

# 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 USA in 1927 and was educated in Switzerland. He was an excellent musician, artist, inventor, sailor and sailboat designer. His popularity as king helped him maintain peace in his country many times.

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 went back to college in Switzerland after becoming king to study law and politics. He wanted to prepare for his duties as head of state. While studying, he visited Paris, where he met his future wife. During his reign, he was served by a total of 30 prime ministers. He also acted to end several political crises in Thailand and called for a war on drugs.

King Bhumibol passed away in a hospital in Bangkok on the 13th of October, 2016. He was 88 years old. A day later, on the 14th of October, the late king's body was moved to the Grand Palace from the hospital. Thousands of the bereaved public lined the route, demonstrating their affection for their "king of kings". He was cremated at the royal crematorium on the 26th of October.

*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. maintain  | c. king         |
| 4. completed | d. working      |
| 5. heir      | e. after        |
| 6. following | f. keep         |

*Paragraphs 3 and 4*

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 7. prepare      | g. died        |
| 8. reign        | h. get ready   |
| 9. several      | i. rule        |
| 10. passed away | j. relocated   |
| 11. moved       | k. love        |
| 12. affection   | l. a number of |

**PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases from the article.

- |                                      |                             |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. the longest-serving               | a. the death of his brother |
| 2. He was an excellent               | b. lined the route          |
| 3. He completed his elementary       | c. as head of state         |
| 4. His elder brother was crowned     | d. monarch in Thai history  |
| 5. He became King Rama IX following  | e. education in Bangkok     |
| 6. King Bhumibol went                | f. of 30 prime ministers    |
| 7. prepare for his duties            | g. away in a hospital       |
| 8. he was served by a total          | h. musician                 |
| 9. King Bhumibol passed              | i. King of Thailand in 1935 |
| 10. Thousands of the bereaved public | j. back to college          |

## LISTENING GAP FILL:

King Bhumibol Adulyadej (1) \_\_\_\_\_ loved and respected king of Thailand. He was the longest-serving monarch in Thai history. He was born in the USA in 1927 (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in Switzerland. He was an excellent musician, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and sailboat designer. His popularity as king helped him (4) \_\_\_\_\_ his country many times.

Bhumibol came to Thailand for (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1928. He completed his (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Bangkok and in 1933 moved to Switzerland. He (7) \_\_\_\_\_ University of Lausanne. His elder brother was crowned King of Thailand in 1935 and Bhumibol (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the throne. He became King Rama IX following the death of his brother in 1946.

King Bhumibol went back to college in Switzerland (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to study law and politics. He wanted to prepare for (10) \_\_\_\_\_ head of state. While studying, he visited Paris, where he met his future wife. (11) \_\_\_\_\_, he was served by a total of 30 prime ministers. He also (12) \_\_\_\_\_ several political crises in Thailand and called for a war on drugs.

King Bhumibol (13) \_\_\_\_\_ a hospital in Bangkok on the 13th of October, 2016. He was 88 years old. A day later, on the 14th of October, the late king's (14) \_\_\_\_\_ to the Grand Palace from the hospital. Thousands of the bereaved public (15) \_\_\_\_\_, demonstrating their affection for their "king of kings". He (16) \_\_\_\_\_ at the royal crematorium on the 26th of October.

**CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:**

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

King Bhumibol Adulyadej was the (1) *much* / *many* loved and respected king of Thailand. He was the longest-serving monarch in Thai history. He was born in the USA in 1927 and was (2) *educated* / *education* in Switzerland. He was an (3) *excellence* / *excellent* musician, artist, inventor, sailor and sailboat designer. His (4) *popular* / *popularity* as king helped him maintain peace in his country many times.

Bhumibol came to Thailand for the first time in 1928. He completed his elementary (5) *educational* / *education* in Bangkok and in 1933 moved to Switzerland. He graduated from the University of Lausanne. His elder brother was (6) *crowned* / *crowning* King of Thailand in 1935 and Bhumibol became (7) *heir* / *hair* to the throne. He became King Rama IX following the (8) *die* / *death* of his brother in 1946.

King Bhumibol went back to college in Switzerland after becoming king to study (9) *lawyer* / *law* and politics. He wanted to prepare for his duties as (10) *top* / *head* of state. While studying, he visited Paris, where he met his future wife. During his reign, he was served (11) *by* / *at* a total of 30 prime ministers. He also acted to end (12) *sever* / *several* political crises in Thailand and called for a war on drugs.

King Bhumibol (13) *passed* / *passing* away in a hospital in Bangkok on the 13th of October, 2016. He was 88 years old. A day later, on the 14th of October, the late king's body was (14) *moving* / *moved* to the Grand Palace from the hospital. Thousands of the bereaved (15) *public* / *private* lined the route, demonstrating their (16) *affectionate* / *affection* for their "king of kings". He was cremated at the royal crematorium on the 26th of October.

## 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 was an cltexlene musician, artist, inventor and sailor
4. His tlpoiaypur as king helped him maintain peace

### *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. study law and tiocipsl
10. prepare for his seitdu as head of state
11. he was vdesre by a total of 30 prime ministers
12. He also acted to end lasevre political crises

### *Paragraph 4*

13. King Bhumibol depsas away in a hospital
14. Thousands of the eerdevba public
15. demonstrating their fcoeanift
16. He was ctamdree

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) of 30 prime ministers. He also acted to end several political crises in Thailand and called for a war on drugs.
- ( ) as king helped him maintain peace in his country many times.
- ( ) to the throne. He became King Rama IX following the death of his brother in 1946.
- ( ) in Switzerland. He was an excellent musician, artist, inventor, sailor and sailboat designer. His popularity
- ( ) the University of Lausanne. His elder brother was crowned King of Thailand in 1935 and Bhumibol became heir
- ( ) law and politics. He wanted to prepare for his duties as head of state. While studying, he visited
- ( ) King Bhumibol went back to college in Switzerland after becoming king to study
- ( ) from the hospital. Thousands of the bereaved public lined the route, demonstrating their affection
- ( ) Paris, where he met his future wife. During his reign, he was served by a total
- ( **1** ) King Bhumibol Adulyadej was the much loved and respected king of Thailand. He was the longest-
- ( ) for their "king of kings". He was cremated at the royal crematorium on the 26th of October.
- ( ) Bhumibol came to Thailand for the first time in 1928. He completed his elementary
- ( ) 88 years old. A day later, on the 14th of October, the late king's body was moved to the Grand Palace
- ( ) education in Bangkok and in 1933 moved to Switzerland. He graduated from
- ( ) King Bhumibol passed away in a hospital in Bangkok on the 13th of October, 2016. He was
- ( ) serving monarch in Thai history. He was born in the USA in 1927 and was educated

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. Thai was in He longest- monarch history the serving .
2. as popularity His peace maintain him helped king .
3. in He his education Bangkok completed elementary .
4. King crowned was brother elder His Thailand of .
5. became brother of the king He his death following .
6. wanted prepare his He to for duties .
7. total served ministers of by He 30 a was prime .
8. also He crises political several end to acted .
9. was the The body to Palace king's moved Grand late .
10. route the lined public bereaved the of Thousands .



## 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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

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### ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.