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**Level 1** – 6th July 2023

## Taiwan restaurant serves crocodile-foot ramen

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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/2307/230706-crocodile-ramen-1.html>

Ramen is popular around the world. It is Chinese-style wheat noodles in a soy sauce or miso broth. Common toppings include pork, dried seaweed, and bamboo shoots. The Witch Cat Kwai restaurant in Taiwan has added a new ingredient – crocodile foot. Photos of it have spread on social media. Internet users call it "Godzilla ramen". There is a long waiting list to eat at the restaurant. It is fully booked.

At \$50 a bowl, the ramen is not cheap. It takes about three hours to cook. The chef makes just 10 bowls a day. He uses 40 types of ingredients. First, he cleans the foot. Then, he puts spices on it. Finally, he cooks it in the broth. Some customers are "afraid" to try it. The chef said: "A lot of customers say crocodile meat tastes like chicken." In Taiwan, it is legal to eat crocodiles that are not protected species.

Sources: <https://people.com/crocodile-leg-appears-to-crawl-out-of-ramen-bowl-at-restaurant-taiwan-7554832>  
<https://edition.cnn.com/travel/crocodile-ramen-taiwan-intl-hnk/index.html>  
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12242131/Godzilla-Ramen-featuring-crocodile-leg-hangs-edge-bowl-hit-Taiwan.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230706-crocodile-ramen-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Ramen is popular         | a. seaweed          |
| 2. It is Chinese-style      | b. sauce            |
| 3. soy                      | c. on social media  |
| 4. Common toppings          | d. shoots           |
| 5. dried                    | e. around the world |
| 6. bamboo                   | f. ingredient       |
| 7. added a new              | g. wheat noodles    |
| 8. Photos of it have spread | h. include pork     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the ramen is not             | a. to try it           |
| 2. The chef makes just          | b. of ingredients      |
| 3. He uses 40 types             | c. not protected       |
| 4. he puts spices               | d. cheap               |
| 5. he cooks it in               | e. tastes like chicken |
| 6. customers are "afraid"       | f. on it               |
| 7. customers say crocodile meat | g. the broth           |
| 8. crocodiles that are          | h. 10 feet a day       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Ramen (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the world. It is Chinese-style

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ a soy sauce or miso broth. Common

(3) \_\_\_\_\_, dried seaweed, and bamboo shoots.

The Witch Cat Kwai restaurant in Taiwan (4) \_\_\_\_\_

new ingredient – crocodile foot. Photos of it have

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ media. Internet users call it "Godzilla

ramen". There is a long waiting list to eat at the restaurant. It

(6) \_\_\_\_\_.

At \$50 a bowl, the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ cheap. It takes

about three hours to cook. The (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 10 feet

a day. He uses (9) \_\_\_\_\_ ingredients. First, he

cleans the foot. Then, he (10) \_\_\_\_\_ it. Finally,

he cooks it in the broth. Some customers are "afraid"

(11) \_\_\_\_\_. The chef said: "A lot of customers

say crocodile meat tastes like chicken." In Taiwan, it

(12) \_\_\_\_\_ eat crocodiles that are not protected

species.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# RAMEN NOODLES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230706-crocodile-ramen-4.html>

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.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230706-crocodile-ramen-1.html>

Write about **ramen noodles** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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