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## **Level 5**

### **Thailand has a new king**

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# THE READING

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Thailand has a new king. Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn, 64, accepted an invitation from parliament and succeeds his father 50 days after the widely loved and revered King Bhumibol died in October. The new King Maha Vajiralongkorn will also be known as Rama X, or the 10th king of Thailand's Chakri dynasty. He told people in a televised statement on Thursday: "I would like to accept the invitation for the benefit of the Thai people." Thailand's Prime Minister said: "May all the Thai people unite to pray that...he may long reign as an idol and guardian of the Thai people."

The coronation of the new king will not take place until after King Bhumibol's cremation. King Maha Vajiralongkorn was born in 1952. He went to schools in Australia and the UK and did military training in Australia. He has been to many different countries and has a home in Germany. Over the past few years, he has done more of his father's ceremonial duties when the late king needed medical treatment. He also organized and participated in high-profile charity events in the Thai capital Bangkok. One of his first acts will be to endorse Thailand's new constitution.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. accepted an invitation | a. benefit of the Thai people |
| 2. the widely loved and   | b. statement                  |
| 3. in a televised         | c. from parliament            |
| 4. I would like to accept | d. of the Thai people         |
| 5. for the                | e. revered King               |
| 6. people unite           | f. reign                      |
| 7. long                   | g. the invitation             |
| 8. guardian               | h. to pray                    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The coronation         | a. treatment              |
| 2. military               | b. capital Bangkok        |
| 3. Over the               | c. constitution           |
| 4. medical                | d. training               |
| 5. participated in high-  | e. of the new king        |
| 6. in the Thai            | f. acts                   |
| 7. One of his first       | g. past few years         |
| 8. endorse Thailand's new | h. profile charity events |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The coronation of the new king will not (7) \_\_\_\_\_ after King Bhumibol's cremation. King Maha Vajiralongkorn was born in 1952. He went to schools in Australia and the UK and did (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in Australia. He (9) \_\_\_\_\_ different countries and has a home in Germany. Over (10) \_\_\_\_\_ years, he has done more of his father's ceremonial duties when the late king needed medical treatment. He also organized and participated (11) \_\_\_\_\_ charity events in the Thai capital Bangkok. One of his first acts (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Thailand's new constitution.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# KINGS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161203-king-maha-vajiralongkorn-4.html>

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) \_\_\_\_\_

