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Taiwan restaurant serves crocodile-foot ramen

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230706-crocodile-ramen.html>

Ramen is becoming more and more popular around the world. It is a noodle dish of Chinese-style wheat noodles served in a rich broth. Common flavours are soy sauce and miso, and common toppings include sliced pork, dried seaweed, bamboo shoots and spring onions. A restaurant in Taiwan has added a new ingredient – a crocodile foot. The Witch Cat Kwai restaurant in Yunlin has named its dish "thick witch crocodile ramen". Photos of the ramen have gone viral on social media. Internet users are calling it "Godzilla ramen". The restaurant's owner told CNN Travel that the ramen is very popular. There is a long waiting list to eat at the restaurant. It is fully booked until the end of August.

The Godzilla ramen is not cheap. One bowl costs about \$50. The chef said the soup and the crocodile foot take about three hours to cook. He prepares just 10 feet a day. The chef uses 40 types of fresh ingredients. First, he cleans the foot and rubs it with alcohol. Then, he covers it with a variety of spices. Finally, he puts the foot in the ramen broth for two hours. The owner said some customers were "afraid" to try the dish. However, many others really want to try it. The chef said: "A lot of customers say crocodile meat tastes like chicken, but it is more springy, soft and elastic than chicken." In Taiwan, it is legal to farm and eat crocodiles that are not protected species.

Sources: <https://people.com/crocodile-leg-appears-to-crawl-out-of-ramen-bowl-at-restaurant-taiwan-7554832>
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WARM-UPS

1. RAMEN NOODLES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about ramen noodles. 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?

ramen / popular / noodles / broth / soy sauce / miso / toppings / crocodile / August / Godzilla / soup / ingredients / spices / customers / dish / chicken / protected species

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

3. CROCODILES: Students A **strongly** believe we should not kill crocodiles for food or fashion; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. FOOD: What do you know about the food below? How tasty is it? How do you make it? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	How Tasty	How To Make It
Ramen			
Spaghetti			
Hamburger			
Shawarma			
Samosa			
Fish and chips			

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

6. FRESH INGREDIENTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best ingredients at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Garlic
- Tomatoes
- Onions
- Chilli
- Mushrooms
- Cream
- Cabbage
- Eggs

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. popular | a. Liked by many people. |
| 2. dish | b. All of the food or things that are used to make a particular dish. |
| 3. broth | c. One item of (cooked) food served as part of a meal. |
| 4. common | d. Food put on top of another food to add flavour. |
| 5. topping | e. Soup made by cooking bones, meat, or fish slowly in water. |
| 6. ingredient | f. Happening, found, or done often or everywhere. |
| 7. go viral | g. Spread quickly and everywhere across social media. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------|--|
| 8. prepare | h. Can stretch easily. |
| 9. variety | i. Quickly moving back to its original shape when squeezed or stretched. |
| 10. customer | j. Make (food or a meal) ready for cooking or eating. |
| 11. springy | k. Within the law; not against the law. |
| 12. elastic | l. Lots of different things of a similar kind. |
| 13. legal | m. Living things that laws say cannot be harmed. |
| 14. protected species | n. A person who buys goods or services from a shop or business. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230706-crocodile-ramen.html>

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

1. The article says ramen is becoming the world's most popular food. **T / F**
2. Ramen has toppings that include winter onions. **T / F**
3. Photos of the crocodile-foot ramen quickly spread across social media. **T / F**
4. The crocodile ramen restaurant is currently fully booked. **T / F**
5. One bowl of the crocodile-foot ramen costs about \$50. **T / F**
6. The chef uses 10 types of fresh ingredients in the crocodile-foot ramen. **T / F**
7. Some of the restaurant's customers are afraid to try the ramen. **T / F**
8. Many customers say the crocodile meat tastes like salmon. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. popular | a. called |
| 2. rich | b. typical |
| 3. common | c. breed |
| 4. named | d. inexpensive |
| 5. fully | e. lawful |
| 6. cheap | f. well-liked |
| 7. chef | g. scared |
| 8. afraid | h. totally |
| 9. legal | i. full-flavoured |
| 10. farm | j. cook |

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Ramen is becoming more and more | a. until the end of August |
| 2. wheat noodles served in | b. include sliced pork |
| 3. common toppings | c. variety of spices |
| 4. There is a long waiting list to | d. a rich broth |
| 5. It is fully booked | e. like chicken |
| 6. One bowl | f. species |
| 7. The chef uses 40 types | g. popular |
| 8. he covers it with a | h. eat at the restaurant |
| 9. crocodile meat tastes | i. of fresh ingredients |
| 10. protected | j. costs about \$50 |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230706-crocodile-ramen.html>

