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#### Level 3

# Bangkok street-food chef says no to international cooking honour

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#### Please try Levels 0, 1 and 2 (they are easier).



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### THE ARTICLE

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A street-food seller in Bangkok wants to give back a top international chef's award. The street-food seller is known as the "crab omelet queen". Her name is Supinya Junsuta but she calls herself Jai Fai. Her street stall is in the middle of Bangkok and it is called Raan Jai Fai. Her crab omelets are of such good quality that the international dining guide Michelin awarded her a Michelin Star. A Michelin Star is one of the highest awards any chef in the world can receive. It is usually only given to chefs in top hotels and restaurants. Michelin announced it would be adding Bangkok to its fine dining lists. Many people were surprised that a street-food seller in Bangkok received the Michelin Star.

Chefs are usually happy to get the Michelin Star, but Jai Fai, 72, has told reporters she is not so pleased that she got the award. She wants to return the star to Michelin. Ms Fai said the star has changed her life too much. She wants to go back to how her life was before. She said she does not like the fame that has come with the star. One reason is that too many people are surrounding her stall and she is getting stressed. Tourists come to take photos; passers-by stop to watch her; and even some officials from the tax department came to visit her. Fai said: "Many people come just to look and take pictures and not necessarily to eat." She said happy customers are more important to her than "a million stars".

Sources: http://www.**independent.co.uk**/life-style/bangkok-street-vendor-michelin-star-raan-jay-fai-giveback-a8150341.html http://**nationalpost.com**/life/food/why-bangkoks-michelin-starred-street-vendor-wants-to-giveback-her-star https://www.**thedailymeal.com**/eat/bangkok-crab-omelette-queen-wants-give-back-her-michelinstar

#### WARM-UPS

**1. BANGKOK:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Bangkok. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Bangkok / international / chef / award / crab / omelet / hotel / restaurant / star / food happy / reporters / life / fame / stall / passers-by / department / pictures / million

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. STREET-FOOD CHEFS:** Students A **strongly** believe that street-food chefs are better than restaurant chefs; Students B **strongly** believe restaurant chefs are better. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. EATERIES:** What are the good and bad points about these eateries? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

|                      | Good points | Bad points |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|
| Formal restaurant    |             |            |
| Cafe                 |             |            |
| Street stall         |             |            |
| Fast food restaurant |             |            |
| Sushi bar            |             |            |
| School canteen       |             |            |

**5. AWARD:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "award". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. STREET FOOD:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- pizza
- kebab
- hot dog
- grilled corn

- fish and chips
- fried chicken
- shawarma
- fried noodles

#### **VOCABULARY MATCHING**

#### Paragraph 1

| 1.   | top                                      | a.             | A stand or booth for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area.   |
|--|--|----------------|---|
| 2.   | award                                    | b.             | Highest in position, rank, or degree.   |
| 3.   | stall                                    | c.             | The standard of something as measured against other things of a similar kind; how excellent something is.   |
| 4.   | quality                                  | d.             | Eating diner at home or in a restaurant.  |
| 5.   | dining                                   | e.             | A prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement.  |
| 6.   | announced                                | f.             | High quality.   |
| 7.   | fine                                     | g.             | Told people about something important.  |
|  |  |                |   |
| Pai  | ragraph 2                                |                |   |
| <b>Pa</b> 1<br>8.  | r <b>agraph 2</b><br>pleased             | h.             | Being known or talked about by many people.   |
|  |  | h.<br>i.       |   |
| 8.   | pleased                                  |                | people.<br>People who are walking past something or   |
| 8.<br>9.   | pleased                                  | i.             | people.<br>People who are walking past something or<br>someone.   |
| 8.<br>9.<br>10.  | pleased<br>fame<br>reason                | i.<br>j.       | people.<br>People who are walking past something or<br>someone.<br>Happy about something.   |
| <ol> <li>8.</li> <li>9.</li> <li>10.</li> <li>11.</li> </ol> | pleased<br>fame<br>reason<br>surrounding | i.<br>j.<br>k. | <ul> <li>people.</li> <li>People who are walking past something or someone.</li> <li>Happy about something.</li> <li>Why something happens.</li> <li>The money you have to give the government when you buy something or get</li> </ul> |

### **BEFORE READING / LISTENING**

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

#### **1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The street-food chef sells a dish that uses crab. **T / F**
- b. The chef has a stall in the north of Bangkok. **T / F**
- c. The food guide Michelin gave her stall two stars. **T / F**
- d. The article said nobody was surprised the chef got the award. T / F
- e. Jai Fai is over 70 years old. T / F
- f. Jai Fai wants her life to be as it was before she got the award. **T / F**
- g. Jai Fai said no one takes photos of her stall. **T / F**
- h. Jai Fai prefers happy customers to honours or awards. **T / F**

