fine | g. "crab omelet queen" |
| 8. Many people were | h. restaurants |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. she is not | a. more important |
| 2. she wants her old | b. so pleased |
| 3. She is getting | c. stars |
| 4. passers-by stop | d. stressed |
| 5. some tax officers | e. pictures |
| 6. come just to look and take | f. life back |
| 7. She said happy customers are | g. visited her |
| 8. a million | h. to watch her |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A street-food seller wants to (1) _____ top international chef's award. The seller (2) _____ the "crab omelet queen". Jai Fai, 72, has a street stall in the middle of Bangkok. Her crab omelets (3) _____ that the international dining guide Michelin awarded her a Michelin Star. This is one of the (4) _____ chef can get anywhere in the world. It usually only (5) _____ in top restaurants. Michelin said it would add Bangkok to its fine dining lists. Many people (6) _____ a street-food seller in Bangkok got the Michelin Star.

Chefs are (7) _____ get the Michelin Star, but Jai Fai said she is (8) _____. She wants to give the star back. Ms Fai said her life has changed too much and she wants her (9) _____. She said she does not like being famous because of the star. One reason is that many people are now around her stall. She (10) _____. Tourists take photos, passers-by stop to watch her, and some tax officers visited her. Fai said: "Many (11) _____ to look and take pictures and (12) _____ eat." She said happy customers are more important than "a million stars".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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STREET FOOD SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180112-street-food-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Street food in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

