

1.



Ayutthaya relic in limelight at Unesco HQ

An amazing sight in Thailand has been captured on film and now decorates the Paris head office of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. "We are proud to have seen the picture hanging on the Unesco headquarters 'fence'" Somsuda Leyavanija, director-general of the fine arts Department, said yesterday.

The picture features the head of a Buddha statue nestled amid roots of a big tree in the compound of Mahathat Temple in the Historic City of Ayutthaya, which has been a World Heritage Site Since 1991.

Somsuda said that the Thai delegation to the World Heritage Committee meeting saw the picture last month. "The picture of this Thai scene has been placed near the main gate" She said.

Unesco had chosen just 40 to 50 pictures to adorn the fences at its head office. There are 936 World Heritage Sites.

The Buddha bust attracts crowds of visitors each year. It had been left near the tree during restoration work and became entangled in the root as the tree grew.

Although such a sight is very unusual, it is just in one corner of Ayutthaya historic city, and there are many other places worth seeing there.

"I'm bit surprise but still much impressed," She said.

From October to May, more than 719,000 people viewed the Historic City of Ayutthaya.

Source: THE NATION.

Unit 2 Reading sorts of articles.

Read the article above for answering the questions.

1. What is the headline of article? _____
2. From the article, who is Somsuda Leyavanija? _____
3. Where was the head of Buddha statue from the article?

4. What is UNESCO stand for?

5. What did the UNESCO do with the head of Buddha statue?

6. Summary the article in your own words.

2.



Keeping traditional songs alive.

“Pleng Pasa, village Floks”, a seminar focusing on a lyrical recitation by farmers in the Central Plains, will be held at the princess Maha Chakri Sirinthon Anthropology Centre this Saturday at 02.30 pm.

The Chanting song including pleng choy, pleng e-seaw, and lam tad are an impromptu lyrical dialog between male and female after a long day work on the rice fields. The chance known for their vibrant and joyful nature that sometimes contain obscene language, reflect the farmer’s simple lifestyle and have become the foundation for Luk-tung style of music. Sadly however, the original chanting has largely disappeared following the spread of modernism to villages.

At the microphone will be Assoc Prof Sukanya Pattarachai, national Artist Chinakorn Krailat and poet Chinnawat Thungsutijit.

A chanting demonstration will also be performed by students from the Suphan Buri College of Dramatic Arts. Source: THE NATION

After reading, answer the questions.

1. What's Pleng, Pasa, Village folks?

2. What types of songs were in the chanting songs?

3. What did the chanting songs contain about?

4. Who would be performed the chanting songs?

Unit 2 Reading sorts of articles.

3.

DUSSELDORF – BENRATH BIERBOERSE

JULY 29-31, Dusseldorf, Germany.

Beer taster and lovers alike drink to their hearts' content at the annual Dusseldorf-Benrath Bierboerse Benrath, the predestrainised zone of the city, is transformed into a big beer garden. Major and smaller international brewers offer hundreds of beer for samples and for sale. Numerous beers from around the world are available: German and international, bitter and sweet, light and dark, and there's plenty for the serious beer buff to collect, from glasses and clothing to beer mats and bottles. The event attracts around 100,000 visitors every year so it is best to get there early. Source: THE NATION



After reading, answer the questions.

1. What name was in this article?

2. What kind of drink was in this article?

3. Where was the drink in this article?

4. Where was the big beer garden in the article?

5. How many visitors were there in every years?

6. What Bitter, sweet, light, dark is referred to?

Unit 2 Reading sorts of articles.



Practice summarizing.

1.

THE FOOD SHOW

July 28 to 31, Auckland, New Zealand.

Auckland's edition of the Food Show at ASB Showgrounds is a place you can eat, drink and watch cookery demonstrations by local and celebrity chefs. See superstar chefs demonstrating live. The event bring together in one show more top chefs, more food and wine, more organics, more Fairtrade, and more kitchen gear than any other show in New Zealand. Get new taste sensations, new dinner party menu ideas, the inside line on the latest wine releases and even new gadgets for the kitchen. Source: THE NATION



What : _____

Where : _____

When (Time) : _____

Who : _____

More important information : _____

2.



SUMIDA RIVER FIREWORKS DISPLAY

August 27, Tokyo, Japan.

People in Tokyo keep their fingers crossed for no rain so Sumidagawa Hanabi Taikai, once of the major fireworks displays of Tokyo, goes without a hitch and thousands of dazzling fireworks can spout skywards along the Sumida River. The show includes a competition between rival firework companies, so expect state of the art pyrotechnics. The best viewing locations are the boats on the river, but places are limited so most of the spectators head for Asakusa's Sumida Park. Source: THE NATION

32

การอ่านสื่อสิ่งพิมพ์ภาษาอังกฤษ

Unit 2 Reading sorts of articles.

What : _____

Where : _____

When (Time) : _____

Who : _____

More important information : _____

3.

Bamboo Basketry

Bamboo grows wild throughout Thailand, and for centuries it's tough, pliable stalks have been deftly woven into a wide variety of object that combine utility with often remarkable artistic expression. Every country household contains examples of these, used in almost every aspect of daily life. As one writer on the subject has ancestral customs and habits of an ordinary, forgotten people. Each intricately woven basket has its own particular shape and function.