#### 2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1. give back a. celebrity 2. middle b. standard 3. quality c. pleased 4. usually d. shoppers 5. surprised e. centre / center 6. happy f. worried 7. fame g. normally 8. reason h. return 9. stressed i. cause **10.** customers i. – amazed

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- 1. give back a top international
- 2. The street-food seller is known as the
- 3. Her crab omelets are of such
- 4. one of the highest
- 5. fine
- 6. she is not so
- 7. She wants to go back to how
- 8. too many people are surrounding
- 9. tax
- 10. happy customers are more important to her

- a. good quality
- b. department
- c. dining
- d. "crab omelet queen"
- e. her life was before
- f. her stall
- g. chef's award
- h. than "a million stars"
- i. awards
- j. pleased

### **GAP FILL**

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

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Chefs are usually (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_ to get the Michelin Star, but life Jai Fai, 72, has told reporters she is not so pleased that she got stressed the award. She wants to (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the Star to Michelin. necessarily Ms Fai said the star has changed her life too much. She wants to happy go back to how her (11) \_\_\_\_\_ was before. She said she million does not like the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ that has come with the star. One reason is that too many people are surrounding her stall and fame she is getting (13) \_\_\_\_\_. Tourists come to take photos; return passers-by stop to watch her; and even some officials from the visit tax department came to (14) \_\_\_\_\_ her. Fai said: "Many people come just to look and take pictures and not (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_ to eat." She said happy customers are more important to her than "a (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_ stars".

#### **LISTENING** – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

| <ol> <li>A street-food seller in Bangkok wants to give back a top international</li> <li>a. chef's awards</li> <li>b. chef's awarded</li> </ol> |
|---|
| c. chef's awarding<br>d. chef's award   |
| <ul><li>2) The street-food seller is known as the "crab"</li></ul>  |
| a. omelet cream   |
| b. omelet clean   |
| c. omelet queen   |
| <ul><li>d. omelet glean</li><li>3) Her crab omelets are of such good quality that the international Michelin</li></ul>                          |
| a. dine in guide  |
| b. die nine guide   |
| c. dine nine guide<br>d. dining guide   |
| <ul><li>4) Michelin announced it would be adding Bangkok to its lists</li></ul>   |
| a. fine dining  |
| b. wine dining  |
| c. dine dining<br>d. line dining  |
| 5) people were surprised that a street-food seller in Bangkok Michelin Star   |
| a. received the   |
| b. deceived the   |
| c. receipt the<br>d. deceit the   |
| 6) happy to get the Michelin Star, but Jai Fai, 72, has told reporters she is   |
| a. knot so pleased  |
| b. not sow pleased  |
| c. not so pleased<br>d. not sew pleased   |
| 7) She wants to go back to how her  |
| a. life is before   |
| b. life was before  |
| c. live was afore<br>d. live was before   |
| 8) One reason is that too many people are surrounding her stall and she is  |
| a. get thing stressed   |
| <ul> <li>b. get tin stressed</li> <li>c. get thin stressed</li> </ul>   |
| d. getting stressed   |
| 9) and even some officials from the tax department came   |
| a. to visit her   |
| b. tooth visit her<br>c. to visits her  |
| d. too visit her  |
| 10) She said happy customers are more important to her than ""  |
| a. the million stars  |
| b. a million stars  |
| c. a millions stars   |

d. the million stars

#### LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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### **COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What is the street-stall chef's nickname?
- 2. In which part of Bangkok is Jai Fai's street stall?
- 3. How many Michelin Stars did Jai Fai get?
- 4. What city is Michelin adding to its fine dining lists?
- 5. How did many people feel about the street-food seller getting the award?
- 6. How old is Jai Fai?
- 7. What did Jai Fai say has changed too much?
- 8. Who did Jai Fai say comes to take photos?
- 9. Where did officials who visited Jai Fai come from?
- 10. What did Jai Fai say was more important than "a million stars"?

## **MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ**

From <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180112-street-food.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180112-street-food.html</a>