Ramen is becoming more and more (1) _____ around the world. It is a noodle dish of Chinese-style wheat noodles (2) _____ in a rich broth. Common flavours are soy sauce and miso, and common toppings include sliced pork, (3) _____ seaweed, bamboo shoots and spring onions. A restaurant in Taiwan has added a new (4) _____ – a crocodile foot. The Witch Cat Kwai restaurant in Yunlin has (5) _____ its dish "thick witch crocodile ramen". Photos of the ramen have gone (6) _____ on social media. Internet users are calling it "Godzilla ramen". The restaurant's (7) _____ told CNN Travel that the ramen is very popular. There is a long waiting (8) _____ to eat at the restaurant. It is fully booked until the end of August.

ingredient

served

viral

list

popular

named

dried

owner

The Godzilla ramen is not (7) _____. One bowl costs about \$50. The chef said the soup and the crocodile foot take about three hours to cook. He (8) _____ just 10 feet a day. The chef uses 40 types of fresh ingredients. First, he cleans the foot and (9) _____ it with alcohol. Then, he covers it with a variety of (10) _____. Finally, he puts the foot in the ramen broth for two hours. The owner said some (11) _____ were "afraid" to try the dish. However, many others really want to try it. The (12) _____ said: "A lot of customers say crocodile meat (13) _____ like chicken, but it is more springy, soft and elastic than chicken." In Taiwan, it is legal to farm and eat crocodiles that are not protected (14) _____.

customers

rubs

tastes

spices

species

cheap

prepares

chef

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230706-crocodile-ramen.html>

- 1) It is a noodle dish of Chinese-style wheat noodles served in _____
 - a. a rich breath
 - b. a rich both
 - c. a rich broth
 - d. a rich brothel
- 2) Common flavours are soy _____
 - a. sauce and me so
 - b. source and miso
 - c. saw sand miss so
 - d. sauce and miso
- 3) toppings include sliced pork, dried seaweed, bamboo shoots _____
 - a. and summer onions
 - b. and autumn onions
 - c. and winter onions
 - d. and spring onions
- 4) Photos of the ramen _____
 - a. have gone rival
 - b. have gone viral
 - c. have gone libel
 - d. have gone rebel
- 5) It is fully booked until the _____
 - a. ending August
 - b. yen doff August
 - c. end of August
 - d. end oft August
- 6) The chef said the soup and the crocodile foot take about three _____
 - a. ours to cook
 - b. hour stew cook
 - c. hours stew cook
 - d. hours to cook
- 7) Then, he covers it with a _____
 - a. variety off splices
 - b. variety of spices
 - c. variety of spy ices
 - d. variety of spicy
- 8) The owner said some customers were "afraid" to _____
 - a. fry the dish
 - b. pry the dish
 - c. try the dish
 - d. cry the dish
- 9) crocodile meat tastes like chicken, but it is more springy, _____
 - a. soft end plastic
 - b. soft and plastic
 - c. soft end elastic
 - d. soft and elastic
- 10) In Taiwan, it is legal to farm and eat crocodiles that are _____
 - a. not protect tick species
 - b. not protect Ted species
 - c. not protect toad species
 - d. not protected species

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230706-crocodile-ramen.html>

Ramen is becoming (1) _____ popular around the world. It is a noodle dish of Chinese-style wheat noodles served in (2) _____. Common flavours are soy sauce and miso, and common toppings include sliced pork, dried seaweed, bamboo shoots and spring onions. A restaurant in Taiwan has added (3) _____ – a crocodile foot. The Witch Cat Kwai restaurant in Yunlin has named its dish "thick witch crocodile ramen". Photos of the ramen have (4) _____ social media. Internet users are calling it "Godzilla ramen". The restaurant's owner told CNN Travel that the ramen is very popular. There is a (5) _____ to eat at the restaurant. It is (6) _____ the end of August.

