

Super English



Unit 20 - Lesson 1 - Cultures

Vocabulary



Culture - Vocabulary

temple: a building used for the worship of a god or gods in some religions (n)



The ancient **temples** can be seen scattered throughout the forest.

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monk: a member of a religious community of men who usually promise to remain poor, unmarried, and separated from the rest of society (n)



The **monk** meditated peacefully in the temple.

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festival: a celebration or event, typically one focused on a particular theme or aspect of culture. (n)



The town's annual **festival** attracted many tourists.

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express: to communicate what you think or feel, by speaking or writing, or in some other way (v)



Each person got the chance to **express** how they felt about the new project.

Let's Read!



Exploring Thai Treasures: From Temples to Tasty Treats



Tucked away in Southeast Asia is a country bursting with life and tradition: Thailand. When you hear "Thailand," you might think of sunny beaches, busy cities, or green forests. But there's so much more to this captivating place. Let's explore some cool parts of Thai culture, perfect for young travelers like you.

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Join the Songkran Fun

Imagine a big water fight that everyone in the country joins. That's Songkran, the Thai New Year! In April, when the weather heats up, people have fun splashing water on friends, family, and even folks they haven't met before. It's not just about having a good splash, though. Songkran is a special time to clean homes, visit **temples**, and show respect to the elderly.



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Temples Everywhere!

Did you know Thailand has around 40,000 temples? These pretty buildings, known as “Wats”, are so much more than just sights to see. They're important places where Thai people gather and pray. Many young guys spend some time as **monks** to learn and help their families. Inside a Wat, you'll encounter shiny statues, colorful pictures, and sometimes the calming scent of incense.

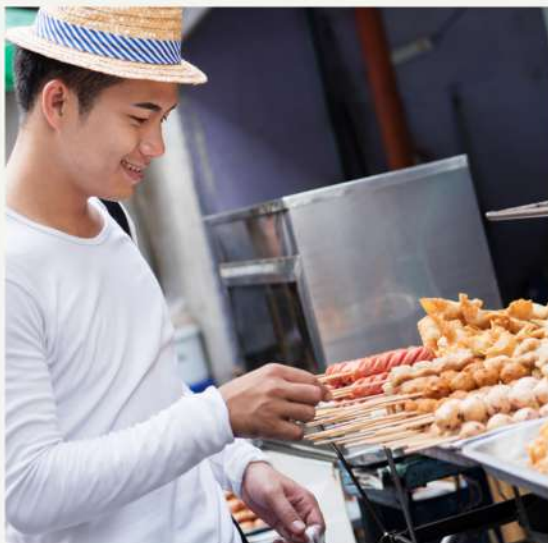
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Dancing Stories

Thai dance isn't just movement—it's storytelling. Dancers wear colorful outfits and express tales of old legends and romance. Their graceful hand movements and steps bring the story to life right before your eyes.

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Yummy Street Food

Hungry? Thailand's streets have a treat for all taste buds. From spicy salads to the sweetness of rice paired with ripe mango, a range of dishes are ready for tasting. As night falls, many streets change into crowded food hubs, each offering a unique taste of Thai life.

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Floating Markets? Yep!

Imagine shopping on water. That's exactly what floating markets in Thailand are all about! Vendors on boats filled with fruits, crafts, or steaming dishes offer a unique shopping experience.

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Big, Friendly Elephants

We can't forget the elephants. These gentle giants are deeply loved and respected in Thai culture. They grace **festivals** and are also cared for in special places called sanctuaries.

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That's our quick tour of Thailand's vibrant culture. From joyous water festivals to calming temples and flavorful street delights. Who knows, maybe one day you'll set foot in Southeast Asia and experience the magic of Thailand yourself. Until then, happy exploring!

Grammar



might/may/could + have

We can use '**might have and may have**' to express past possibilities or actions.

They might have gone to the movies.

I may have dropped my wallet in the park.



We often use '**could have**' to express past actions that did not happen but were possible.

I could have won if I had practiced more.



Phonics!



Phonics

The **schwa** is an unstressed vowel that sounds like a soft short U (/uh/) or short I (/ɪ/)

pleasant

problem

family

parrot

bottom

syringe



again

celebrate

enemy

president

freedom

analysis

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See you
Next time!

