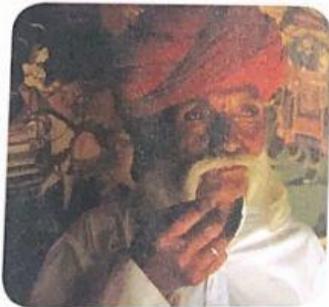


## B GOAL 2: Talk About Dangerous Work



▲ Mathura Prasad, food taster to the *thakur*, or lord, of Castle Mandawa

### Listening

**A**  11 Listen to a radio program about an unusual job. Then read the statements and choose the correct answer.

1. The job of a food taster is to make sure that food is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. delicious    b. healthy    c. not poisoned
2. Today, there are \_\_\_\_\_ food tasters.  
a. no more    b. only a few    c. many

**B**  11 Listen again. Then complete the summary of the radio program.

In the past, kings and queens used food tasters to protect themselves against (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Their job was to taste all the food in the king's meal and make sure it was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to eat. Mathura Prasad was a food taster for the lord of Castle Mandawa in (3) \_\_\_\_\_. When the food was ready, some of it was fed to a (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Then Mathura Prasad (5) \_\_\_\_\_ it before it went to the lord's table. Food tasters have a long (6) \_\_\_\_\_. For example, Christopher Columbus used (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to test food on his trips. Today, most countries don't use food tasters, but in (8) \_\_\_\_\_, soldiers sometimes taste the president's food. And in (9) \_\_\_\_\_, the king's food is checked by mice.