| <ol> <li>What is the street-stall chef's<br/>nickname?</li> <li>a) club egg king</li> <li>b) crab omelet princess</li> <li>c) street-stall queen</li> <li>d) crab omelet queen</li> </ol>                     | <ul> <li>6) How old is Jai Fai?</li> <li>a) 42</li> <li>b) 72</li> <li>c) 62</li> <li>d) 52</li> <li>7) What did Jai Fai say has changed</li> </ul>   |
|---|---|
| <ul> <li>2) In which part of Bangkok is Jai</li> <li>Fai's street stall?</li> <li>a) the north</li> <li>b) the middle</li> <li>c) the east</li> <li>d) the couth</li> </ul>                                   | too much?<br>a) stars<br>b) food quality<br>c) food prices<br>d) her life   |
| <ul> <li>d) the south</li> <li>3) How many Michelin Stars did Jai</li> <li>Fai get?</li> <li>a) 5</li> <li>b) 2</li> <li>c) 1</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>8) Who did Jai Fai say comes to take photos?</li> <li>a) tourists</li> <li>b) food guides</li> <li>c) officials</li> <li>d) passers-by</li> </ul>  |
| <ul> <li>d) 3</li> <li>4) What city is Michelin adding to its fine dining lists?</li> <li>a) Bangkok</li> <li>b) Delhi</li> <li>c) Rio de Janeiro</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>9) Where did officials who visited Jai</li> <li>Fai come from?</li> <li>a) the food department</li> <li>b) Vietnam</li> <li>c) the tax department</li> <li>d) a newspaper</li> </ul>     |
| <ul> <li>d) Cape Town</li> <li>5) How did many people feel about<br/>the street-food seller getting the<br/>award?</li> <li>a) happy</li> <li>b) shocked</li> <li>c) surprised</li> <li>d) puzzled</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>10) What did Jai Fai say was more important than "a million stars"?</li> <li>a) good food</li> <li>b) happy customers</li> <li>c) a Michelin Star</li> <li>d) a billion stars</li> </ul> |

## **ROLE PLAY**

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

#### Role A – Pizza

You think pizza is the best street food. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their street foods. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): grilled corn, hot dogs or fried noodles.

#### Role B – Grilled Corn

You think grilled corn is the best street food. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their street foods. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): pizza, hot dogs or fried noodles.

#### Role C – Hot Dog

You think hot dogs are the best street food. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their street foods. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): grilled corn, pizza or fried noodles.

#### **Role D – Fried Noodles**

You think fried noodles are the best street food. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their street foods. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): grilled corn, hot dogs or pizza.

# **AFTER READING / LISTENING**

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

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'street' and 'food'.

| street | food |
|--------|------|
|        |      |
|        |      |
|        |      |

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| • known                     | • happy  |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| <ul> <li>herself</li> </ul> | • return |
| • such                      | • fame   |
| • such                      | • reason |
| <ul> <li>highest</li> </ul> | • tax    |
| • fine                      | million  |

### **STREET FOOD SURVEY**

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180112-street-food.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.

## STREET FOOD DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'street'?
- 3. What do you think of street food?
- 4. How is street food different from restaurant food?
- 5. What is the best street food in your country?
- 6. What do you think of crab omelets?
- 7. What do you know about the Michelin dining guide?
- 8. What would it be like to be a chef?
- 9. How good is it that a street-food seller got a chef's award?
- 10. What do you think of fine dining?

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#### STREET FOOD DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'food'?
- 13. What do you think about what you read?
- 14. What do you think of Thai food?
- 15. Have you ever got an award?
- 16. Do you think Jai Fai should return the award?
- 17. What is your favourite food, and why?
- 18. What advice do you have for Jai Fai?
- 19. Are happy customers better than a million stars?
- 20. What questions would you like to ask Jai Fai?

### **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

| 1. |                                   |
|----|-----------------------------------|
| 2. |                                   |
| 3. |                                   |
| 4. |                                   |
| 5. |                                   |
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### **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

| 1. | <br> |  |
|----|------|--|
|    |      |  |
| 2. | <br> |  |
| 2  |      |  |
| 3. |      |  |
| 4. |      |  |
|    |      |  |
| 5. |      |  |
| _  |      |  |
| 6. | <br> |  |

### LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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#### Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

| 1.  | (a) | giving   | (b) | give     | (c) | gave    | (d) | given    |
|-----|-----|----------|-----|----------|-----|---------|-----|----------|
| 2.  | (a) | selling  | (b) | seller   | (c) | sales   | (d) | selling  |
| 3.  | (a) | seeming  | (b) | serious  | (c) | SO      | (d) | such     |
| 4.  | (a) | height   | (b) | highest  | (c) | high    | (d) | heighten |
| 5.  | (a) | atop     | (b) | top      | (c) | topped  | (d) | topping  |
| 6.  | (a) | fire     | (b) | file     | (c) | fine    | (d) | fore     |
| 7.  | (a) | pleasure | (b) | pleads   | (c) | pleased | (d) | pleasing |
| 8.  | (a) | when     | (b) | there    | (c) | how     | (d) | which    |
| 9.  | (a) | famed    | (b) | famously | (c) | famous  | (d) | fame     |
| 10. | (a) | that     | (b) | what     | (c) | which   | (d) | such     |
| 11. | (a) | even     | (b) | event    | (c) | ever    | (d) | eves     |
| 12. | (a) | now      | (b) | non      | (c) | not     | (d) | no       |

