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**Level 6 – 18th October, 2020**

## **Thai protests continue despite state of emergency**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

Thousands of protesters have taken to the streets in Thailand's capital Bangkok, despite the government declaring a state of emergency. Police arrested dozens of the pro-democracy demonstrators. They have been protesting in cities across Thailand and online for over three months. Many of the protestors are students, but they are being joined by a wider cross-section of society. They are calling for a new constitution to ensure a true constitutional monarch under a democratic system. They are also demanding the dissolution of parliament, the resignation of Thailand's Prime Minister, and an end to "the intimidation of government critics".

The government said the protests have, "affected the government's stability, safety, property and staff". It said the protests were, "no longer a peaceful assembly," and were a threat to national security. The government announced a ban on gatherings of more than five people and prohibited the publication of online messages that could "harm national security". Police arrested 22 people on Friday for public disorder offences. There were three prominent activists among those arrested. Footage showing a woman being picked up by police and put into a police car went viral on social media. Police also photographed the crowds and warned demonstrators they could be prosecuted for violating the emergency decree.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. THAILAND:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Thailand. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

protestors / capital / government / emergency / students / society / constitution /  
government / stability / peaceful / national security / public disorder / social media

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. DEMOCRACY:** Students A **strongly** believe democracy works in many countries; Students B **strongly** believe it doesn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. EMERGENCY:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "emergency". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**5. PROTESTS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the things you would protest about at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Democracy
- Food prices
- Your nation going to war
- Taxes
- Corrupt government
- Equality
- The environment
- Freedom of speech

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 1. declaring     | a. A sovereign head of state, especially a king, queen, or emperor.                        |
| 2. demonstrator  | b. The action of frightening someone, especially in order to make them do what one wants.  |
| 3. cross-section | c. Announcing something in a formal manner.  |
| 4. constitution  | d. A person who takes part in a public protest meeting or march.                           |
| 5. monarch       | e. The fundamental principles by which a state, country or other organization is governed. |
| 6. dissolution   | f. The closing down of an assembly, partnership, or official body.                         |
| 7. intimidation  | g. A typical or representative sample of a larger group, especially of people.             |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 8. stability   | h. Relating to or involving an image, video, piece of information, etc., that is circulated rapidly and widely from one Internet user to another. |
| 9. assembly    | i. A person who campaigns to bring about political or social change.  |
| 10. prohibited | j. Important; famous.   |
| 11. prominent  | k. The state of being firmly established and not likely to change or fail.  |
| 12. activist   | l. An official order issued by a government or legal authority.   |
| 13. viral      | m. A group of people gathered together in one place for a common purpose.   |
| 14. decree     | n. That has been forbidden; banned.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article said hundreds of thousands of people protested in Bangkok. **T / F**
- b. Hundreds of people were arrested in the protests. **T / F**
- c. The protests have been going on for more than three months. **T / F**
- d. Protestors want an end to government critics being intimidated. **T / F**
- e. The government said the protests affected its staff. **T / F**
- f. There is a ban on gatherings of more than six people. **T / F**
- g. Thirty prominent activists were arrested on Friday. **T / F**
- h. Police have been photographing the crowds of protestors. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>despite</b>     | a. sovereign      |
| 2. <b>declaring</b>   | b. taken to court |
| 3. <b>wider</b>       | c. meetings       |
| 4. <b>monarch</b>     | d. banned         |
| 5. <b>critics</b>     | e. proclaiming    |
| 6. <b>staff</b>       | f. unrest         |
| 7. <b>gatherings</b>  | g. broader        |
| 8. <b>prohibited</b>  | h. detractors     |
| 9. <b>disorder</b>    | i. in spite of    |
| 10. <b>prosecuted</b> | j. personnel      |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. Thousands of protesters have taken       | a. those arrested           |
| 2. despite the government declaring a state | b. constitution             |
| 3. joined by a wider cross-                 | c. decree                   |
| 4. They are calling for a new               | d. offences                 |
| 5. government                               | e. of emergency             |
| 6. a ban on gatherings                      | f. on social media          |
| 7. public disorder                          | g. section of society       |
| 8. three prominent activists among          | h. critics                  |
| 9. went viral                               | i. of more than five people |
| 10. violating the emergency                 | j. to the streets           |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

Thousands of protesters have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to the streets in Thailand's capital Bangkok, despite the government declaring a state of emergency. Police arrested (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of the pro-democracy demonstrators. They have been protesting in cities across Thailand and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ for over three months. Many of the protestors are students, but they are being joined by a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ cross-section of society. They are calling for a new constitution to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ a true constitutional (6) \_\_\_\_\_ under a democratic system. They are also (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the dissolution of parliament, the resignation of Thailand's Prime Minister, and an end to "the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of government critics".

