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Thailand has a new king

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THE READING

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Thailand has a new king after Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn, accepted an invitation from parliament. He follows his father, the much loved King Bhumibol, who died in October. The new King Maha Vajiralongkorn will also be known as Rama X. He said on Thursday: "I would like to accept the invitation for the benefit of the Thai people." Thailand's Prime Minister asked people to unite and pray for his long reign, "as an idol and guardian of the Thai people".

The coronation of the new king will take place after King Bhumibol's cremation. King Maha Vajiralongkorn was born in 1952. He went to schools overseas and did military training in Australia. He has travelled a lot and has a home in Germany. Over the past few years, he has done more of his father's duties when the late king was ill. He organized high-profile charity events in the Thai capital. One of his first acts will be to support Thailand's new constitution.

Sources: <http://mobile.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idUSKBN13Q4YS>
<http://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/crown-prince-ascends-the-throne-in-thailand>
<http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/general/1149219/crown-prince-becomes-king>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. accepted an invitation | a. reign |
| 2. the much | b. invitation |
| 3. ...will also be known | c. from parliament |
| 4. I would like to accept the | d. the Thai people |
| 5. for the benefit | e. as Rama X |
| 6. asked people to unite and | f. loved King Bhumibol |
| 7. his long | g. pray |
| 8. guardian of | h. of the Thai people |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The coronation | a. charity events |
| 2. He went to schools | b. training |
| 3. military | c. new constitution |
| 4. He has travelled | d. overseas |
| 5. He organized high-profile | e. acts |
| 6. in the Thai | f. of the new king |
| 7. One of his first | g. a lot |
| 8. support Thailand's | h. capital |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Thailand has (1) _____ Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn, accepted an invitation from parliament. He (2) _____, the much loved King Bhumibol, who died in October. The new King Maha Vajiralongkorn will (3) _____ as Rama X. He said on Thursday: "I would like to accept the invitation (4) _____ of the Thai people." Thailand's Prime Minister asked people (5) _____ for his long reign, "as an idol (6) _____ Thai people".

The (7) _____ new king will take place after King Bhumibol's cremation. King Maha Vajiralongkorn was born in 1952. He went to (8) _____ and did military training in Australia. He has (9) _____ and has a home in Germany. Over the past few years, he has done more of (10) _____ when the late king was ill. He organized high-(11) _____ in the Thai capital. One of his first acts (12) _____ Thailand's new constitution.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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KINGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about kings in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **kings** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
