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## Level 1

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

**12th January, 2018**

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180112-street-food-1.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180112-street-food-1.html>

A street-food seller wants to give back a top chef's award. The seller, Jai Fai, 72, is known as the "crab omelet queen". Her street stall is in the middle of Bangkok. Her omelets are so tasty that the international food guide Michelin gave her a Michelin Star - one of the highest chef's awards. It is usually for chefs in top restaurants. Michelin is adding Bangkok to its food guide. Many people were surprised that a street-food seller got the Michelin Star.

Chefs are usually happy with a Michelin Star, but Jai Fai is not. She wants to return the star. Her life has changed too much. She said she does not like being famous and wants her old life back. She is getting stressed. Tourists take photos, people stop to watch her, and tax officers visited her. Fai said: "Many people come just to look and take pictures and not...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>  
<http://nationalpost.com/life/food/why-bangkoks-michelin-starred-street-vendor-wants-to-give-back-her-star>  
<https://www.thedailymeal.com/eat/bangkok-crab-omelette-queen-wants-give-back-her-michelin-star>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180112-street-food-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Jai Fai, 72, is known as the | a. restaurants         |
| 2. Her street stall is in the   | b. surprised           |
| 3. Her omelets are so           | c. middle of Bangkok   |
| 4. one of the highest chef's    | d. the Michelin Star   |
| 5. chefs in top                 | e. tasty               |
| 6. food                         | f. awards              |
| 7. Many people were             | g. "crab omelet queen" |
| 8. a street-food seller got     | h. guide               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Her life has changed     | a. pictures           |
| 2. wants her old life       | b. to watch her       |
| 3. people stop              | c. stars              |
| 4. tax officers             | d. back               |
| 5. Many people come         | e. are more important |
| 6. take                     | f. visited her        |
| 7. She said happy customers | g. just to look       |
| 8. a million                | h. too much           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A street-food seller wants to give back a (1) \_\_\_\_\_. The seller, Jai Fai, 72, is known as the "crab omelet queen". Her street stall is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of Bangkok. Her omelets (3) \_\_\_\_\_ that the international food guide Michelin gave her a Michelin Star - one of the highest chef's awards. It is (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in top restaurants. Michelin is adding Bangkok to (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Many people were surprised that a street-food (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Michelin Star.

Chefs are (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a Michelin Star, but Jai Fai is not. She wants to return the star. Her life has (8) \_\_\_\_\_. She said she does not like being famous and wants her old life back. She (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Tourists take photos, people stop to watch her, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ visited her. Fai said: "Many people come just to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ pictures and not...to eat." She said happy customers are more important than "(12) \_\_\_\_\_".

# 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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) \_\_\_\_\_

