

Complete each gap with one word.

In many parts of the world, numerous restaurants have been (1) _____ to close during the various Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns that crippled the catering industry internationally. This competitive environment has (2) _____ to a rapid expansion in the number of expensive restaurants offering take-away food, or home-delivery meals, simply in (3) _____ to survive. While the market for the home delivery of food had already been expanding rapidly prior to the emergence of the Covid pandemic, the explosive recent growth seen in this sector has (4) _____ rise to some fascinating issues and challenges. For (5) _____, concerns have been expressed over where many of the meals are being prepared, given the appearance of so-called “dark kitchens.” Furthermore, understanding which elements of the high-end, fine-dining experience can be captured by those diners who (6) _____ be eating and drinking in the comfort of their own homes constitutes an intriguing challenge (7) _____ the emerging field of gastronomy research; one that the chefs, restaurateurs, restaurant groups, and even the food delivery companies concerned are only just beginning to get to (8) _____ with.