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Task 1. Read the text and choose the correct answer, a, b, c or d, to complete the text. (2 points/ 0.4 each)

The Story of Wasabi



Nigiri. Sashimi. Sushi. Raw fish, when well-prepared, is perfect in its simplicity. All it needs is a few drops of savoury soy sauce. At least that's what a sushi expert will tell you. According to sushi etiquette, you should never mix wasabi directly into soy sauce — a good chef will have already placed the right amount on the fish. But some like it spicy — and for

many fans of fresh fish, sushi isn't that good without that extra kick of wasabi. But is it possible these wasabi-loving fans aren't really craving wasabi at all? Is what we call wasabi truly wasabi?

Wasabi is a plant in the same family as broccoli, kale, mustard, and horseradish. It is often known as “Japanese horseradish.” While wasabi and horseradish share similarities, they are completely different plants. Wasabi has been grown in Japan since the 8th 1) _____ and was originally added to raw fish because it was believed to prevent illnesses linked with eating uncooked food. And indeed, it does — wasabi contains a natural insect repellent.

Wasabi is usually eaten as a paste, it is made by grating the thick stem and then forming the gratings into a tight ball. The paste is very spicy, but wasabi's heat doesn't last long. Unlike chilli peppers, which have an oil-based burn that can take ages to extinguish, wasabi's intensity comes from strong vapours that affect the nasal passages rather than the tongue. The burn is 2) _____ but goes away quickly and can easily be washed away by other food or drink.

Wasabi has long been considered a healthy plant in Japan for its antimicrobial effects. It contains potassium, calcium, and vitamin C — though people don't eat 3) _____ wasabi to get these benefits. Nevertheless, this unique plant might end up benefiting humanity in many ways.

4)_____ have started using wasabi to create new painkillers, while a wasabi-based smoke alarm has been developed for the deaf, when smoke is detected, a nostril-stinging wasabi mist is sprayed into the room.

So, is the wasabi we mix with soy sauce against the wishes of sushi gourmets actually wasabi? It's likely that unless you've been to Japan, you've never tasted real wasabi. We usually eat a mix of horseradish, mustard, starch, and green food colouring — added to mimic wasabi's unique appearance.

Why can't we get the real thing? Because wasabi is an 5)_____ challenging plant to grow, needing specific conditions. It grows only in clear, cold running water with just the right balance of minerals. It doesn't like direct sunlight, and the temperature must stay within a narrow range. There are only a few places in the world suitable for wasabi to grow — most of them are in Japan. In addition, wasabi doesn't last long or travel well. All this makes it very hard to farm and therefore it is expensive. Wasabi is so rare that even Japanese restaurants typically mix it with a lot of horseradish to make it last — in fact, only 5% of wasabi served in Japan is pure.

But whether it's the real deal or just a close imitation, the spicy zing of wasabi is a taste loved around the globe. And it doesn't end with sushi — since the 1990s, the popularity of wasabi as a flavour has exploded. There are wasabi-flavoured snacks like peas, peanuts, and potato crisps. You can have wasabi chocolate bars or wasabi candy canes. There's even wasabi lip balm and wasabi toothpaste. And if you have unique taste buds, then wasabi ice cream might be your next favourite dessert!

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| 1. a) week | b) century | c) period | d) decade |
| 2. a) horrible | b) weak | c) strong | d) mild |
| 3. a) little | b) many | c) enough | d) insufficient |
| 4. a) Doctors | b) Scientists | c) Musicians | d) Politicians |
| 5. a) slightly | b) extremely | c) rarely | d) super |

Task 2. Choose the right expression to complete the dialogue. (3 points/ 0.5 each)

Mark and Allie are at the restaurant. Choose the right expression to complete their conversation with the waiter. There is ONE extra option you do not need to use.

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| a | I think there is a mistake in the check. | e | I'll get you |
| b | I'll send it | f | I'll change it |
| c | You're very welcome. | g | I'm sorry |
| d | Could we have the check, please? | | |

Waiter: Chicken for you ma'am, and the steak for you, sir.

Allie: 1 _____, but I asked for a baked potato, not fries.

Waiter: No problem. 2 _____.

Mark: Excuse me.

Waiter: Yes, sir?

Mark: I asked for my steak rare and this is well done.

Waiter: I'm very sorry. 3 _____ back to the kitchen.

Mark: 4 _____

Waiter: Yes, sir. Your check.

Mark: Thanks. Excuse me. 5 _____ We only had two glasses of wine, not a bottle.

Waiter: Yes, you're right. I'm very sorry. It's not my day today! 6 _____ a new check.

Mark: Thank you.