The Godzilla ramen is not cheap. One (7) _____ \$50. The chef said the soup and the crocodile foot take about three hours to cook. He prepares just 10 feet a day. The chef uses 40 (8) _____ ingredients. First, he cleans the foot and rubs it with alcohol. Then, he covers it with a (9) _____. Finally, he puts the foot in the ramen broth for two hours. The owner said some customers were "afraid" to try the dish. However, many others really want (10) _____. The chef said: "A lot of customers say crocodile meat tastes like chicken, but it is more springy, (11) _____ than chicken." In Taiwan, it is legal to farm and eat crocodiles that are (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230706-crocodile-ramen.html>

1. What kind of noodles are used to make ramen?
2. What kinds of onions are used as a ramen topping?
3. Where have photos of the ramen gone viral?
4. What did Internet users nickname the crocodile-foot ramen?
5. What kind of list does the restaurant have that is full?
6. How much does a bowl of the ramen cost?
7. How many crocodile feet does the chef cook every day?
8. What does the chef cover the crocodile foot with?
9. What did many customers say crocodile meat tastes like?
10. What crocodiles is it illegal to eat in Taiwan?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230706-crocodile-ramen.html>

- 1) What kind of noodles are used to make ramen?
 - a) spaghetti
 - b) soba noodles
 - c) wheat noodles
 - d) thick noodles
- 2) What kinds of onions are used as a ramen topping?
 - a) spring onions
 - b) summer onions
 - c) autumn onions
 - d) winter onions
- 3) Where have photos of the ramen gone viral?
 - a) on social media
 - b) in newspapers
 - c) in hospitals
 - d) in ramen restaurants
- 4) What did Internet users nickname the crocodile-foot ramen?
 - a) Croco-men
 - b) Godzilla ramen
 - c) Footie ramen
 - d) Claws
- 5) What kind of list does the restaurant have that is full?
 - a) a wish list
 - b) a to-do list
 - c) a shopping list
 - d) a waiting list
- 6) How much does a bowl of the ramen cost?
 - a) \$60
 - b) \$50
 - c) \$40
 - d) \$80
- 7) How many crocodile feet does the chef cook every day?
 - a) 10
 - b) 11
 - c) 12
 - d) 13
- 8) What does the chef cover the crocodile foot with?
 - a) foil
 - b) broth
 - c) a variety of spices
 - d) different sauces
- 9) What did many customers say crocodile meat tastes like?
 - a) tofu
 - b) yellow-spotted river turtle
 - c) salmon
 - d) chicken
- 10) What crocodiles is it illegal to eat in Taiwan?
 - a) protected species
 - b) saltwater crocodiles
 - c) Australian crocodiles
 - d) crocodiles in zoos

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Tomatoes

You think tomatoes are the best ingredients for cooking. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ingredients. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): onions, garlic or eggs.

Role B – Onions

You think onions are the best ingredients for cooking. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ingredients. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): tomatoes, garlic or eggs.

Role C – Garlic

You think garlic is the best ingredient for cooking. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ingredients. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): onions, tomatoes or eggs.

Role D – Eggs

You think eggs are the best ingredients for cooking. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ingredients. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): onions, garlic or tomatoes.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230706-crocodile-ramen.html>

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

crocodile	ramen

- 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:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• more• rich• common• named• calling• long	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• cheap• 10• 40• covers• tastes• legal
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RAMEN NOODLES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about ramen noodles 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.

CROCODILE RAMEN 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 'crocodile'?
3. What do you think of ramen?
4. What are your favourite noodle dishes?
5. What do you think of soy sauce and miso?
6. Why does all unusual meat taste like chicken?
7. What do you think of eating a crocodile foot?
8. What food do you upload on social media?
9. What are your favourite restaurants?
10. Would you like to try the thick witch crocodile ramen?

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CROCODILE RAMEN 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 'ramen'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about ramen?
15. What spices does food really need?
16. What's the most unusual food you've eaten?
17. Why might people be afraid to try the crocodile ramen?
18. Is it wrong to kill crocodiles for meat and fashion?
19. What's your favourite food?
20. What questions would you like to ask the chef?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The Godzilla ramen is not (7) _____. One bowl costs about \$50. The chef said the soup and the crocodile foot take about three hours to cook. He prepares just 10 feet a day. The chef uses 40 types of (8) _____ ingredients. First, he cleans the foot and rubs it with alcohol. Then, he covers (9) _____ with a variety of spices. Finally, he puts the foot in the ramen broth for two hours. The owner said some customers were "afraid" to (10) _____ the dish. However, many others really want to try it. The chef said: "A lot of customers say crocodile meat tastes (11) _____ chicken, but it is more springy, soft and elastic than chicken." In Taiwan, it is legal to (12) _____ and eat crocodiles that are not protected species.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) more | (b) much | (c) most | (d) many |
| 2. | (a) tasteless | (b) boring | (c) rich | (d) witch |
| 3. | (a) sheets | (b) shouts | (c) shoots | (d) shards |
| 4. | (a) feral | (b) libel | (c) rival | (d) viral |
| 5. | (a) uses | (b) usage | (c) users | (d) youths |
| 6. | (a) last | (b) end | (c) close | (d) death |
| 7. | (a) cheep | (b) cheap | (c) chirp | (d) chap |
| 8. | (a) flush | (b) fresh | (c) flash | (d) flesh |
| 9. | (a) them | (b) foot | (c) it | (d) cooking |
| 10. | (a) fry | (b) cry | (c) pry | (d) try |
| 11. | (a) identical | (b) same | (c) similar | (d) like |
| 12. | (a) plant | (b) dig | (c) field | (d) farm |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Ramen is becoming more and more pluraop
2. noodles served in a rich rbtoh
3. moconm toppings
4. added a new enriendgti
5. Photos of the ramen have gone riavl
6. It is fluyl booked

