

KING BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

King Bhumibol Adulyadej was the much loved and respected king of Thailand. He was the longest-serving monarch in Thai history. He was born in the United States in 1927 and was educated in Switzerland. He was an excellent musician, artist, and sailor. His popularity helped him maintain peace in his country many times. Many Thais see him as semi-divine.

Bhumibol came to Thailand for the first time in 1928. He completed his elementary education in Bangkok and in 1933 moved to Switzerland. He graduated from the University of Lausanne. His elder brother was crowned King of Thailand in 1935 and Bhumibol became heir to the throne. He became King Rama IX following the death of his brother in 1946.

King Bhumibol had very little power in the early years and was largely a symbol. It was many decades into his reign before he decided to intervene in Thai politics. In 1992, there was a coup attempt in Bangkok. Many protesting university students were killed in the streets. Bhumibol appeared with the coup leader on Thai television. This led to elections, which brought democracy to Thailand.

King Bhumibol repeated his rare television appearance in April 2006 during another political crisis. The government asked him to choose a prime minister. He said: "Asking for a royally-appointed prime minister is undemocratic. It is, pardon me, a mess. It is irrational." He solved a similar crisis in 2008. King Bhumibol passed away on the 13th of October, 2016. He was 88 years old.

Sources: <http://www.wikipedia.org/> and assorted biographies.

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. serving | a. finished |
| 2. monarch | b. next in line |
| 3. semi- | c. king |
| 4. completed | d. working |
| 5. heir | e. after |
| 6. following | f. half- |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 7. reign | g. illogical |
| 8. intervene | h. select |
| 9. coup | i. rule |
| 10. rare | j. overthrow |
| 11. choose | k. unusual |
| 12. irrational | l. get involved |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. the longest-serving | a. the death of his brother |
| 2. Many Thais see him | b. minister is undemocratic |
| 3. He completed his elementary | c. democracy to Thailand |
| 4. His elder brother was crowned | d. monarch in Thai history |
| 5. He became King Rama IX following | e. education in Bangkok |
| 6. he decided to intervene | f. crisis |
| 7. This led to elections, which brought | g. away |
| 8. political | h. as semi-divine |
| 9. Asking for a royally-appointed prime | i. King of Thailand in 1935 |
| 10. King Bhumibol passed | j. in Thai politics |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

King Bhumibol Adulyadej was the _____ respected king of Thailand. He was the _____ monarch in Thai history. He was born in the United States in 1927 and was educated in Switzerland. He was an excellent musician, _____. His popularity helped him maintain peace in his country many times. Many Thais _____ -divine.

Bhumibol came to Thailand _____ 1928. He completed his elementary education in Bangkok _____ to Switzerland. He graduated from the University of Lausanne. His elder brother was crowned King of Thailand in 1935 and Bhumibol _____ throne. He became King Rama IX following _____ brother in 1946.

King Bhumibol had very little power _____ and was largely a symbol. It was many decades _____ before he decided to intervene in Thai politics. In 1992, there _____ attempt in Bangkok. Many protesting university students were killed in the streets. Bhumibol appeared with the coup leader on Thai television. _____ elections, which brought democracy to Thailand.

King Bhumibol _____ television appearance in April 2006 during another _____. The government asked him to choose a prime minister. He said: "Asking for a royally-appointed prime minister is undemocratic. _____ me, a mess. It is irrational." He solved a similar crisis in 2008. King Bhumibol _____ the 13th of October, 2016. He was 88 years old.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

King Bhumibol Adulyadej was the much *loving / loved* and respected king of Thailand. He was the longest-serving monarch in Thai history. He was *born / birth* in the United States in 1927 and was educated in Switzerland. He was an *excellence / excellent* musician, artist, and sailor. His popularity helped him maintain peace in his country many times. Many Thais see *him / his* as semi-divine.

Bhumibol came to Thailand for the first *time / times* in 1928. He completed his elementary education in Bangkok and in 1933 *moved / removed* to Switzerland. He graduated from the University of Lausanne. His elder brother *was / has* crowned King of Thailand in 1935 and Bhumibol became heir to the throne. He became King Rama IX *follow / following* the death of his brother in 1946.

