Reading Comprehension
Moving inside Bangkok

Read the text about transport in Bangkok

Bangkok, the capital of Thailand, is one of the busiest cities in the world. More than 2.6 million buses, cars and taxis use the road of Bangkok every day and it can take hours to move around the city. Thai people are always looking for a way to make travelling easier. Here are two great ideas to help with the traffic problem.

One of the quickest and cheapest ways of travelling in the city is to take the **tuk-tuk**. Tuk-tuks are everywhere and they are very easy to recognize because they have only got three wheels. The driver sits in a small space at the front. The passengers sit in the back behind him. There's usually only room for two.

There are a few things that you need to know about tuk-tuks. They are very powerful and they can go faster than other vehicles. They will always take you where you want to go faster than a taxi because the drivers get between the cars and buses on the road. It can be a bit scary at times.

The newest, quickest and cleanest way of getting around the city is to take the **skytrain**. Many years ago, Bangkok had **trams** to take people through the city. They were slow and when more and more cars came onto the streets, the trams started to make the traffic really bad, so they stopped using trams. Then, the authorities in Bangkok started thinking about a better way to move around the city. They decided to invent a different Tram called Skytrain. The Skytrain moves above the city and it looks like something out of the future. The skytrain can't take you everywhere in Bangkok, but it has already got 23 stations and carries 50,000 people every hour. The trains are electric so they don't cause much pollution. They are also very comfortable and you can usually find a seat.

A) Match the different means of transport (SKYTRAIN TUK-TUK AND TRAM) with the pictures below

SKYTRAIN **TUK-TUK** **TRAM**







B) Read the text again and choose TT (for tuk-tuk), S (for skytrain) and TR (for trams)

a) You can be scared on this.

b) It doesn't take you all over the city.

c) It made the traffic worse.

d) It is good for the environment.

e) It replaced another kind of transport.

f) It is the cheapest and easiest way to go anywhere in Bangkok.

C) Choose the correct option

1) Bangkok is a very …… city

a) quiet
b) busy
c) noisy

2) People in Bangkok……

a) want to move to other cities
b) don't want to travel anymore
c) try to find easier ways to move around the city

3) Tuk-tuks are…

a) easy to find
b) similar to cars
c) used to take many people

4) The city stopped using trams because

a) they can't carry many people
b) they cause a lot of traffic
c) they are really expensive