*online*  
*ensure*  
*intimidation*  
*taken*  
*wider*  
*demanding*  
*dozens*  
*monarch*

The government said the protests have, "affected the government's (9) \_\_\_\_\_, safety, property and staff". It said the protests were, "no longer a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ assembly," and were a threat to national (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The government announced a ban on gatherings of more than five people and prohibited the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of online messages that could "harm national security". Police arrested 22 people on Friday for public (13) \_\_\_\_\_ offences. There were three prominent (14) \_\_\_\_\_ among those arrested. Footage showing a woman being picked up by police and put into a police car went (15) \_\_\_\_\_ on social media. Police also photographed the crowds and warned demonstrators they could be prosecuted for (16) \_\_\_\_\_ the emergency decree.

*security*  
*disorder*  
*stability*  
*viral*  
*publication*  
*violating*  
*peaceful*  
*activists*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

- 1) Thousands of protesters have taken to the streets in Thailand's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. capital Bangkok
  - b. capitals Bangkok
  - c. cap it all Bangkok
  - d. cap it tall Bangkok
- 2) despite the government declaring a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. state off emergency
  - b. state of emergency
  - c. stated of emergency
  - d. state oft emergency
- 3) Many of the protestors are students, but they are being joined by a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. wide a crossed-section
  - b. wide across-section
  - c. wider crossed-section
  - d. wider cross-section
- 4) under a democratic system. They are also demanding the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. dissolution of parliament
  - b. resolution of parliament
  - c. this solution of parliament
  - d. dissed solution of parliament
- 5) and an end to the intimidation \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of government criticize
  - b. of government critical
  - c. of government critics
  - d. of government critic
- 6) the protests have, "affected the government's stability, safety, \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. property and staff
  - b. property and stuff
  - c. property and stiff
  - d. property and stave
- 7) the protests were no longer a peaceful assembly and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. were a treat
  - b. were a threat
  - c. were a threaten
  - d. were a threats
- 8) Police arrested 22 people on Friday for public \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. disorder offences
  - b. disorderly offences
  - c. disorders offences
  - d. disordered offences
- 9) Footage showing a woman being picked up by police and put into a police \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. car went vital
  - b. car went rival
  - c. car went viral
  - d. car went vital
- 10) warned demonstrators they could be prosecuted for violating \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the emergency degree
  - b. the emergency decry
  - c. the emergency decree
  - d. the emergency D.C.

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

Thousands of (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to the streets in Thailand's capital Bangkok, despite the government declaring a state of emergency. Police (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the pro-democracy demonstrators. They have been protesting in cities across Thailand and online for over three months. Many of the protestors are students, but they (3) \_\_\_\_\_ by a wider cross-section of society. They are calling for a new constitution to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ constitutional monarch under a democratic system. They are also (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of parliament, the resignation of Thailand's Prime Minister, and an end (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of government critics".

The government said the protests have, "affected the government's stability, safety, (7) \_\_\_\_\_". It said the protests were, "no longer a peaceful assembly," and were a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ security. The government announced a ban on gatherings of more than five people and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of online messages that could "harm national security". Police arrested 22 people on Friday for (10) \_\_\_\_\_. There were three prominent activists among those arrested. (11) \_\_\_\_\_ woman being picked up by police and put into a police car went viral on social media. Police also photographed the crowds and warned demonstrators they could be (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the emergency decree.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

1. How many people did the article say took to the streets?
2. How many pro-democracy protestors did the police arrest?
3. What are the student protestors being joined by?
4. What are the protestors calling for?
5. Who do the protestors not want to be intimidated?
6. What did the government say the protests were a threat to?
7. How is the maximum number of people that can legally gather?
8. What did police arrest 22 people for on Friday?
9. How many prominent activists were arrested?
10. What could happen to protestors who violate the emergency decree?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

