



**1. Match the words with their definitions:**

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| 1. to revise (v)  | a. a game similar to boules played mainly in Provence.  |
| 2. to float (v)   | b. the process or work of keeping financial accounts.   |
| 3. a monk (n)     | c. a building used for the worship of a god or gods in some religions.  |
| 4. petanque (n)   | d. reread work done previously to improve one's knowledge of a subject, typically to prepare for an examination.  |
| 5. a temple (n)   | e. to (cause to) move easily through, or along the surface of a liquid, or to (cause to) move easily through air. |
| 6. accounting (n) | f. a set or sequence of related television or radio programmes.   |
| 7. series (n)     | g. a man who lives in a religious community away from other people  |

2. **Read the messages that my students Numcha and Ivan wrote to each other.** (page 2)

3. **Put the messages in the correct order from 1 to 6.**

4. **Imagine you are Ivan. Write a response to Numcha's last letter.**

5. a. Do you have a pen friend? (pen pal)  
 b. Do you think it's a good idea to practise your English this way?  
 c. People from which countries would you like to talk to?

6. **You can find a pen pal on one of these websites:**

- [www.interpals.net](http://www.interpals.net)
- [www.penpalworld.com](http://www.penpalworld.com)
- [www.hipenpal.com](http://www.hipenpal.com)
- [www.interpals.net](http://www.interpals.net)

- [www.englishbaby.com/community/chat](http://www.englishbaby.com/community/chat)
- [www.mylanguageexchange.com](http://www.mylanguageexchange.com)
- [www.englishclub.com/esl-chat/](http://www.englishclub.com/esl-chat/)

Ivan



Numcha



**a.** Hey!

How are you? How is the weather in Thailand?

Here it's very cold - 30 degrees below zero.

What did you do on Loy Krathong? Both holidays sound very interesting!

I'm sorry it took me so long to reply, I've been really busy studying. I have a big exam coming soon, and I need to **revise** a lot.

I hope you are well,

Greetings from Russia.

Ivan

**b.** Hello, Numcha!

My name is Ivan. I am from Yekaterinburg, Russia, I am 17. I study in college.

Where do you live? Marina told me, that you want to know something about Russia and life here. I can

help you with that! And I, too, want to learn something about the place you are from. For

example, I want to know something about your national food, religion, celebrations. What are the biggest holidays you and your family celebrate?

What are your hobbies and what kind of hobbies are the most popular in Thailand? How do teenagers usually spend their free time?

Can't wait to hear from you!

Ivan

**c.** Hello, Numcha!

I'm not really religious.

But most Russians are Orthodox (Christian).

I like playing video games and watching **series**. (I don't watch Russian series though)

My major is hotel management, but I want to study tourism,

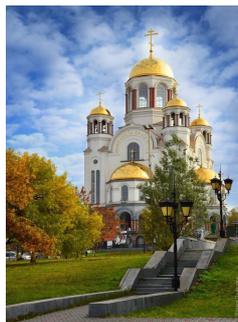
What kind of sport do you and your friends play?

And what kind of sport is the most popular in Thailand? I think, in Russia football is the most popular. What about holidays in Thailand?

For example, in Russia New Year is the biggest holiday. We also celebrate the Victory Day on the 9th of May (the day when the second World War ended). Write soon!

Take care!

Ivan



**d.** Hi, Ivan.

Wow! -30! It sounds unreal! The weather is pretty cool in Thailand because now it is the winter season (+30 during the day, and +25-27 at night), so imagine how it is in the summer!

On Loi Kratong Day I went to a **temple** and then my father and I went to the

river to **float** our Krathongs (traditional decorative baskets) and make wishes.

I wish you good luck on your exam! I'm sure you'll pass it!

Why did you choose this major? Do you like studying management?

Write when you have time,

Numcha



**e.** Hey there!

How have you been?

We play **petanque** and, sometimes, basketball. In Thailand soccer is the most popular sport. I like to watch soccer, especially when the Thai National Team is playing.

Songkran Day on 13-15 of April (Thai New Year) and Loi Krathong Day in November (the holiday of light) are the most important holidays in Thailand. Loi Kratong Day is actually next week.

Keep in touch.

Numcha

**f.** Hello, Ivan!

Nice to meet you! My name is Numcha. "Numcha" means tea. I'm 18 and I'm from Thailand. I live in Banthungna U-Thaithani. Banthungna is a small town. I'm going to university next year. I want to study **accounting**.

I like to travel with my family on holidays. I'm Buddhist. We have a Buddhist holiday every week. I go to temple to pray and to offer food to the **monks**. And you? What religion are you?

When I have free time, I like to watch Thai **series**, read books, and play sport with my friends. Teenagers in Thailand mostly like traveling, going out, and shopping.

What do you like doing in your free time?

What is your major? Tell me about teenagers in Russia! Greetings from Thailand!

Numcha



**The key:**

1.

1. d
2. e
3. g
4. a
5. c
6. b
7. f

3.

1. b
2. f
3. c
4. e
5. a
6. d

