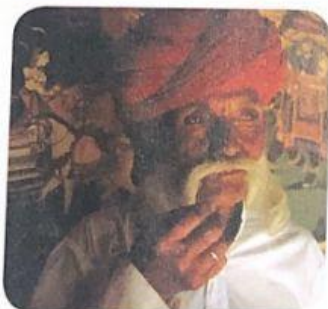


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GOAL 2: Talk About Dangerous Work



▲ 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.

- The job of a food taster is to make sure that food is _____.
a. delicious b. healthy c. not poisoned
- 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.