Paragraph 2

7. He pseaperr just 10 feet a day
8. he covers it with a yeviatr
9. some cotussrme were "afraid" to try the dish
10. it is more ignprys
11. soft and elitacs
12. protected eicsesp

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230706-crocodile-ramen.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () customers were "afraid" to try the dish. However, many others really want to
- () The Godzilla ramen is not cheap. One bowl costs about \$50. The chef said the soup
- () try it. The chef said: "A lot of customers say crocodile meat tastes like chicken, but it is more springy, soft and elastic
- () served in a rich broth. Common flavours are soy sauce and miso, and common toppings include sliced
- () ingredient – a crocodile foot. The Witch Cat Kwai restaurant in Yunlin has named its
- () ramen is very popular. There is a long waiting list to eat at the restaurant. It is fully booked until the end of August.
- (**1**) Ramen is becoming more and more popular around the world. It is a noodle dish of Chinese-style wheat noodles
- () and the crocodile foot take about three hours to cook. He prepares just 10 feet a day. The chef uses 40
- () pork, dried seaweed, bamboo shoots and spring onions. A restaurant in Taiwan has added a new
- () than chicken." In Taiwan, it is legal to farm and eat crocodiles that are not protected species.
- () types of fresh ingredients. First, he cleans the foot and rubs it with alcohol. Then, he covers it with a variety
- () social media. Internet users are calling it "Godzilla ramen". The restaurant's owner told CNN Travel that the
- () of spices. Finally, he puts the foot in the ramen broth for two hours. The owner said some
- () dish "thick witch crocodile ramen". Photos of the ramen have gone viral on

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230706-crocodile-ramen.html>

1. and more popular worldwide . Ramen becoming is more
2. restaurant in Taiwan new a ingredient . added A
3. of gone ramen Photos have the viral .
4. long a list There's waiting eat there . to
5. end booked It's August . fully until the of
6. to takes hours crocodile foot cook . three The
7. fresh uses The chef of ingredients . types 40
8. dish . were try afraid the to customers Some
9. like meat chicken . Customers say tastes crocodile
10. crocodiles Eat not that species . protected are

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230706-crocodile-ramen.html>

Ramen is becoming more and *much / more* popular around the world. It is a noodle dish of Chinese-style wheat noodles served in a *tasteless / rich* broth. Common flavours are soy sauce and miso, and *commonly / common* toppings include sliced pork, dried seaweed, bamboo *sheets / shoots* and spring onions. A restaurant in Taiwan has *added / subtracted* a new ingredient – a crocodile *feet / foot*. The Witch Cat Kwai restaurant in Yunlin has named its dish "thick witch crocodile ramen". Photos of the ramen have gone *rival / viral* on social media. Internet users are calling *it / them* "Godzilla ramen". The restaurant's owner told CNN Travel that the ramen is very popular. There is a long *wilting / waiting* list to eat at the restaurant. It is fully booked until the *last / end* of August.

The Godzilla ramen is not cheap. One *bowl / bowel* costs about \$50. The chef said the soup and the crocodile foot take about three hours to *cake / cook*. He prepares *just / justly* 10 feet a day. The chef uses 40 types of *fresh / flesh* ingredients. First, he cleans the foot and rubs it *without / with* alcohol. Then, he covers it with a variety of *spaces / spices*. Finally, he puts the foot in the ramen broth for two hours. The owner said some customers were "afraid" *to / for* try the dish. However, many others really want to try it. The chef said: "A lot of customers say crocodile meat tastes *like / similar* chicken, but it is more springy, soft and elastic *than / that* chicken." In Taiwan, it is legal to farm and *eat / heat* crocodiles that are not protected species.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

