

## Thailand

WORKSHEET A

Thailand is a country in Southeast Asia. It \_\_\_\_\_ a border with Burma, Malaysia, Laos and Cambodia, and its population is about 65 million – 5 million more than that of the UK. The head of state is King Bhumibol, who has been on the throne since 1946 – longer than any other monarch in the world. Most Thais are Buddhists, and monks wearing \_\_\_\_\_ orange robes are probably one of the most famous images of the country.

The capital, Bangkok, is one of the biggest cities in Asia. It is growing very quickly, with lots of people from \_\_\_\_\_ areas moving to the city in search of work, and, like most big cities in the developing world, it has problems such as pollution and traffic \_\_\_\_\_.

Thailand is a very beautiful country, with forests in the north and a lot of small islands that are very popular with tourists, particularly European and North American backpackers. \_\_\_\_\_ who visit the forests usually like to go trekking or take rides on elephants, while those who visit the islands usually want to relax in the \_\_\_\_\_ and swim in the warm sea. The film *The Beach* (2000), with Leonardo DiCaprio, is a \_\_\_\_\_ about young backpackers in Thailand.

Unfortunately, Thailand was one of the countries that \_\_\_\_\_ very badly as a result of the tsunami caused by an \_\_\_\_\_ under the Indian Ocean on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2004. The tsunami hit the west coast, killing more than 10,000 people. Obviously there were very serious consequences for the tourism and fishing \_\_\_\_\_, but fortunately the Thai government and the international community have funded a lot of rebuilding work.

It is difficult for tourists to visit Thailand without getting a taste for the \_\_\_\_\_ local food – that's why, for example, there are so many Thai restaurants in European cities. Thai food is spicy, containing chilli and also other strong \_\_\_\_\_ such as lemon grass and coconut. Rice is part of most main dishes, while desserts often include exotic fruits.

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WORKSHEET B

### A

Fill the twelve gaps in the texts on Worksheet A with the correct words from the box below.

jams	flavours	sun	shares
rural	suffered	bad	foreigners
industries	trip	earthquake	likes
delicious	died	bright	story

### B

Decide whether or not the following statements about Thailand have been written in correct English. Then bet a minimum of 10 points up to a maximum of 50 on your choice.

		Y/N	Points bet	Points lost	Points won
1	Thailand's population is bigger than that of the United Kingdom.				
2	Thais people eat lot of rice.				
3	The food in Thailand is the spiciest I have ever had.				
4	A lot of rebuilding work has happened since the tsunami.				
5	A lot of Thais are moving to Bangkok in search to work.				
6	Tourists enjoy trekking in the forests in the north of Thailand.				
7	<i>The Beach</i> is film about backpackers in Thailand.				
8	There are a lot of pollution in Bangkok.				
9	King Bhumibol is on the throne for 60 years.				
10	Burma and Thailand share a border.				
11	Some people who visit to Thailand take rides for elephants.				
12	The tidal wave had very serious consequences for the tourism and fish industries.				
			Total points lost and won		
	<b>Final total</b> (subtract total points lost from total points won)				