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THAILAND



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Before Reading

- "Walk" through the book and point out the various nonfiction features. Ask the student what purpose each feature serves.
- Look at the glossary together. Read and discuss the words.

Read the Book

- Have the child read the book independently.
- Invite him or her to list questions that arise from reading.

After Reading

- Discuss the child's questions. Talk about how he or she might find answers to those questions.
- Prompt the child to think more. Ask: Temples are community gathering places in Thailand. Where does your community come together for special events?

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CHAPTER 1

WELCOME TO THAILAND!

Eat spicy noodles. See a buddha that stands 197 feet (60 meters) tall. Where? Roi Et. Welcome to Thailand!



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There are many islands off the coast. The Phi Phi Islands have beautiful beaches! Many **tourists** visit.

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Bangkok is the **capital**. The Chao Phraya River flows through it. Boats carry goods through the city. Like what? Flowers. Rice. Produce. They make floating markets!

DID YOU KNOW?

This country was once called Siam. Thailand means land of the free. Thai people have always controlled their own government.

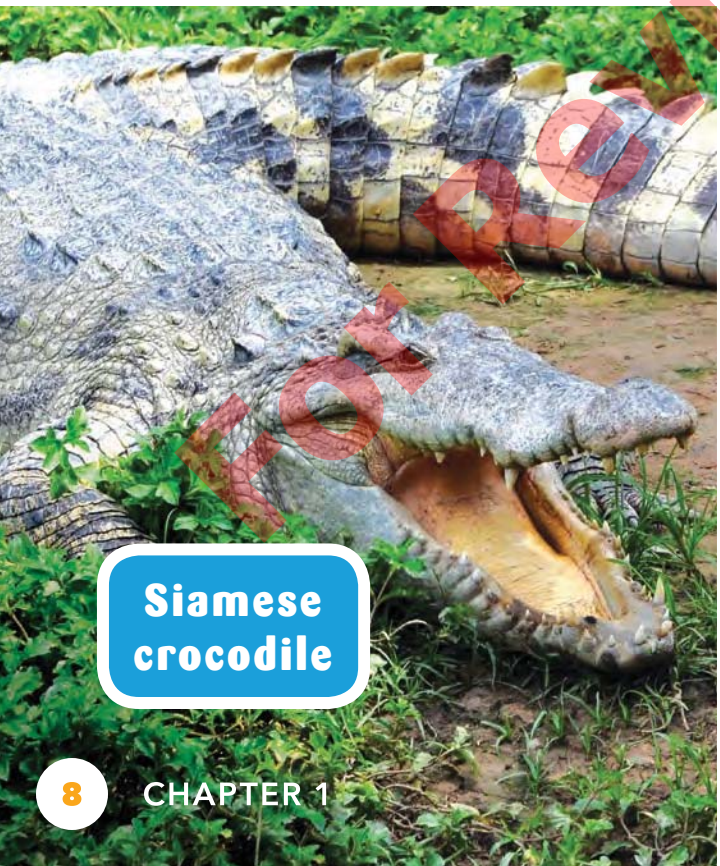


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About one-third of the country is covered in forests. Many animals live in them. Like what? Leopards. Bantengs. Siamese crocodiles. Asian elephants are here. So are tigers.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Forests once covered more than half of the country. What happened? Trees were cleared for farming. Others were **logged**. How can people help protect forests?



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QUICK FACTS & TOOLS

AT A GLANCE



THAILAND

Location: southeastern Asia

Size: 198,117 square miles (513,120 square kilometers)

Population: 68,615,858 (July 2018 estimate)

Capital: Bangkok

Type of Government: constitutional monarchy

Languages: Thai, Burmese

Exports: automobiles, computers, jewelry, precious stones, food

Currency: baht

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