

## Open Cloze

**For questions 1-8, Complete the following article by writing each missing word in the space. Use only one word in each space.**

Example: (0) does

**Thai Food**

No other national cuisine enjoys quite the degree of popularity that Thai food **(0)** ... . Ten years ago it was a rarity in Europe and the United States and prior **(1)** ... that it was virtually unknown. Now Thai cooking has become **(2)** ... of the West's favourite exotic styles of cooking. As well as the growing popularity of Thai restaurants throughout the world, there has been an increase little by little in **(3)** ... availability of ingredients on supermarket shelves.

One of the things that makes Thai cooking **(4)** ... challenging is the sheer variety of types of dish.

Thai food lies between Chinese and Indian cuisine, with influences from Burma, Cambodia and Malaysia, **(5)** ... of which has had an effect on Thailand at different stages of its history. Some of the ingredients come from far afield. Chillies, to give **(6)** ... one example, are originally from Central and South America but were incorporated quickly **(7)** ... the national diet. Taken all **(8)** ..., these influences from abroad have made Thai cooking a strongly regional set of cuisines.