

## Reading



Read the news and then match them with the types of news.

- ☐ 1. Crime and Courts    ☐ 2. Business and Finance    ☐ 3. Advertisement  
☐ 4. Sports    ☐ 5. Politics and Governments    ☐ 6. Science and Environments

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- Flood crisis 2A
- Gov't's emergency budget to be increased in fiscal 2012
- Multiple crises won't hurt MICE business

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### Champs League helps Spurs' income soar

Tottenham's debut in the Champions League has helped the club's income soar by almost 50 per cent.

The Premier League club's interim results for the six months to December 31 showed its revenue increased to £79.8 million compared to £53.3 million for the same period last year. Spurs posted a profit of £4.2 million compared to the £6.1 million loss made in the final six months in 2009. – AP

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## BRIEFS

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### Americans advised to leave Syria

The United States urged Americans to avoid all but essential travel to Syria and asked Americans already there to consider leaving the country amid deadly political unrest.

"We urge US citizens to defer non-essential travel to Syria at this time."

"US citizens currently in Syria should consider departing," the State Department said.

President Bashar al-Assad is facing domestic pressure unprecedented in his 11-year rule. – Agence France-Presse



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### Couple robbed at fake checkpoint

A group of about 10 men dressed in military uniforms robbed a man and his wife of 100,000 baht in cash and their pickup truck at a fake checkpoint in Narathiwat's Rueso district early on Friday, police say.

Pol Lt Srithanont Samlee, a duty officer from Rueso district police, said the hold-up took place at about 4am near Sawo village in tambon Rueso Ok on the Rueso-Jakua Road.

Police found the wife, Jintana Tinsan, 42, nearby on the same road not far from the scene of the robbery.

Mrs Jintana told police that while she and her husband, Pichai Tinsan, 54, had been travelling in their pickup

truck from their home in tambon Rueso to buy food from a market in Yala town they were stopped at a mobile checkpoint and searched by about 10 men dressed as soldiers.

The men forced the two out of the vehicle at gunpoint and struck their heads and faces with rifle butts.

The assailants then put them on the back of the truck and drove the vehicle toward Raman district of Yala.

On the way, Mrs Jintana was removed from the pickup and left by the roadside, where she was found by the police.

The police later found the husband lying unconscious in bushes about 50 metres from a rubber wood processing factory.

The bandits fled with the pickup truck and 100,000 baht cash.

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### Thai Oil enjoying higher margins

Thai Oil, Thailand's largest refiner, is likely to revise up its operating profit this year from the previous projection of Bt8.08 billion thanks to sharply increased margins on diesel, jet fuel and paraxylene.

President and CEO Surong Bulakul yesterday said the company was confident its revenue in the first half of this year would be much higher than the same period last year after the government allowed it to increase the price for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). Margins on diesel, jet fuel and paraxylene have also soared.

The company's gross refining margin (GRM) for LPG has increased by 70 cents per barrel. Thai Oil will increase LPG production capacity from 17,000 tonnes last year to 35,000 tonnes.

He said margins on diesel, jet fuel and paraxylene spread had risen after the tsunami and quake disaster in Japan caused four of that country's 27 refineries to halt operations.

About 60-70 per cent of Thai Oil's refinery capacity of 275,000 barrels is diesel and jet fuel.

Surong added that diesel's GRM is now US\$23 (Bt696) per barrel compared with \$7 in the first quarter of last year. Jet fuel's GRM is currently \$20 per barrel, compared with \$9.40 per barrel last year. Paraxylene spread is about \$400-\$500 per tonne, up from \$286 last year.

Thai Oil has a five-year investment budget of \$1.5 billion. Investment projects will include refinery upgrades to meet the Euro IV standard, which will take \$4 million to \$5 million, and increasing paraxylene capacity by 100,000 tonnes from the current 489,000.

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### ENVIRONMENT

## 192 nations to discuss climate fund

APINYA WIPATAYOTIN

A global fund to mitigate the impact of climate change will top the agenda of talks in Bangkok starting tomorrow.

Thailand is hosting the 16th session of the ad hoc working group for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP 16) and the 14th session of the ad hoc working group on long-term cooperative action (AWG-LCA 14), which both run until Friday.

Representatives from 192 countries are expected to attend the six-day talks.

An Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning official said the Green Climate Fund is expected to dominate the sessions.

The fund's establishment was adopted by heads of state and governments at climate change talks in Copenhagen in 2009. It aims to support immediate action on climate change, including adaptation, finance, technology and reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries.

"At the Bangkok climate talks, we expect that representatives from Asia and Latin America will be selected to sit on the transitional committee, which is a key unit to draft regulations for the Green Climate Fund," said the source.

According to rough guidelines on the fund's management, a minimum of US\$1 billion will be raised each year from public and private sectors from 2020.

Jacques-Chai Chomthongdi of the Thai Working Group for Climate Justice said the TCJ will rally in front of the meeting venue at the United Nations building on Ratchadamnoen Nok Avenue to call on parties to the climate change pact to ensure fair treatment for rich and poor nations over climate impact.



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## 12 parts of a newspaper

There are 12 parts in a newspaper. Read and discuss about them with your friends.

