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**Level 5** – 20th September, 2019

## Thai parks mail litter back to tourists

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200920-litter-mail-5.html>

Litterbugs who drop rubbish in Thai national parks may get a surprise when they check their mail - their litter may have been returned to them. Thailand has decided to take a stand on the increasing amount of wrappers, plastic bottles and paper that is thrown away in national parks. It asked park wardens to collect litter and mail it back to tourists. It comes with a letter that says: "We collected your garbage...and sent it to your home. This should be a lesson to you, to never again throw away waste anywhere." There are additional penalties like prison or a \$16,000 fine.

The severe penalties are because litter is an eyesore in many of Thailand's beauty spots. It is fairly easy to find offenders because visitors to parks must register their address when they enter. Anyone who leaves litter near their camping spot will get their waste back. The head of a park near Bangkok explained the "return-to-litterbug" policy. He said: "It can be dangerous for animals like deer if they eat the rubbish and try to digest plastic waste that people leave behind." The government said people should only leave footprints behind.

Sources: <https://www.scmp.com/news/asia/southeast-asia/article/3101999/thailands-khao-yai-national-park-mails-tourists-rubbish>  
<https://www.asianewsdaily.com/thai-national-park-officials-mail-back-trash-as-souvenirs-to-tourists/>  
<https://bangkokherald.com/living/environment/return-to-sender-thai-national-park-mails-back-litter-to-campers/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200920-litter-mail-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Litterbugs who                 | a. of wrappers       |
| 2. decided to take                | b. like prison       |
| 3. the increasing amount          | c. to you            |
| 4. thrown away                    | d. to tourists       |
| 5. mail it back                   | e. waste             |
| 6. This should be a lesson        | f. in national parks |
| 7. throw away                     | g. drop rubbish      |
| 8. There are additional penalties | h. a stand           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. severe                          | a. spots             |
| 2. litter is an                    | b. like deer         |
| 3. many of Thailand's beauty       | c. footprints behind |
| 4. It is fairly                    | d. when they enter   |
| 5. register their address          | e. penalties         |
| 6. near their camping              | f. easy              |
| 7. It can be dangerous for animals | g. spot              |
| 8. people should only leave        | h. eyesore           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Litterbugs who (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Thai national parks may get a surprise when they check their mail - their litter may have been returned to them. Thailand has decided to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ on the increasing amount of wrappers, plastic bottles and paper that (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in national parks. It asked park wardens to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ mail it back to tourists. It comes with a letter that says: "We (5) \_\_\_\_\_...and sent it to your home. This should be a lesson to you, to never again throw away waste anywhere." There (6) \_\_\_\_\_ like prison or a \$16,000 fine.

The severe penalties are because litter is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ many of Thailand's beauty spots. It is fairly easy (8) \_\_\_\_\_ because visitors to parks must register their address when they enter. Anyone who leaves litter near their camping spot will get (9) \_\_\_\_\_.

The head of a park near Bangkok explained the "return-to-litterbug" policy. He said: "It can be dangerous for (10) \_\_\_\_\_ if they eat the rubbish and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ plastic waste that people leave behind."

The government said people should only (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# LITTER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200920-litter-mail-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about litter 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) \_\_\_\_\_

