Use of English

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I started cooking in my uncle's Chinese restaurant (0) _____ the age of 11. At first, I just washed the dishes, then chopped and sliced the vegetables. But as soon (1) _____ the chefs went out of the kitchen I'd try to copy the dishes I'd seen them cook. The first dish I attempted to make was fried rice. It's (2) _____ difficult to mess up that anyone can cook it.

By the (3) _____ I was 15 I was fed (4) _____ with working 12-hour days in the restaurant. So, I (5) _____ up my mind to go to university to study history of art and only started cooking again in (6) _____ to get some extra money.

My mission (7) _____ always been to encourage people to eat less fat and meat and more vegetables. Kids say they don't eat vegetables, but they usually haven't had them stir-fried. Cooked (8) _____ this they are delicious, healthy and fun.