1. Front page is page for headline news.
2. Headline is the most important news of the day written in bold letters.
3. Folio contains the title of the newspaper volume number, date, number of pages, section page.
4. Local news page contains news within the country or city.
5. Foreign news page contains news around the world.
6. Sports section contains sport news.
7. Editorial page contains the opinion of the editor.
8. Cartoonis caricature about the editorial.
9. Obituary is notice for the dead
10. Classified adsare for job opening, spaces for lease and for sale,etc.
11. Entertainment page is news about celebrities is written; horoscope, puzzles and another entertaining game are shown.
12. Business page- news about the economy

Source of information:<http://www.answers.com>

From the topic above, answer the questions below.

1. If you want to find a new job, which part of a newspaper you will read?

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2. If you are interested in sports, which part of newspaper you will read?

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## Unit 1 Newspaper reading

3. Which type of news is on the local news page?

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4. What you can find on a folio?

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5. Which part of a newspaper has games or puzzle?

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### Practice 1: Match the news on the right with newspaper sections.

1. Classified ads

a. The maximum temperature is

2. Criticism

b. Sudoku

3. Crime

c. Garfield

4. Entertainment

d. Mr. Smith passed away yesterday morning.

5. Weather news

e. Siam Co. need an attractive person.

6. Obituary

f. Police caught a murder that killed 2 men.

7. Comic strip

g. The Bat Man Begins is the best film in this year.



**Practice 2: Put the right types of news in the blanks.**

business	politic	science	sport	disaster
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1. Alliance fails to silence rumors = \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Flooded province on high alert = \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Serm Suk and Pepsi split. = \_\_\_\_\_.
4. How much danger is there in Japan's radiation reek? = \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Paradorn won the tennis tournament in Japan. = \_\_\_\_\_.

## Conversation



Megan, Robby, Jimmy and Thomas are talking about the news that they read from newspaper in the morning.

Jimmy: Oh. I like to read sport news very much. I am a member in soccer club. What type of news do you like to read?

Robby: I like politics and government news. I want to be a politician in the future.

Thomas: I like business news. It's about finance and market. I think it's important if I want to be a business man. What type of news do you like to read, Megan?

Megan: I really like to read the part of entertainment news. I love to update fashions and games. It's not serious.

Thomas: That's great. You will be a fashion guru in the future.



## Unit 1 Newspaper reading

### Practice 5: Read the news below and then specify the headlines.

#### 1. Reds sponsor wants Asian players at club

Sponsors of Liverpool want the club to bring in high-profile Asian players to capitalise on their marketability on the continent, and hopes Kenny Dalglish will stay on as permanent manager.

"The real power for what Liverpool could do for us, and I think for the English Premier League, is if there was a way they could nurture foreign players from Asia ... a great Asian player," said Standard Chartered executive Gavin Laws. "You see what Park Ji-sung does for Manchester United." - AP

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#### 3. Indian headcount

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#### 5. Thai base for OCS

Property Care Services (Thailand) has been appointed the regional operations headquarters in Asia for OCS Group, the largest privately owned international facilities provider in the UK, in its push for aggressive growth in Asia.

PCS, a leading facilities management company, has 23,000 employees and 14 branches nationwide, serving 5,000 clients. Thailand is the company's hub for the markets of Malaysia, Cambodia, Bangladesh and India. - The Nation

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#### Flood-hit oil palm growers want help

Oil palm and rubber growers in the flood-hit southern provinces are asking the government to help them pay for damages to their crops.

Thawee Srisukhron, chairman of the Association of Palm Oil and Oil Palm Producers, said flash floods had uprooted many palm trees, especially younger ones, used for lucrative palm oil production, in the South.

The cost of the damage has yet to be estimated.

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Farmers could not cut palm nuts to supply factories.

The delay meant they would lose at least two weeks' income.

Oil palm plantations in other provinces, including Chumphon, Surat Thani, Nakhon Si Thammarat and Trat, have also been damaged by the flooding, Mr Wisarn said.

He urged the government to help the affected farmers.

Boonsong Naphong, chairman of the Association of Rubber Farmers in Krabi, said flash floods have damaged 20,500 rai of rubber plantations in the province.

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#### Ivory Coast fighting

Heavy fighting raged yesterday in the neighbourhoods where the presidential palace is located as well as near the presidential residence and state TV broadcaster as armed forces loyal to the elected president tried to install him to power and oust the country's strongman. - Associated Press

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5. **EPL cracking down on abuse of referees**

The 20 EPL clubs agreed on Thursday to launch a campaign before next season in a bid to eradicate unacceptable criticism and abuse of referees by players and managers. – AP

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## Abbreviations in newspaper



**Abbreviation** is shortened form of word or phrase. It consists of a group of letters taken from the word or phrase. Abbreviation can be shortened by many methods. Contraction is a reduction of size by the drawing together of the parts. A contraction of a word is made by omitting certain letters or syllables and bringing together the first and last letters or elements; an abbreviation may be made by omitting certain portions from the interior or by cutting off a part. These are some important abbreviations in newspaper:

Abbreviations	Words	Meaning
U.K.	United Kingdom	สหราชอาณาจักร
U.S.A./U.S.	United State America	สหรัฐอเมริกา
UA	User Agent	โปรแกรมผู้รับบริการที่ดำเนินงานอยู่บนเครื่องผู้ใช้
Govt	Government	รัฐบาล
BKK	Bangkok	กรุงเทพมหานคร
MPs	Member of parliament	สมาชิกสภา



Project work: Search for abbreviations in newspaper with your partner and describe what the abbreviations refer to.

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