



Pre-Reading Activities

A: Vocabulary

Today's article is about a new web site for Thailand's **prisons**.

Look at the words and match them with their meanings.

Glossary: **prison** - a place where people must stay when they have done something wrong

overcrowded prisoners tips crook topic release sentence

1. a person who does something against the law, a criminal
2. too many people
3. people who are in prison
4. pieces of information
5. how long a person has to stay in prison
6. a subject which people talk or write about
7. when a prisoner can go free

Put the words above under the correct heading. (The first one is done for you as an example.)

Prisons	Web site
overcrowded	

B: Prediction

In groups, look at the words in **Pre-Reading Activity A** and answer the questions.

1. What do you think today's article is about?
2. Why do you think the words **prison** and **web site** are in today's article?
3. What do you think is on the web site?

Reading Activities

A: Word Order

Your teacher is going to divide your class into two groups 'A' and 'B' and give you a worksheet.

B: Questions

Now use your questions from **Reading Activity A**. Ask and answer questions with a student from the other group, then fill the gaps in your copy of the article.

C: Gist

Read the complete article below and choose the **best** summary.

Today's article is about:

- a. a web site about prison hospitals in Thailand.
- b. a web site about living in Thailand's prisons made by Thai prisoners.
- c. a website of a Thai prisoner.



Web Site Guide to Prison Life

BANGKOK March 20, 2002 (Reuters) - Thai crooks can now find out what it's like in Thailand's overcrowded prisons. Prisoners have made a new web site which has tips on living in prison.

The Department of Corrections web site gives prisoners and their families **advice** and information. Prisoners recover-

ing from illnesses at a prison hospital made the web site.

The site, at www.hosdoc.com, offers advice on topics such as how to get to sleep, how to make your prison sentences as short as possible and how to prepare for release.

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Glossary: **advice** - information given to help someone

D: True or False

Read today's article again and decide if these statements are **true** or **false**.

1. All Thai crooks live in prison.
2. There are too many people in Thailand's prisons.
3. The web site gives advice on Thailand.
4. The prisoners made the web site while they were in hospital.
5. The web site was made to help prisoners and their families.

Post-Reading Activities

You may do one or more of these.

A: Language

In today's article there were these words, "...make your prison sentences **as short as possible**...".

'**As short as possible**,' means to try and make the prison sentence the shortest you can. Use the words below to complete the sentences.

soon, slowly, much, long, high, fast, often

1. Eliza really didn't want to go to the dentist. She drove as _____ as she could.
2. Jaya loves going to the gym. She goes as _____ as she can.
3. Maya is in a hurry. Can she have those notes as _____ as possible?
4. Have some more dinner - eat as _____ as you like.
5. Don't wake up early - sleep in as _____ as you want.
6. Try and catch the ball - jump as _____ as you can.
7. Oh no! The dog is coming - run as _____ as you can.

B: Word Search

Look for words from today's article in this puzzle.

They can go down, across, diagonally, or backwards.

T	E	S	A	E	L	E	R	S
F	I	Q	R	D	H	W	E	R
P	A	P	Y	D	M	N	P	E
R	K	M	S	C	T	C	C	N
I	S	X	I	E	P	Q	I	O
S	A	Q	N	L	L	O	P	S
O	M	C	X	L	I	V	O	I
N	E	R	L	B	W	E	T	R
S	A	D	V	I	C	E	S	P

C: Discussion

In groups discuss the questions below.

1. Think about what it would be like to be in prison. What advice would you give on these things:
 - a. how to get to sleep
 - b. how to make the prison sentence as short as possible
 - c. how to prepare for release
2. Do you think it is a good idea to have a web site with information about prisons? Why? / Why not?

TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

Pre-Reading Activities

Please Note: This lesson requires some cutting and pasting, as there are worksheets in the Teachers' Notes below.

A: Vocabulary - Answers

1. crook, 2. overcrowded, 3. prisoners, 4. tips, 5. sentence, 6. topic, 7. release

Prisons: overcrowded, prisoners, crook, release, sentence

Web site: tips, topic

B: Prediction - Notes

Because this is a prediction activity, circulate and help with any words the students need, but don't indicate if their answers are right or wrong.