- 1) How many people did the article say took to the streets?
  - a) hundreds of thousands
  - b) tens of thousands
  - c) thousands
  - d) gazillions
- 2) How many pro-democracy protestors did the police arrest?
  - a) dozens
  - b) scores
  - c) multitudes
  - d) legions
- 3) What are the student protestors being joined by?
  - a) a wider cross-section of society
  - b) support from the Internet
  - c) international organisations
  - d) farming unions
- 4) What are the protestors calling for?
  - a) democratic elections
  - b) a new constitution
  - c) higher pay
  - d) an end to COVID-19
- 5) Who do the protestors not want to be intimidated?
  - a) journalists
  - b) the police
  - c) students
  - d) government critics
- 6) What did the government say the protests were a threat to?
  - a) Bangkok
  - b) national security
  - c) the future of universities
  - d) democracy
- 7) How is the maximum number of people that can legally gather?
  - a) 5
  - b) 6
  - c) 7
  - d) 8
- 8) What did police arrest 22 people for on Friday?
  - a) peacefully protesting
  - b) rioting
  - c) public disorder offences
  - d) resisting arrest
- 9) How many prominent activists were arrested?
  - a) 6
  - b) 5
  - c) 4
  - d) 3
- 10) What could happen to protestors who violate the emergency decree?
  - a) they could be prosecuted
  - b) they could be jailed
  - c) they could be fined
  - d) they could lose their jobs

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

## **Role A – Democracy**

You think democracy is the best reason for street protests. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): food prices, the environment or war.

## **Role B – Food Prices**

You think food prices is the best reason for street protests. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): democracy, the environment or war.

## **Role C – The Environment**

You think the environment is the best reason for street protests. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): food prices, democracy or war.

## **Role D – War**

You think war is the best reason for street protests. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): food prices, the environment or democracy.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'state' and 'emergency'.

<b>state</b>	<b>emergency</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• taken</li><li>• dozens</li><li>• across</li><li>• wider</li><li>• under</li><li>• end</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• staff</li><li>• threat</li><li>• five</li><li>• 22</li><li>• picked</li><li>• warned</li></ul>
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# THAILAND SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Thailand 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.

# THAILAND DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'state'?
3. What do you think of Thailand?
4. What do you know about this news?
5. What have you ever protested about?
6. What is democracy?
7. Should peaceful protestors be arrested?
8. What is a constitutional monarchy?
9. What are you unhappy with about your country?
10. What advice do you have for the protestors?

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# THAILAND DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'emergency'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How important is democracy to you?
15. What would make you protest in the streets?
16. What is the history of protests in your country?
17. How would you resolve the crisis in Thailand?
18. What do you think the situation will be like in six months?
19. What advice do you have for Thailand's government?
20. What questions would you like to ask the protestors?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

Thousands of protesters have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to the streets in Thailand's capital Bangkok, despite the government declaring a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of emergency. Police arrested dozens of the (3) \_\_\_\_\_-democracy demonstrators. They have been protesting in cities across Thailand and online for over three months. Many of the protestors are students, but they are being joined (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a wider cross-section of society. They are calling for a new constitution to ensure a true constitutional monarch (5) \_\_\_\_\_ a democratic system. They are also demanding the dissolution of parliament, the resignation of Thailand's Prime Minister, and an end to "the intimidation of government (6) \_\_\_\_\_".

The government said the protests have, "affected the government's stability, safety, property and (7) \_\_\_\_\_". It said the protests were, "no longer a peaceful assembly," and were a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to national security. The government announced a ban on gatherings of more than five people and prohibited the publication of online messages that could "harm national security". Police arrested 22 people on Friday for public (9) \_\_\_\_\_ offences. There were three prominent activists among those arrested. Footage showing a woman being picked (10) \_\_\_\_\_ by police and put into a police car went (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on social media. Police also photographed the crowds and warned demonstrators they could be prosecuted (12) \_\_\_\_\_ violating the emergency decree.

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                |                 |              |                |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) taken      | (b) given       | (c) done     | (d) riven      |
| 2.  | (a) nation     | (b) territory   | (c) state    | (d) dependency |
| 3.  | (a) pre        | (b) pry         | (c) pro      | (d) per        |
| 4.  | (a) via        | (b) at          | (c) as       | (d) by         |
| 5.  | (a) under      | (b) below       | (c) beneath  | (d) down       |
| 6.  | (a) channels   | (b) critics     | (c) cartons  | (d) careens    |
| 7.  | (a) characters | (b) personality | (c) humane   | (d) staff      |
| 8.  | (a) thread     | (b) threat      | (c) teat     | (d) treat      |
| 9.  | (a) preorder   | (b) ordered     | (c) disorder | (d) order-made |
| 10. | (a) as         | (b) down        | (c) in       | (d) up         |
| 11. | (a) vital      | (b) revel       | (c) rebel    | (d) viral      |
| 12. | (a) from       | (b) for         | (c) of       | (d) free       |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. Thousands of rtptseeors
2. dozens of the pro-mdrcoaecy demonstrators
3. a wider rscos-ectsoin of society
4. true constitutional onamcrh
5. the dissolution of aripmalent
6. the tdimnitaion of government critics