King Bhumibol had very little power in the early *year / years* and was largely a *symbol / symbolic*. It was many decades into his reign before he decided to intervene in Thai politics. In 1992, there was a *coop / coup* attempt in Bangkok. Many protesting university students were killed in the streets. Bhumibol appeared with the coup leader on Thai television. This led to elections, which *brought / bought* democracy to Thailand.

King Bhumibol repeated his rare television *appeared / appearance* in April 2006 during another political crisis. The government asked him to *choose / chose* a prime minister. He said: "Asking for a royally-appointed prime minister is undemocratic. It is, pardon me, a *messy / mess*. It is irrational." He solved a similar crisis in 2008. King Bhumibol passed *away / over* on the 13th of October, 2016. He was 88 years old.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. the longest-veinrgs monarch in Thai history
2. dceeadtu in Switzerland
3. He is an cltexlene musician, artist, and sailor
4. Many Thais see him as imes divine

Paragraph 2

5. elementary undieacto
6. He raatugded from the University of Lausanne
7. His elder brother was cownder King of Thailand in 1935
8. Bhumibol became ehir to the throne

Paragraph 3

9. largely a lsomby
10. there was a upco attempt
11. university students were killed in the ssrtete
12. This led to elections, which brought aoycecdrm to Thailand

Paragraph 4

13. Bhumibol etaeedpr his rare television appearance
14. political cirsri
15. odprna me
16. He veslod a similar crisis in 2008

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () monarch in Thai history. He was born in the United States in 1927 and was educated in Switzerland. He was an
- () Bhumibol came to Thailand for the first time in 1928. He completed his elementary education in Bangkok and in
- () Bangkok. Many protesting university students were killed in the streets. Bhumibol appeared with the coup leader on
- (**1**) King Bhumibol Adulyadej was the much loved and respected king of Thailand. He was the longest-serving
- () decades into his reign before he decided to intervene in Thai politics. In 1992, there was a coup attempt in
- () King of Thailand in 1935 and Bhumibol became heir to the
- () minister is undemocratic. It is, pardon me, a mess. It is irrational." He solved a similar
- () King Bhumibol had very little power in the early years and was largely a symbol. It was many
- () 1933 moved to Switzerland. He graduated from the University of Lausanne. His elder brother was crowned
- () throne. He became King Rama IX following the death of his brother in 1946.
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- () in his country many times. Many Thais see him as semi-divine.
- () Thai television. This led to elections, which brought democracy to Thailand.
- () asked him to choose a prime minister. He said: "Asking for a royally-appointed prime
- () crisis in 2008. King Bhumibol passed away on the 13th of October, 2016. He was 88 years old.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. serving monarch the Thai - in He history was longest .

2. country maintain popularity His him his peace helped in.

3. He his education Bangkok completed elementary in .

4. in elder crowned Thailand His was of 1935 brother King .

5. King Rama IX following the death of his brother He became .

6. years power Bhumibol in had the very early little .

7. students university protesting streets the in killed were .

8. to which to led , democracy This elections brought Thailand .

9. minister him The to choose asked a government prime .

10. 2008 solved a crisis in similar He .

KING BHUMIBOL DISCUSSION:

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about King Bhumibol Adulyadej?
2. Would you like to have met King Bhumibol Adulyadej?
3. What would you like to know about King Bhumibol Adulyadej and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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KING BHUMIBOL DISCUSSION:

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about King Bhumibol Adulyadej?
2. What questions would you like to have asked King Bhumibol?
3. What would his answers have been to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

KING BHUMIBOL SURVEY:

Write five questions about King Bhumibol in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about King Bhumibol Adulyadej. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. KING BHUMIBOL POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of King Bhumibol. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about the life and times of King Bhumibol. Include an imaginary interview with an expert on him.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on King Bhumibol. Ask him/her three questions about the king's life. Give him/her three suggestions on how best to remember the king. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "King Bhumibol expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

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| 6. he decided to intervene | f. in Thai politics |
| 7. This led to elections, which brought | g. democracy to Thailand |
| 8. political | h. crisis |
| 9. Asking for a royally-appointed prime | i. minister is undemocratic |
| 10. King Bhumibol passed | j. away |

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.