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

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R_m_n _s b_c_m_ng m_r_ _nd m_r_ p_p_l_r _r__nd th_
w_rld. _t _s _ n__dl_ d_sh _f Ch_n_s_-styl_ wh__t
n__dl_s s_rv_d _n _ r_ch br_th. C_mm_n fl_v__rs _r_
s_y s__c_ _nd m_s_, _nd c_mm_n t_pp_ngs _ncl_d_
sl_c_d p_rk, dr__d s__w__d, b_mb__ sh__ts _nd spr_ng
_n__ns. _ r_st__r_nt _n T__w_n h_s _dd_d _ n_w
_ngr_d__nt - _ cr_c_d_l_ f__t. Th_ W_tch C_t Kw__
r_st__r_nt _n Y_nl_n h_s n_m_d _ts d_sh "th_ck w_tch
cr_c_d_l_ r_m_n". Ph_t_s _f th_ r_m_n h_v_ g_n_
v_r_l _n s_c__l m_d__. _nt_rn_t _s_rs _r_ c_ll_ng _t
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230706-crocodile-ramen.html>

ramen is becoming more and more popular around the world it is a noodle dish of chinestyle wheat noodles served in a rich broth common flavours are soy sauce and miso and common toppings include sliced pork dried seaweed bamboo shoots and spring onions a restaurant in taiwan has added a new ingredient a crocodile foot the witch cat kwai restaurant in yunlin has named its dish thick witch crocodile ramen photos of the ramen have gone viral on social media internet users are calling it godzilla ramen the restaurants owner told cnn travel that the ramen is very popular there is a long waiting list to eat at the restaurant it is fully booked until the end of august

the godzilla ramen is not cheap one bowl costs about 50 the chef said the soup and the crocodile foot take about three hours to cook he prepares just 10 bowls a day the chef uses 40 types of fresh ingredients first he cleans the foot and rubs it with alcohol then he covers it with a variety of spices finally he puts the foot in the ramen broth for two hours the owner said some customers were afraid to try the dish however many others really want to try it the chef said a lot of customers say crocodile meat tastes like chicken but it is more springy soft and elastic than chicken in taiwan it is legal to farm and eat crocodiles that are not protected species

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Ramen is becoming more and more popular around the world. It is a noodle dish of Chinese-style wheat noodles served in a rich broth. Common flavours are soy sauce and miso, and common toppings include sliced pork, dried seaweed, bamboo shoots and spring onions. A restaurant in Taiwan has added a new ingredient – a crocodile foot. The Witch Cat Kwai restaurant in Yunlin has named its dish "thick witch crocodile ramen". Photos of the ramen have gone viral on social media. Internet users are calling it "Godzilla ramen". The restaurant's owner told CNN Travel that the ramen is very popular. There is a long waiting list to eat at the restaurant. It is fully booked until the end of August. The Godzilla ramen is not cheap. One bowl costs about \$50. The chef said the soup and the crocodile foot take about three hours to cook. He prepares just 10 feet a day. The chef uses 40 types of fresh ingredients. First, he cleans the foot and rubs it with alcohol. Then, he covers it with a variety of spices. Finally, he puts the foot in the ramen broth for two hours. The owner said some customers were "afraid" to try the dish. However, many others really want to try it. The chef said: "A lot of customers say crocodile meat tastes like chicken, but it is more springy, softer and elastic than chicken." In Taiwan, it is legal to farm and eat crocodiles that are not protected species.

FREE WRITING

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Write about **ramen noodles** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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. RAMEN NOODLES: Make a poster about ramen noodles. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CROCODILES: Write a magazine article about banning the use of crocodiles for food, bags, shows, etc. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 ramen noodles. Ask him/her three questions about ramen noodles. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. a 2. c 3. e 4. f 5. d 6. b 7. g
8. j 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. i	3. b	4. a	5. h
6. d	7. j	8. g	9. e	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Wheat noodles
2. Spring onions
3. On social media
4. Godzilla ramen
5. A waiting list
6. \$50
7. Ten
8. A variety of spices
9. Chicken
10. Protected species

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Ramen is becoming more and more popular worldwide.
2. A restaurant in Taiwan added a new ingredient.
3. Photos of the ramen have gone viral.
4. There's a long waiting list to eat there.
5. It's fully booked until the end of August.
6. The crocodile foot takes three hours to cook.
7. The chef uses 40 types of fresh ingredients.
8. Some customers were afraid to try the dish.
9. Customers say crocodile meat tastes like chicken.
10. Eat crocodiles that are not protected species.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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