## Paragraph 2

7. affected the government's iabslitty
8. no longer a peaceful seabmsly
9. rhpibitoed the publication of online messages
10. three prominent taiviscts
11. warned demonstrators they could be oscepuretd
12. ioavtlng the emergency decree

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) system. They are also demanding the dissolution of parliament, the resignation
- ( ) calling for a new constitution to ensure a true constitutional monarch under a democratic
- ( ) messages that could "harm national security". Police arrested 22 people on Friday for public disorder
- ( ) staff". It said the protests were, "no longer a peaceful assembly," and were a threat to national
- ( **1** ) Thousands of protesters have taken to the streets in Thailand's capital Bangkok, despite the
- ( ) government declaring a state of emergency. Police arrested dozens of the pro-democracy
- ( ) The government said the protests have, "affected the government's stability, safety, property and
- ( ) demonstrators. They have been protesting in cities across Thailand and online for over three months. Many of the
- ( ) up by police and put into a police car went viral on social media. Police also photographed the crowds and
- ( ) warned demonstrators they could be prosecuted for violating the emergency decree.
- ( ) of Thailand's Prime Minister, and an end to "the intimidation of government critics".
- ( ) offences. There were three prominent activists among those arrested. Footage showing a woman being picked
- ( ) security. The government announced a ban on gatherings of more than five people and prohibited the publication of online
- ( ) protestors are students, but they are being joined by a wider cross-section of society. They are

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

1. the taken protesters of Thousands have to streets .
2. arrested of pro-democracy demonstrators . Police dozens the
3. cities been across have They in Thailand . protesting
4. calling for They constitution . are a new
5. the dissolution demanding also They parliament . are of
6. longer peaceful assembly . no were a protests The
7. ban gatherings over five of A people . on
8. were There three arrested . activists among prominent those
9. by showing up police . women Footage picked being
10. for Demonstrators the decree . violating prosecuted could be

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

Thousands of protesters have *taken / given* to the streets in Thailand's capital Bangkok, despite the government *declared / declaring* a state of emergency. Police arrested *dozens / dozen* of the pro-democracy demonstrators. They have been *protested / protesting* in cities across Thailand and online for over three months. Many of the *protestations / protestors* are students, but they are being joined by a wider *plus- / cross-*section of society. They are calling for a new *constitution / constituting* to ensure a true constitutional monarch *over / under* a democratic system. They are also demanding the *dissolve / dissolution* of parliament, the resignation of Thailand's Prime Minister, and an end to "the intimidation of government *critics / criticize*".

The government said the protests have, "*affected / infected* the government's stability, safety, property and *stuff / staff*". It said the protests were, "no longer a peaceful *disassembly / assembly*," and were a *threat / treat* to national security. The government announced a ban on gatherings of more than five people and prohibited the publication of online *message / messages* that could "harm national security". Police arrested 22 people on Friday for *publicity / public* disorder offences. There were three *prominence / prominent* activists among those arrested. Footage *shown / showing* a woman being picked up by police and put into a police car went *vital / viral* on social media. Police also photographed the crowds and warned demonstrators they could be prosecuted for violating the emergency *degree / decree*.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th\_\_sands \_f pr\_t\_st\_rs hav\_ tak\_n t\_ th\_ str\_\_ts \_n Tha\_land's cap\_tal Bangk\_k, d\_sp\_t\_ th\_ g\_v\_rnm\_nt d\_clar\_ng \_ stat\_ \_f \_m\_rg\_ncy. P\_l\_c\_ \_rr\_st\_d d\_z\_ns \_f th\_ pr\_-d\_m\_cracy d\_m\_nstrat\_rs. Th\_y hav\_ b\_\_n pr\_t\_st\_ng \_n c\_t\_\_s \_cr\_ss Tha\_land \_nd \_nl\_n\_ f\_r \_v\_r thr\_\_ m\_nths. Many \_f th\_ pr\_t\_st\_rs r\_ st\_d\_nts, b\_t th\_y r\_ b\_\_ng j\_\_n\_d by \_ w\_d\_r cr\_ss-s\_ct\_\_n \_f s\_c\_\_ty. Th\_y r\_ call\_ng f\_r \_ n\_w c\_nst\_t\_t\_\_n t\_ \_ns\_r\_ \_ tr\_\_ c\_nst\_t\_t\_\_nal m\_narch \_nd\_r \_ d\_m\_crat\_c syst\_m. Th\_y r\_ \_ls\_ d\_mand\_ng th\_ d\_ss\_l\_t\_\_n \_f parl\_am\_nt, th\_ r\_s\_gnat\_\_n \_f Tha\_land's Pr\_m\_ M\_n\_st\_r, \_nd \_n \_nd t\_ "th\_ \_nt\_m\_dat\_\_n \_f g\_v\_rnm\_nt cr\_t\_cs".

