

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap.

SUSHI CHEF



Kazutoshi Endo has (1) _____ making the Japanese fish and rice delicacy (2) _____ as sushi for thirteen years.

Yet he wants to (3) _____ it clear that he is still very (4) _____ a beginner. In (5) _____, he is quite adamant about it, (6) _____ being head sushi chef at one of London's leading Japanese restaurants.

Endo comes (7) _____ a hard-working family in the port city of Yokohama and he is a third-generation sushi chef. Although (8) _____ a child he (9) _____ not encouraged to follow (10) _____ his father's footsteps, and actually trained to (11) _____ a PE teacher (12) _____, it was always Endo's ambition to (13) _____ so. Yet he was never taught (14) _____ to do. The (15) _____ you learn in Japan is to watch. Some chefs spend three years washing sushi rice, whilst (16) _____ the same time watching (17) _____ masters at work.

It takes some concentration to (18) _____ an eye on Endo's hands as he makes sushi, however. All it takes is just a (19) _____ quick cuts with his knife and a neat pile of perfectly sliced octopus sits (20) _____ the counter. A sushi roll may look (21) _____ a piece of rice, but apparently it takes years to get the touch, to be (22) _____ to roll rice with exactly the right amount (23) _____ pressure. As Endo says: "Sushi needs (24) _____ be mastered. I can't explain the process in words."

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