

CHAPTER 2 : FOOD

Task 1: Read the passage An Oil for Life and complete the blanks with the options given.

Maria Alcala of Madrid speaks for many Mediterranean people when she says that 'a meal without olive oil is boring'. _____(1) knows when the Mediterraneans first fell in love with olives because it was before people wrote and kept records.

1A Anyone B. Everyone C. No one D. Someone

However, there is some evidence that people began growing olive trees around the Mediterranean Sea approximately 6,000 years ago. The Mediterranean countries still _____ 99% of the world's olive oil with Spain being the world's biggest producer.

2A better B. want C. buy D. produce

From ancient times (3) _____ today, the basic process of producing the oil is the same. First, farmers crush the olives. Then, they take the liquid and separate the oil from the water.

3A since B for C. through D. until

Many olive growers keep their ancient traditions and still harvest the olives _____4 hand. "We harvest the traditional way," says Don Celso, an olive farmer from Tuscany. Italy, "It's less expensive to do it with machines but it's more a social thing. Twenty people come to help with the harvest and we pay them in oil."

4A by B. in C. on D. with

Ancient civilisations used olive oil . _____5 money and medicine. They even used it during war- they would heat it up and drop it down on the enemy!

5A as B.at C. on D. of