Reading Activities

A: Word Order - Notes

Divide the class into two groups 'A' and 'B' and give each student the appropriate worksheet. Students can work in pairs (i.e. two A's together, two B's together) to do this activity.

Please Note: The worksheets can be found below after the Teachers' Notes for **Reading Activity B**.

A: Word Order - Answers

Worksheet A

1. Who can find out what it's like in Thailand's overcrowded prisons?
2. Who made this web site?
3. What gives advice to prisoners and their families?
4. Why are the prisoners in the prison hospital?

Worksheet B

1. What can Thai crooks find out?
2. What have prisoners made?
3. What does the Department of Corrections web site give?
4. What did the prisoners recovering from illnesses make?

B: Questions - Notes

This is the information exchange part of the activity. Allow some time for the students to read through their article first, before you pair them with the opposite group. They ask their partner the questions from Reading Activity A and use the answers to fill the gaps in the article. (At this stage, it doesn't matter if they do not fill the gaps with exactly the same words as those in the original article. They will see a copy of the article in the next activity.)

B: Questions - Answers

Worksheet A

1. Thai crooks / prisoners
2. prisoners
3. the Department of Corrections web site
4. recovering from illnesses

Worksheet B

1. what it's like in Thailand's overcrowded prisons
2. a new web site
3. advice and information
4. the web site

A: Word Order and B: Questions - Worksheets To Be Copied and Given To Students

Worksheet for Student 'A'

A: Word Order

Put the words below into the correct order to make questions.

1. in Thailand's Who can what it's like overcrowded prisons find out?
2. web site made Who this?
3. their families What gives advice prisoners and to?
4. are the prisoners Why in prison hospital the?

B: Questions

1. Read the article below.
2. Ask Student B the questions you made in **Reading Activity A**.
3. Use the article to answer Student B's questions.
4. Use the answers you got from Student B to fill the gaps in the article.

BANGKOK (Reuters) - (1)_____ can now find out what it's like in Thailand's overcrowded prisons. (2)_____ have made a new web site which has tips on living in prison. (3)_____ gives prisoners and their families advice and information. Prisoners (4)_____ at a prison hospital made the web site.

The site, at www.hosdoc.com, offers advice on topics such as how to get to sleep, how to make your prison sentences as short as possible and how to prepare for release.

Glossary: *advice* - information given to help someone

End of Worksheet A

Worksheet for Student 'B'

A: Word Order

Put the words below into the correct order to make questions.

1. What Thai crooks find out can?
2. made What prisoners have?
3. the Department of Corrections What website does give?
4. did illnesses recovering from What the prisoners make?

B: Questions

1. Read the article below.
2. Use the article to answer Student A's questions.
3. Ask Student A the questions you made in **Reading Activity A**.
4. Use the answers you got from Student A to fill the gaps in the article.

BANGKOK (Reuters) - Thai crooks can now find out (1)____. Prisoners have made (2)____ which has tips on living in prison.

The Department of Corrections web site gives prisoners and their families (3)____. Prisoners recovering from illnesses at a prison hospital made (4)_____.

The site, at www.hosdoc.com, offers advice on topics such as how to get to sleep, how to make your prison sentences as short as possible and how to prepare for release.

Glossary: *advice* - information given to help someone

End of Worksheet B

C: Gist - Answer

Summary B

D: True or False - Answers

1. **False**, 2. **True**, 3. **False**, 4. **True**, 5. **True**

Post-Reading Activities

A: Language - Answers

1. slowly, 2. often, 3. soon, 4. much, 5. long, 6. high, 7. fast

B: Word Search - Notes

You may like to give students a list of the words (see below) or else tell them to look for words, using the article to help them.

List of words in Word Search: advice, families, prison, prisoner, release, sentences, tips, topic,

B: Word Search - Answers

Please note: Students can look at the prisons site, as the address is given in the article, but the text of the web site is in Thai.

