Part 2

For questions **9 – 16**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet**.

Example: **0** S I N C E

From black pepper to chilli pepper

In the 15th century, Europeans knew nothing of the chilli pepper, but they held black pepper in high regard and had used it in cooking **(0)** …….. Greek and Roman times. Ships travelling east brought the black pepper from the Spice Islands in South East Asia but this **(9)** …….. a long time. In 1492, Christopher Columbus was asked to find a shorter route to the Spice Islands, going westwards **(10)** …….. than eastwards, and so he set **(11)** …….. from Spain across the Atlantic Ocean.

Columbus didn't succeed **(12)** …….. finding the Spice Islands but he **(13)** …….. manage to discover the Americas. There he **(14)** …….. across another pepper; the chilli, which had been used in cooking in South America for thousands of years. Soon **(15)** …….. Columbus's discovery, large quantities of chillies were being shipped back to Spain from the Caribbean. Later, people realised that chillies would actually grow in southern Europe and it wasn't long before fresh chillies were **(16)** …….. sale in European markets.

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