## SPELLING

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

#### Paragraph 1

- 1. a top international chef's <u>aawdr</u>
- 2. of such good tualyqi
- 3. one of the <u>hihtesg</u>
- 4. top hotels and taastrusren
- 5. fine ingnid
- 6. <u>eercdiev</u> the Michelin Star

#### Paragraph 2

- 7. told eroertpsr she is not so pleased
- 8. She wants to eurntr the star
- 9. <u>utirtsos</u> come to take photos
- 10. <u>Ifaocsiif</u> from the tax department
- 11. not selyneriacs
- 12. a <u>oiminll</u> stars

### PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

#### Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) department came to visit her. Fai said: "Many people come just to look and take pictures and not
- ( ) as the "crab omelet queen". Her name is Supinya Junsuta but she calls herself Jai Fai. Her street stall is in the middle
- (1) A street-food seller in Bangkok wants to give back a top international chef's award. The street-food seller is known
- ( ) much. She wants to go back to how her life was before. She said she does not like the fame that has
- ( ) stressed. Tourists come to take photos; passers-by stop to watch her; and even some officials from the tax
- ( ) Chefs are usually happy to get the Michelin Star, but Jai Fai, 72, has told reporters she is not so
- ( ) of Bangkok and it is called Raan Jai Fai. Her crab omelets are of such good quality that the international dining
- ( ) restaurants. Michelin announced it would be adding Bangkok to its fine dining lists. Many people were
- ( ) surprised that a street-food seller in Bangkok received the Michelin Star.
- ( ) awards any chef in the world can receive. It is usually only given to chefs in top hotels and
- ( ) come with the star. One reason is that too many people are surrounding her stall and she is getting
- ( ) necessarily to eat." She said happy customers are more important to her than "a million stars".
- ( ) guide Michelin awarded her a Michelin Star. A Michelin Star is one of the highest
- ( ) pleased that she got the award. She wants to return the star to Michelin. Ms Fai said the star has changed her life too

#### PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. award. a international top back Give chef's

2. Her middle of is Bangkok. in stall the street

3. crab are omelets good of such Her quality.

4. one of the A highest Michelin Star is awards.

5. fine Bangkok its lists. dining to Adding

6. she She the not is that pleased so award. got

7. the does not She like she fame. said

8. Too stall. surrounding many people her are

9. the to tax department from visit. Officials came

10. customers to are Happy important more her.

### **CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)**

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

A street-food seller in Bangkok wants to *give / giving* back a top international chef's award. The street-food seller is *knowing / known* as the "crab omelet queen". Her name is Supinya Junsuta but she calls *himself / herself* Jai Fai. Her street *stall / stalled* is in the middle of Bangkok and it is called Raan Jai Fai. Her crab omelets are of *so / such* good quality that the international dining guide Michelin awarded her a Michelin Star. A Michelin Star is one of *a / the* highest awards any chef *in / on* the world can receive. It is *usually / usual* only given to chefs in top hotels and restaurants. Michelin announced it would *been / be* adding Bangkok to its fine dining lists. Many people were *surprising / surprised* that a street-food seller in Bangkok received the Michelin Star.

Chefs are usually *happily / happy* to get the Michelin Star, but Jai Fai, 72, has told reporters she is not so *pleased / pleasure* that she got the award. She wants to return the star to Michelin. Ms Fai said the star has *charged / changed* her life too much. She wants to go back to how her *live / life* was before. She said she does not like the *flame / fame* that has come with the star. One reason is that too many people are *surrounding / surround* her stall and she is getting stressed. *Tourists / tourism* come to take photos; passers-by stop to watch her; and *ever / even* some officials from the tax department came to visit her. Fai said: "Many people come *just / justice* to look and take pictures and not necessarily to eat." She said happy customers are more important to her *that / than* "a million stars".

# Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

#### **INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)**

From <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180112-street-food.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180112-street-food.html</a>

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#### PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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## PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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

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### FREE WRITING

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

Write about **street food** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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### ACADEMIC WRITING

From <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180112-street-food.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180112-street-food.html</a>

How different is street food and restaurant food? Which do you prefer? Why?

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#### HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. STREET FOOD:** Make a poster about street food. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. FOOD AWARDS:** Write a magazine article about foods awards for street food. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on street food. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on street food. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

#### **ANSWERS**

#### **VOCABULARY (p.4)**

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**10. customers** j. shoppers

#### **COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)**

#### 1. Crab omelet queen

- 2. The center
- 3. One
- 4. Bangkok
- 5. Surprised
- 6. 72
- 7. Her life
- 8. Tourists
- 9. The tax department
- 10. Happy customers

#### MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

#### **ALL OTHER EXERCISES**

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2. (It's good for your English ;-)