Th\_ g\_v\_rnm\_nt sa\_d th\_ pr\_t\_sts hav\_, "aff\_ct\_d th\_ g\_v\_rnm\_nt's stab\_l\_ty, saf\_ty, pr\_p\_rty \_nd staff". \_t sa\_d th\_ pr\_t\_sts w\_r\_, "n\_ l\_ng\_r \_ p\_ac\_f\_l \_ss\_m\_bly," \_nd w\_r\_ \_ thr\_at t\_ nat\_\_nal s\_c\_r\_ty. Th\_ g\_v\_rnm\_nt \_nn\_\_nc\_d \_ ban \_n gath\_r\_ngs \_f m\_r\_ than f\_v\_ p\_\_pl\_ \_nd pr\_h\_b\_t\_d th\_ p\_bl\_cat\_\_n \_f \_nl\_n\_ m\_ssag\_s that c\_\_ld "harm nat\_\_nal s\_c\_r\_ty". P\_l\_c\_ \_rr\_st\_d 22 p\_\_pl\_ \_n Fr\_day f\_r p\_bl\_c d\_s\_rd\_r \_ff\_nc\_s. Th\_r\_ w\_r\_ thr\_\_ pr\_m\_n\_nt \_ct\_v\_sts \_m\_ng th\_s\_ \_rr\_st\_d. F\_\_tag\_ sh\_w\_ng \_ w\_man b\_\_ng p\_ck\_d \_p by p\_l\_c\_ \_nd p\_t \_nt\_ \_ p\_l\_c\_ car w\_nt v\_ral \_n s\_c\_al m\_d\_a. P\_l\_c\_ \_ls\_ ph\_t\_graph\_d th\_ cr\_wds \_nd warn\_d d\_m\_nstrat\_rs th\_y c\_\_ld b\_ pr\_s\_c\_t\_d f\_r v\_\_lat\_ng th\_ \_m\_rg\_ncy d\_cr\_\_.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the government said the protests have affected the government's stability safety property and staff it said the protests were no longer a peaceful assembly and were a threat to national security the government announced a ban on gatherings of more than five people and prohibited the publication of online messages that could harm national security police arrested 22 people on friday for public disorder offences there were three prominent activists among those arrested footage showing a woman being picked up by police and put into a police car went viral on social media police also photographed the crowds and warned demonstrators they could be prosecuted for violating the emergency decree.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201018-thailand.html>

Write about **Thailand** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

Lined writing area consisting of 20 horizontal lines for text entry.





# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. THAILAND:** Make a poster about Thailand. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. PROTESTS:** Write a magazine article about banning street protests. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on street protests. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on street protests. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. d    3. g    4. e    5. a    6. f    7. b  
8. k    9. m    10. n    11. j    12. i    13. h    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b F    c T    d T    e T    f F    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. i	2. e	3. g	4. a	5. h
6. j	7. c	8. d	9. f	10. b

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Thousands
- Dozens
- A wider cross-section of society
- A new constitution
- Government critics
- National security
- Five
- Public disorder offences
- Three
- They could be prosecuted

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Thousands of protesters have taken to the streets.
- Police arrested dozens of the pro-democracy demonstrators.
- They have been protesting in cities across Thailand.
- They are calling for a new constitution.
- They are also demanding the dissolution of parliament.
- The protests were no longer a peaceful assembly.
- A ban on gatherings of over five people.
- There were three prominent activists among those arrested.
- Footage showing women being picked up by police.
- Demonstrators could be prosecuted for violating the decree.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c    2. a    3. a    4. b    5. d    6. b    7. a    8. c    9. d    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)