The techniques, ranging from the delicate and graceful to the rustic and bold, were born rural necessity and handed down from generation to generation. No brief account could encompass all the different baskets produced in Thailand, but certain types are repeated over and over, in nearly or fish trap, an elegant, ingenious device for catching fish in the shadow water along the edge of a rice field. Once caught, the fish are put for safekeeping in another, tightly woven basket called a Khong, which rests on four supports and has a narrow opening at the top of; some Khongs are also fitting with a cone-shaped insert made of bamboo to keep the fish from jumping out. Yet another familiar basket is the multi-purpose -grajad, used for carrying rice or other produce. This is shallow and has wide mouth which is often adorned with decorative edging--sometimes in a style quaintly called "take the girl by the hand" meaning that the closely interlocked weaving leads the eye around the rim. A flatter version of this basket, called grajad mon, is commonly carried on a pole or on the hip. Glutinous rice is a stable food in both the north and the northeast, and farmers carry a supply of it with them for lunch when they go to work in the fields. A wide range of baskets have been devised for the purpose, always covered and footed, with a cord attached so that it can be easily carried over the shoulder. Many of these have handsome geometric designs in darker bamboo woven into them. There are also special baskets for measuring and carrying coconuts., for winnowing rice, for transportation pigs to market, for rearing silkworms, for storing clothes and other possessions, for packaging charcoal--in brief, for just about every need that might arise. All therefore, are basically utilitarian; but in beauty of workmanship and design many also deserve to be elevated to the category of true folk art.

source of data : EN 500 Reading comprehension; The western Languages Department and The linguistic Department, Srinakharinwirot University, Mahasarakham. Summer 1993.



Reading Authentic Materials in English

33

Unit 2 Reading sorts of articles.

From the article, answer the questions below.

1. What is Khong? _____

2. What is grajad? _____

3. What are the bamboo baskets used for? _____

4. What shape of Grajad in the article?

5. What is Khong used for?

6. Searching for pictures of grajad, grajad mon and khong to stick on a paper.



Mini project>>>Search for an article then summarizes it by your own words for 5-10 lines.



Unit 2 Reading sorts of articles.

Read the horoscopes and then choose the best answer.

LEO

July 23-Aug 22

Take advantage of a prime opportunity to gain someone's confidence. Your career is in the spotlight, but don't become so involved in making a dollar that you forget to get necessary rest.

VIRGO

Aug 23-Sept 22

Misused words can lead to misled thoughts. You can be confused, or convinced that something that is not true is accurate, unless you remain alert. Keep your wallet closed, as money can slip away.

LIBRA

Sept 23-Oct 22

You may find yourself drawn to someone who seems exciting and mysterious. There can be a definite chemistry between the two of you, but at the same time there might be too many basic differences.

SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

It is wise to stop going around in circles over a minor problem or worry. Just simply move on to something else. A positive change of attitude leaves you open to finding an innovative solution.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

Pay attention to the details. Deceitful people become successful fishermen when the hook is baited with truth. You might need to dig a little deeper rather than accepting something at face value.

1. How does the Leo's work in the zodiac?
a. dangerous b. very good c. better than ago d. exciting
2. If you were born on September 30, which zodiac do you read?
a. Leo b. Virgo c. Libra d. Scorpio
3. Look at the Scorpio, "positive change of attitude" is meant?
a. to have positive thinking b. to be change your life.
c. to change your mind being fine. d. to live simply
4. Which zodiac has been problem?
a. Leo b. Virgo c. Libra d. Scorpio
5. What "Dig a little deeper" in Sagittarius is meant?
a. accepting something you agreed.
b. being exciting about things you have just known.
c. to sleep in a hole.
d. go away from something you don't agree.

Weather forecast.



Weather forecast is one type of an information report that shows the data about daily weather.

You can see most weather forecasts in newspaper. The vocabularies below are about the weather that you need to know before starting to read weather forecast.

Rain	high	average	scatter	modulate
windy	low	Sun rise	pressure	Hazardous
snowy	cloudy	sun set	heavy	calculate
temperature	coast	wide	isolate	dust
ambient	Maximum	spread	wave	air
humidity	minimum	thunder	calm	Partly
roadside	moon	shower	wavy	cloudy
slight	rage	fairy		wet
		sunny		

Practice : Match the meanings and the words

1. shower
2. thunder
3. humidity
4. average temperature
5. maximum temperature
6. minimum temperature
7. cloudy
8. slight sea
9. moderate sea
10. scattered shower

- a. spread rain over a large area or happening several times during a period of time
- b. sea that has small wave.
- c. the greatest amount or level of temperature.
- d. the smallest possible or allowed of temperature.
- e. the temperatures that are divided the total by the number of figures.
- f. rain is to become or to make less strong or extreme.
- g. full of clouds.
- h. a short period of rain.
- i. the loud noise in the sky that you can hear when there is a storm.
- j. warm and feeling slightly wet.

