

Tourism in Thailand
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1 Describing Thailand

Reading, Pronunciation

Match the words with their correct definitions and check that you know how to pronounce them. You will hear them in a listening exercise next.

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| 1 ancient /'eɪnʃ(ə)nt/ adj.
<u> f </u> | a a place that many people go to for a holiday |
| 2 charm /tʃɑ:m/ n.
<u> </u> | b big, beautiful, or impressive in a calm and serious way |
| 3 exotic /ɪg'zɒtɪk/ adj.
<u> </u> | c describing things that are interesting or exciting because they are in or from distant foreign countries |
| 4 kaleidoscope /kə'læɪdə'skəʊp/ n.
<u> </u> | d something that keeps changing and has many different aspects |
| 5 majestic /mə'dʒɛstɪk/ adj.
<u> </u> | e a pleasant or attractive quality or feature |
| 6 resort /rɪ'zɔ:t/ n.
<u> </u> | f very old |

2 A visit to Thailand

Listening

1 Listen to this advert for holidays in Thailand. Write the adjective used with each noun.

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. <i>magical</i> holiday | 6. _____ Buddha |
| 2. _____ land | 7. _____ resorts |
| 3. _____ kaleidoscope | 8. _____ ruins |
| 4. _____ possibility | 9. _____ mountains |
| 5. _____ beaches | 10. _____ charm |

2 Discuss with a partner:

Do you think the adjectives describe Thailand accurately?

What kinds of adjectives are used?

What is the writer trying to do?

3 A tourist's impression of Bangkok**Reading**

Read a tourist's impression of Bangkok, and fill in the missing words from the box. Then check with a partner.

cables	many	foreign	sign	you should look
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Bangkok has many things for the (1) _____ tourist to look at in a state of disbelief. Two of those are manholes and electricity cables. I can't imagine just how (2) _____ tourists have fallen down one when returning to their hotel room, and only found the following morning 3 metres under the ground by some office workers. It would make sense to put a warning (3) _____ up, but then the construction workers would say "It's your fault, (4) _____ where you are going."

And looking at the state of some of the electric (5) _____ around, many foreign tourists have wondered at the capital's technicians who have placed some cables just 5 centimetres above your head. Again, if you get electrocuted and drop down dead, "It's your own fault. You should look where you are going."

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| 1 f | 4 d |
| 2 e | 5 b |
| 3 c | 6 a |

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Listening

Teacher's script - A Visit to Thailand

Do you long for magical holiday in a faraway land? Are you bored of your usual European holiday destination? Thailand is the place you have been dreaming of! With its incredible variety of places to see and things to do, Thailand is a fantastic kaleidoscope of exotic possibility. From the idyllic beaches of the islands to the elephant treks in the jungle, from the reclining golden Buddha in Bangkok to the reclining chairs on our exclusive resorts, from ancient ruins to majestic mountains – Thailand will always have something new to offer. Come and experience the irresistible charm of Thailand for yourself!

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| 1 magical | 6 golden |
| 2 faraway | 7 exclusive |
| 3 fantastic | 8 ancient |
| 4 exotic | 9 majestic |
| 5 idyllic | 10 irresistible |

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The adjectives exaggerate the qualities of Thailand, and are particularly colourful and vivid. The writer is trying to impress the reader and give the idea that Thailand is a wonderful tourist destination.

3 A tourist's impression of Bangkok

Reading

Students discuss words that could go in the spaces.

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| 1 foreign | 4 you should look |
| 2 many | 5 cables |
| 3 sign | |