

READING COMPREHENSION

Whether you're travelling to the islands or the mountains of Thailand, you're likely to spend at least one night in its capital city on the way. Bangkok might be noisy and polluted but it's also an exciting city with plenty of things to see and do. Why not make it a longer stay?

Where to stay

The Khao San Road was a famous traveller spot even before Leonardo Di Caprio's character in the film *The Beach* stayed there. But it's noisy, not very pretty and not very Thai. For something more authentic, Phra Kanong offers an alternative place to stay, with its fantastic street markets where everyday Bangkok people eat, work and live. It's not as convenient for the main tourist sites, but it has a Skytrain station so you can be at the Grand Palace in 20 minutes.



How to get around

Bangkok's traffic can be a nightmare. Sure, you can easily take a taxi – if you want to spend hours stuck in traffic jams – but there are two much better ways to get around the city. To explore the temples and historical sites, catch an express boat river taxi or a long tail boat along the Chao Phraya River and the canals. For the modern part of the city, the Skytrain is a fast, cheap way to travel from the river to the shopping malls and nightlife of Sukhumvit, and the famous Chatuchak street market.

Where to eat

The simple answer is: everywhere! Thai street food is among the best in the world, and for around \$5 you can eat a filling and delicious meal. Some food stands have little plastic seats where you can sit and eat and they cook the same dish over and over, like fried chicken on rice or Pad Thai noodles. Head for Chinatown – Yaowarat Street – and choose whatever looks most interesting from the many excellent Chinese and Thai restaurants and food stands.

What to do

After you've seen the main sites like the Giant Buddha at the temple of Wat Pho and the spectacular Grand Palace, and shopped at Chatuchak market, check out the snake farm and watch the live snake show. You can even touch a snake yourself if you want to!

1- Match the Bangkok places with the descriptions.

Match the Bangkok landmarks and places with the descriptions.

Wat Pho	Khao San Road	Sukhumvit
Yaowarat Street	Phra Kanong	Chao Phraya

- a place that you might see in the film *The Beach*
- a place where local Thai people go
- an alternative route through the city
- a place to go for shopping and bars
- a place to go for food
- an important sightseeing spot

2- Choose T (true) or F (false).

		Answer
1.	One night is enough time to see Bangkok.	True False
2.	Khao San Road is an authentic Thai area of the city.	True False
3.	Phra Kanong is further away from the main tourist sites than Khao San Road is.	True False
4.	The river boat taxis often get stuck in traffic too.	True False
5.	Taking the Skytrain is a faster way to see the city than going by taxi.	True False
6.	You need to choose where to eat carefully, as not everywhere is good.	True False

GRAMMAR

1) Choose the best answer to fill the spaces.

1 The airline lost ___ so he has to file a lost luggage report.
a) his baggage b) several baggages
c) one of his baggage

2 The student was telling ___ when he said that the dog ate his homework.
a) some truth b) a truth
c) the truth

3 How ___ have you been spending at the library recently?
a) much times b) many times
c) much time

4 I haven't got ___ to buy lunch today. Can you lend me some?
a) many money b) any money
c) a few money

5 Only a ___ are allowed to visit this part of the museum.
a) few persons b) fewer people
c) few people

2) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

A- *I have lived in this flat since I moved here.* (LIVE)

PRESENT
PERFECT
SIMPLE

B- ___ you ___ anyone famous when you were in New York? (SEE)

C- It ___ on our holiday so far. (NOT/RAIN)

D- She loves animals, but she ___ a pet. (NEVER/HAVE).

E- My laptop ___ working last week so I'm using the computers in the office until it's fixed. (STOP)

F- We ___ a great new coffee shop near our flat. (JUST/DISCOVER)

3) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

A- *I have been writing five emails today.* (WRITE)

PRESENT
PERFECT
CONTINUOUS

B- Sorry the kitchen's a mess. Ollie ___. (COOK)

C- Sorry I'm late! Have you ___ long? (WAIT)

D- He ___ English for six years. (LEARN)

E- They've been playing for forty minutes but no one _____ a goal yet.

(SCORE)

F- I really need a break! I _____ all morning! (REVISE)

VOCABULARY

1- Write one word in each gap. The first letter has been given.

- 1 On our c_____ trip we stayed in a c_____ by the sea.
- 2 I don't like ships so I am not interested in going on a c_____.
- 3 I made friends with some of the other g_____ at the h_____.
- 4 On our school t_____ a tour g_____ showed us around the museum.
- 5 This place is popular with b_____ and other t_____.
- 6 We booked a p_____ holiday so we didn't have to pay extra for anything.

WRITING

Choose an attraction from around the world and write a review. It should have between 90 – 100 words. Remember to take into account the following questions:

- a- What is it?
- b- Where is it?
- c- What can you do there?
- d- How much does it cost?
- e- Positive and negative points.
- f- Give your opinion: would you recommend this attraction? Why?