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Thai parks mail litter back to tourists

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THE ARTICLE

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Litterbugs who drop their rubbish in national parks in Thailand may be in for a surprise the next time they check their mail - the litter they left may have been returned to them. Thailand's Environment Minister has decided to take a stand on the increasing amount of sweet wrappers, plastic bottles and paper that is strewn across national parks. He has asked park wardens to collect the litter and mail it to the offending litterbug. It comes with a letter that says: "We collected your garbage in a cardboard box and sent it to your home. This should be a lesson to you, to never again throw away waste anywhere." Additional penalties could come in the form of five years imprisonment or a hefty \$16,000 fine.

The severe penalties have been initiated because of litter becoming an eyesore in many of Thailand's beauty spots. Park wardens say it is relatively easy to track down and identify offenders, as all visitors to the parks are required to register their address when they enter a park. Anyone who leaves refuse near their assigned camping spot will be reunited with their waste. Narin Pinsakul, chief of the Khao Yai National Park near Bangkok, explained why the parks were introducing their 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 Environment Minister 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/>

WARM-UPS

1. LITTER: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about litter. 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?

litterbug / national park / surprise / mail / environment / cardboard box / fines / severe / beauty spots / visitors / address / camping / policy / plastic / footprints

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

3. PRISON: Students A **strongly** believe people should be put in prison for littering; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PLACES TO LITTER: How bad is it to litter in these places? What should be done to the litterbugs? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Bad?	Litterbug Punishment
A national park		
A beach		
A library		
A shopping mall		
A street		
A place of worship		

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

6. TYPES OF LITTER: Rank these with your partner. Put the worst at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- plastic bottles
- face masks
- newspapers
- chewing gum
- train tickets
- burger wrappers
- straws
- potato chip bag

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. litterbug | a. Scatter or spread untidily over a surface or area. |
| 2. take a stand | b. A person who commits an illegal act. |
| 3. wrapper | c. A person who carelessly drops trash in a public place. |
| 4. strewn | d. A very large number or amount of. |
| 5. offender | e. Act to fight for something you feel strongly about. |
| 6. penalty | f. A piece of paper, plastic, or foil covering and protecting something (often food). |
| 7. hefty | g. A punishment imposed for breaking a law, rule, or contract. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 8. severe | h. Break down food in the stomach so it can be absorbed and used by the body. |
| 9. initiated | i. Strict or harsh. |
| 10. eyesore | j. Caused a process or action to begin. |
| 11. refuse | k. Set something aside for a specific purpose. |
| 12. assigned | l. Things that are thrown away or rejected as worthless; trash. |
| 13. policy | m. A thing that is very ugly, especially a building that spoils the view of a landscape. |
| 14. digest | n. A course of action adopted or proposed by a government, party, business, or individual. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. The article said bugs are surprised when people drop litter. **T / F**
- b. Thailand's Minister for Parks has decided to take a stand. **T / F**
- c. Litter is mailed to people in a cardboard box. **T / F**
- d. People can get a \$16,000 fine for littering in Thai national parks. **T / F**
- e. The article said the parks are great for people with sore eyes. **T / F**
- f. Visitors to the parks must register with their address. **T / F**
- g. A park warden said the litter can be a danger to deer. **T / F**
- h. The government said people should only leave footprints in parks. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. rubbish | a. plans |
| 2. surprise | b. punishments |
| 3. strewn | c. harsh |
| 4. collected | d. shock |
| 5. penalties | e. find |
| 6. severe | f. trash |
| 7. eyesore | g. gathered |
| 8. track down | h. abandon |
| 9. policy | i. scattered |
| 10. leave behind | j. ugly sight |

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

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. the next time they check | a. their address |
| 2. paper that is strewn | b. fine |
| 3. cardboard | c. behind |
| 4. a hefty \$16,000 | d. across national parks |
| 5. five years | e. box |
| 6. litter becoming | f. like deer |
| 7. required to register | g. imprisonment |
| 8. camping | h. an eyesore |
| 9. dangerous for animals | i. their mail |
| 10. people should only leave footprints | j. spot |

GAP FILL

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Litterbugs who drop their (1) _____ in national parks in Thailand may be in for a (2) _____ the next time they check their mail - the litter they left may have been returned to them. Thailand's Environment Minister has decided to take a (3) _____ on the increasing amount of sweet wrappers, plastic bottles and paper that is (4) _____ across national parks. He has asked park wardens to collect the litter and mail it to the offending (5) _____. It comes with a letter that says: "We collected your garbage in a cardboard (6) _____ and sent it to your home. This should be a lesson to you, to never again throw away waste anywhere." Additional (7) _____ could come in the form of five years imprisonment or a (8) _____ \$16,000 fine.