World Weather

Asia-Pacific

City	Min	Max	WF
Auckland	10	14	cdy
Beijing	21	29	rny
Brunei	24	31	cdy
Chengdu	22	33	cdy
Guangzhou	25	32	rny
Hanoi	27	34	rny
Ho Chi Minh City	25	33	rny
Hong Kong	25	31	rny
Jakarta	24	32	rny
Karachi	28	34	clr
Kuala Lumpur	25	34	clr
Kunming	18	25	cdy
Manila	28	33	rny
Melbourne	9	13	rny
New Delhi	27	35	rny
Seoul	24	33	cdy
Shanghai	26	32	rny
Singapore	25	32	rny
Sydney	9	18	rny
Taipei	25	33	rny
Tokyo	26	29	rny
Xian	25	35	cdy

The Americas

City	Min	Max	WF
Boston	22	31	cdy
Brasilia	15	27	cdy
Buenos Aires	8	13	rny
Chicago	25	31	cdy
Dallas	27	37	cdy
Lima	17	19	cdy
Los Angeles	18	30	clr
Mexico City	14	25	rny
Miami	24	32	cdy
New York	23	33	cdy
Ottawa	17	26	clr
San Francisco	13	21	cdy
Santiago	2	14	cdy
Vancouver	13	22	clr
Washington	25	36	cdy

Europe, Africa & Middle East

City	Min	Max	WF
Amsterdam	12	20	rny
Athens	25	39	clr
Belgrade	23	36	clr
Berlin	13	25	cdy
Cairo	24	36	fog
Cape Town	7	19	fog
Copenhagen	11	20	rny
Dubai	32	40	cdy
Frankfurt	12	22	cdy
Geneva	11	17	rny
Johannesburg	4	16	clr
Kuwait	31	46	clr
Lisbon	18	24	clr
London	14	20	rny
Madrid	17	27	clr
Moscow	16	29	clr
Paris	13	20	rny
Qatar	33	44	cdy
Rome	20	28	rny
Vienna	15	28	clr
Warsaw	15	27	rny
Zurich	11	18	rny

THAILAND WEATHER

BANGKOK

Chance of thunderstorms

min. 25C max. 32C

Rise: 5:58am

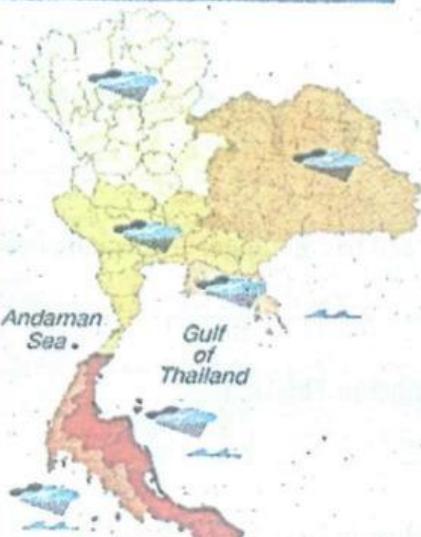
Set: 6:49pm

Rise: 10:10pm

Set: 9:56am

FORECAST LEGEND

- Sunny
- Partly cloudy
- Thundershowers
- Rain
- Cloudy
- Windy
- Waves
- Cold



WEATHER TODAY

The moderate southwest monsoon prevails over the Andaman Sea, Thailand and the Gulf of Thailand. A low pressure cell covers the Gulf of Tonkin. Scattered rain and isolated heavy rain over upper Thailand is expected. Wind-wave in the Andaman Sea about 2 metres high, all ship in the area should proceed with caution.

North

Min. 23-24C
Max. 30-32C

Fairly widespread thundershowers.

Northeast

Min. 23-25C
Max. 30-33C

Scattered thundershowers.

Central

Min. 23-25C
Max. 32-33C

Scattered thundershowers.

East & Coastal

Min. 24-27C
Max. 31-34C

Scattered thundershowers.

South (east coast)

Min. 24-25C
Max. 33-34C

Widely scattered thundershowers. Waves 1-2 metres.

Min. 23-25C
Max. 32-35C

Widely scattered thundershowers. Waves 2 metres.

BANGKOK AIR QUALITY INDEX: July 19, 2011

0-50	51-100	101-200	201-300	over 300
Good	Moderate	Unhealthy	Very unhealthy	Hazardous

Ambient Air Quality Index: 31-39

Roadside Air Quality Index: 32

Calculated from dust smaller than 10 microns plus nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide, ozone and carbon monoxide

Worst Area

Huai Khwang

39

Unit 2 Reading sorts of articles.

From the weather forecast, answer the questions.

1. Which regions are thunder shower?

2. What is the high temperature in the north of Thailand?

3. Which region of Thailand has minimum temperature between 32C to 35C?

4. What is about the weather in Thailand?

5. What is about the weather in New York?

6. Which is higher temperature between Miami and Lima?

7. What is 'rny' in the weather forecast meant?

8. What are maximum and minimum temperature in Dubai?

9. Which city in Europe, Africa and Middle East has lowest temperature?

10. What is the weather in like in Hong Kong?

Special project: make a group of four to make a magazine. The magazine must have interesting articles, news from newspaper, advertisements and weather forecast.

