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Thai army ready to use bullets in street

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Tension between Thailand's government and anti-government protestors is increasing. The situation is getting very dangerous. The Thai army announced on April 19 that it would use real bullets to keep the peace in the streets. Thousands of red-shirted people are marching in the streets to protest against the government. Many of them have weapons. They want the Thai prime minister to resign. An army spokesman said: "We will start using tear gas, and if the protestors break the line, we need to use guns."

Thailand has a long history of people protesting in the streets. Many people have lost their lives in the past few decades. The current government is being more patient. Protestors started their campaign at the beginning of March. So far, the government has broken up protests with tear gas and riot police. If the army starts shooting people, there could be big trouble. The Thai government is worried about the economy. Street battles will badly damage Thailand's tourism industry. In addition, foreign companies might invest in other countries.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. anti-government | a. bullets |
| 2. The situation is getting | b. to resign |
| 3. it would use real | c. streets |
| 4. marching in the | d. protestors |
| 5. They want the Thai prime minister | e. gas |
| 6. start using tear | f. very dangerous |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a long history | a. battles |
| 2. Many people have lost | b. countries |
| 3. riot | c. industry |
| 4. Street | d. of people protesting |
| 5. damage Thailand's tourism | e. police |
| 6. invest in other | f. their lives |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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_____ Thailand's government and anti-government protestors is increasing. The _____ very dangerous. The Thai army announced on April 19 that it would _____ keep the peace in the streets. Thousands of red-shirted _____ in the streets to protest against the government. Many of _____. They want the Thai prime minister to resign. An army spokesman said: "We will _____, and if the protestors break the line, we need to use guns."

Thailand has a _____ people protesting in the streets. Many people have lost their lives in the _____. The current government is _____. Protestors started their campaign at the beginning of March. So far, the government has broken up protests _____ riot police. If the army starts shooting people, there could be big trouble. The Thai government is worried _____. Street battles will badly damage Thailand's tourism industry. In addition, foreign companies might _____ countries.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Tension (1) _____ Thailand's government and anti-government protestors is increasing. The situation is (2) _____ very dangerous. The Thai army announced on April 19 that it would use real bullets to keep the peace in the streets. Thousands of red-(3) _____ people are marching in the streets to protest against the government. Many of them have weapons. They want the Thai prime minister to (4) _____. An army spokesman said: "We will start using tear gas, and if the protestors (5) _____ the line, we need to use guns."

Thailand has a (6) _____ history of people protesting in the streets. Many people have lost their lives in the past few decades. The (7) _____ government is being more patient. Protestors started their campaign at the beginning of March. So far, the government has broken (8) _____ protests with tear gas and riot police. If the army starts shooting people, there could be (9) _____ trouble. The Thai government is worried about the economy. Street battles will badly damage Thailand's tourism industry. In addition, foreign companies might invest (10) _____ other countries.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) between | (b) next to | (c) opposite |
| 2. | (a) got | (b) gets | (c) getting |
| 3. | (a) shirts | (b) shirted | (c) shirt |
| 4. | (a) resign | (b) sign | (c) signature |
| 5. | (a) broken | (b) breaking | (c) break |
| 6. | (a) long | (b) length | (c) longs |
| 7. | (a) currant | (b) current | (c) currency |
| 8. | (a) in | (b) out | (c) up |
| 9. | (a) big | (b) large | (c) giant |
| 10. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) in |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. anti-government tosostrepr
2. nggiett very dangerous
3. keep the cpaee
4. hcaignrm in the streets
5. the Thai pmrei minister
6. use guns

Paragraph 2

7. a long yhsrtoi
8. in the past few caeedds
9. started their cipanmga
10. ishgoton people
11. Street etbsalt
12. visent in other countries

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () getting very dangerous. The Thai army announced on April 19 that it would use real bullets to keep the
- () at the beginning of March. So far, the government has broken up protests with tear gas and riot police. If the
- () army starts shooting people, there could be big trouble. The Thai government is worried about the economy. Street
- () government. Many of them have weapons. They want the Thai prime minister to resign. An army spokesman
- () few decades. The current government is being more patient. Protestors started their campaign
- () said: "We will start using tear gas, and if the protestors break the line, we need to use guns."
- () Thailand has a long history of people protesting in the streets. Many people have lost their lives in the past
- (**1**) Tension between Thailand's government and anti-government protestors is increasing. The situation is
- () peace in the streets. Thousands of red-shirted people are marching in the streets to protest against the
- () battles will badly damage Thailand's tourism industry. In addition, foreign companies might invest in other countries.

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. very The situation is getting . dangerous

2. peace the keep to bullets real Use.

3. in the People streets are to marching protest.

4. They minister want to the resign Thai prime.

5. tear will using gas We start.

6. long of protesting A history people.

7. their people lost lives Many have.

8. The has up government broken protests.

9. Thai the government economy is worried The about.

10. countries other in invest might companies Foreign.

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. _____

WRITING

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Write about Thailand for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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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. THAILAND: Search the Internet and find more information about Thailand. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about the Thailand protests. Include imaginary interviews with a protestor and a riot policeman. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. 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.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Thailand's leader. Ask him three questions about Thailand. Give it three of your opinions on Thailand. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.