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TV's Ramsay 'will keep swearing'

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Chef Gordon Ramsay has dismissed controversy in Australia over his bad language on TV, saying he has no intention of changing his style.

"It's high pressure, high energy and more **importantly**, real. That's how we keep it each and every day," Ramsay told the country's Nine Network.

An inquiry was **initiated** by Liberal senator Cory Bernardi, after he watched Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares. The chef is in Australia for a series of cooking shows in Sydney.

Ramsay said his television shows Kitchen Nightmares and Hell's Kitchen – both broadcast on Channel Nine – **demonstrated** the **real** pressures of working in a **restaurant** kitchen. "I want to run a proper kitchen... not stand there and wish everybody a Merry Christmas and pat them on the back every time they do a good job," he said.

Ramsay added that the easiest way to **avoid** his **cursing** would be to change the channel. "Turn over. Isn't it easier?" he said.

'Flak'

Both series have proved to be ratings winners with **audiences** in Australia.

"I'd like to give Channel Nine a big telling-off for making my name bad in Australia," joked Ramsay. "Has no-one got an edit suite and not broadcasting those naughty words before nine o'clock? "I'm getting the **flak** for it everywhere I go."

The Senate inquiry was prompted by one episode aired earlier this year, in the 20.30 time slot, in which Ramsay used a four-letter expletive more than 80 times in 40 minutes.

Mr Bernardi said there was "no **excuse** for **gratuitous** bad language to be broadcast repeatedly" when it could be "beeped out". But senators stopped short of **imposing** an **outright** ban on swearwords, citing a lack of an "overwhelming community **consensus**" in favour of such a ban.

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A. Read the article on page 1

Now answer the following questions. Circle the correct answer.

1. Why did senators not vote for a total ban on swearwords.?

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| a. The swearwords can be beeped out | b. Because the programme could go out after 9pm |
| c. They were worried about Gordon Ramsay's reaction | d. There was not enough support from the public |

2. Which of the following statements is incorrect?

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| a. Gordon Ramsay is getting hassle for swearing everywhere he goes. | b. Gordon Ramsay has two shows running in Australia. |
| c. His series have not proved popular with audiences | d. He once used the f word 80 times in one show. |

3. What is the correct spelling of **resturant**?

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| a. retraunt | b. restarant |
| c. restaurant | d. restaurent |

4. What is the correct spelling of **audiances**?

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| a. audianses | b. audienses |
| c. audences | d. audiences |

5. According to Ramsay how can viewers avoid his cursing?

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| a. Have the words beeped out. | b. Turn over to a different channel |
| c. Make sure the programme is on after 9 o'clock | d. Watch with the sound down |

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6. How might the action 'pat them on the back every time they do a job' be interpreted?

- a. As criticising them
- b. As laughing at them
- c. As praising them
- d. As patronising them

7. How could Mr Bernadi's views be best summarised?

- a. Ramsay's programmes should be banned
- b. He hates people who swear.
- c. To save it from being broadcast the cursing can be beeped out
- d. All swearing on TV should be banned.

8. Which word would best replace **excuse**?

- a. justification
- b. agreement
- c. statement
- d. report

B.

What is your opinion on Gordon Ramsay and swearing? Should he be told to stop? Would it be Gordon Ramsay without the swearing?

What do you think generally about swearing? Is it just part of everyday life? Are we lazy and swear because we cannot think of other words or do we think it makes us look 'big'?

Write an essay detailing your views.

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C.

Look at the words in the text that are in **bold**. They are listed on the left below. Can you match them with a word on the right that can replace them in the text?

For example **importantly** can be replaced by significantly

importantly	—————>	significantly
initiated		needless
demonstrated		harmony
real		entire
avoid		instigated
cursing		enforcing
flak		showed
gratuitous		sidestep
imposing		genuine
outright		criticism
consensus		swearing

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Answers

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| 1. d | 5. b |
| 2. c | 6. d |
| 3. c | 7. c |
| 4. d | 8. a |

C.

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