Task 3. Match the idioms with their definitions. (4 points/ 0.5 each)



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| 1. Like taking candy from a child____ | a. something to think about |
| 2. Have a sweet tooth____ | b. someone who watches a lot of TV and doesn't exercise much. |
| 3. Apple of the eye____ | c. not to my liking |
| 4. Pie in the sky____ | d. love for sugar and sweet food |
| 5. Spill the beans____ | e. tell the secret |
| 6. Not my cup of tea____ | f. a favorite person of someone |
| 7. Couch potato____ | g. an empty promise or dream |
| 8. Food for thought____ | h. very easy to do |

Task 4. Complete the sentences using the word given in the correct form. (2 points/ 0.25 each)

1. The food she prepared was absolutely _____. (TASTE)
2. I don't think I'll try that dish. It doesn't look _____ for me. (EAT)
3. We _____ eat out. In most cases we take some takeaway food. (RARE)
4. I always use my _____ to make something delicious. (IMAGINE)
5. I _____ eating alone. I always have to have someone to talk to. (LIKE)
6. Indian food can be _____ as hot and spicy. (CHARACTER)
7. I tried some _____ British dishes in London. (TRADITION)
8. Visitors to Britain are advised to try everything at least once, _____ pancakes. (SPECIAL)

Task 5. Unscramble the words to find the mystery word. (2 points/ 0.25 each)

Mystery word: national food

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1. efhc _ _ _ _
2. ubcrnh _ _ _ _ _ _ _
3. bitter _ _ _ _ _ _
4. yslta _ _ _ _ _
5. recipe _ _ _ _ _ _ _
6. itechnk _ _ _ _ _ _ _
7. abegveer _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Task 6. Match the words on the left with collocations on the right. (2 points/ 0.4 each)

a . Raw_____	i. deal
b . Spicy_____	ii. food
c. Organic_____	iii. kick
d . Real_____	iv. wasabi
e. Healthy_____	v. fish

Task 7. Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and four words. (3 points/ 0.6 each)

1. This is where she sleeps. **bed**

This _____.

2. The wallet belongs to me! **that**

_____ wallet!

3. This is where we live. **house**

This is _____.

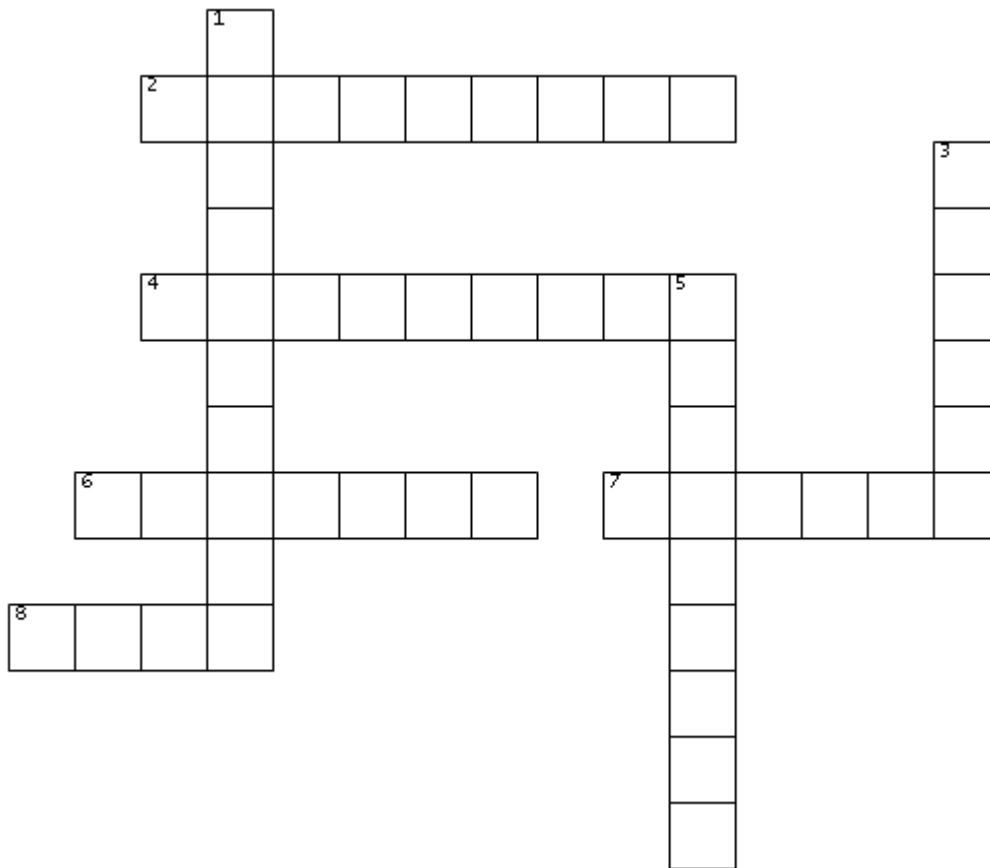
4. I bought a new notebook on the way to school. **stopped**

On the way to school _____ a new notebook.

5. I enjoyed myself at your birthday party, **fun**

I _____ at your birthday party.

Task 8. Complete the crossword about cuisine. (2 points/ 0.25 each)



ACROSS

- 2. having a pleasing taste or smell.
- 4. best liked or most enjoyed
- 6. showing good mental or physical condition
- 7. instructions for cooking a dish or a meal
- 8. all the foods a person or animal usually eats

DOWN

- 1. a place where you can eat a meal and pay for it
- 3. having no equal
- 5. having a high price