

Read the news about Thailand, and then choose the right answers.

Taxis stop for the pandemic — and get a new purpose.



There are rows of taxi gardens.

Taxis in Thailand used to *go, go, go*. Now, some have switched to *grow, grow, grow!* This change happened because of the [pandemic](#). The taxi business slowed down as the coronavirus spread. So, two taxi companies decided to use their empty cars as gardens.

The cars sit in rows in Bangkok, Thailand. Workers fixed up mini [plots](#) on top of the vehicles. They used bamboo frames and plastic garbage bags. Pack in soil, and you're ready to grow.

The gardens have two purposes. One is to call attention to the problems of taxi drivers. As [pandemic](#) rules went into effect, taxis lost business. The drivers couldn't make money, so many gave up their cars. A lot of them left Bangkok and returned to their homes in the country. The [pandemic](#) put the brakes on thousands of taxis.

The car gardens are also a way to help during this tough time. The growing areas are actually *vegetable* gardens. Crops such as tomatoes, cucumbers, and string beans sprout up. That food can help feed the taxi staff while business is down.

Thailand had a surge of new coronavirus cases in August. In September, new cases have dropped below 15,000 per day though. People hope that number will keep going down. That way life — and business — can get back to normal.

Questions

1 Why are so many taxis in Thailand stopped?

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People needed more garden space.

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More people bought their own cars.

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Business fell because of the pandemic.

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Thailand passed laws to stop taxis.

2 What are two ways the garden taxis help?

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They raise awareness and grow food.

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They get more business and grow food.

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They grow flowers and recycle old cars.

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They give drivers work and make the city pretty.

3 In September, daily coronavirus cases in Thailand have _____.

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not been measured