surprise

box

strewn

hefty

stand

penalties

rubbish

litterbug

The (9) _____ penalties have been initiated because of litter becoming an (10) _____ in many of Thailand's beauty spots. Park wardens say it is relatively easy to track down and (11) _____ offenders, as all visitors to the parks are required to (12) _____ their address when they enter a park. Anyone who leaves refuse near their assigned camping (13) _____ will be reunited with their waste. Narin Pinsakul, chief of the Khao Yai National Park near Bangkok, explained why the parks were introducing their return-to-litterbug (14) _____. He said: "It can be dangerous for animals like deer if they eat the rubbish and try to (15) _____ plastic waste that people leave behind." The Environment Minister said people should only leave (16) _____ behind.

identify

spot

digest

register

eyesore

footprints

severe

policy

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Thailand's Environment Minister has decided to _____
 - a. take a shard
 - b. taker sand
 - c. take a stand
 - d. take as tend
- 2) asked park wardens to collect the litter and mail it to the _____
 - a. offend in jitterbug
 - b. offending lit a bug
 - c. offending litterbug
 - d. off end in lit tab bug
- 3) We collected your garbage in _____
 - a. a cards board box
 - b. a cards boards box
 - c. a cards boards boxes
 - d. a cardboard box
- 4) This should be a lesson to you, to never again throw _____
 - a. away paste anywhere
 - b. away yeast anywhere
 - c. away oats anywhere
 - d. away waste anywhere
- 5) come in the form of five years imprisonment or a _____
 - a. hefty \$16,000 fine
 - b. heft tee \$16,000 fine
 - c. heft tea \$16,000 fine
 - d. half tea \$16,000 fine
- 6) The severe penalties have been initiated because of litter _____
 - a. becoming an eyesore
 - b. becoming an eyesight
 - c. becoming an eye store
 - d. becoming an eyes' awe
- 7) Park wardens say it is relatively easy to track down _____
 - a. and identify your fenders
 - b. and identify oh fenders
 - c. and identify defenders
 - d. and identify offenders
- 8) Anyone who leaves refuse near their _____
 - a. assigned camping spotty
 - b. assigned camp pins pot
 - c. assigned camp pin spotted
 - d. assigned camping spot
- 9) explained why the parks were introducing their return- _____
 - a. to-litterbug police it
 - b. to-litterbug policy
 - c. to-litterbug poll as see
 - d. to-litterbug poll I see
- 10) The Environment Minister said people should only leave _____
 - a. feet prince behind
 - b. feet prints behind
 - c. food prints behind
 - d. footprints behind

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Who did the article say might be in for a surprise?
2. Which member of the Thai government decided to take a stand?
3. Who has to collect the litter?
4. How is the litter mailed to those who created it?
5. How much can people get fined for littering in Thailand's national parks?
6. What did the article say litter is becoming?
7. What do visitors to the park need to register?
8. Where is the litter collected from?
9. What animals might the litter be a danger to?
10. What did a government minister say it is OK to leave in the parks?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Who did the article say might be in for a surprise?
 - a) campers
 - b) litterbugs
 - c) government ministers
 - d) refuse collectors
- 2) Which member of the Thai government decided to take a stand?
 - a) the Parks Minister
 - b) the Prime Minister
 - c) the Minister for Litter and Trash
 - d) the Environment Minister
- 3) Who has to collect the litter?
 - a) park wardens
 - b) hikers
 - c) a private company
 - d) everyone
- 4) How is the litter mailed to those who created it?
 - a) in recyclable bags
 - b) by express post
 - c) in cardboard boxes
 - d) in a garbage truck
- 5) How much can people get fined for littering in Thailand's national parks?
 - a) \$18,000
 - b) \$16,000
 - c) \$12,000
 - d) \$10,000
- 6) What did the article say litter is becoming?
 - a) a mountain
 - b) a danger
 - c) an eyesore
 - d) expensive
- 7) What do visitors to the park need to register?
 - a) their e-mail address
 - b) their mobile number
 - c) their car number plate
 - d) their addresses
- 8) Where is the litter collected from?
 - a) camping spots
 - b) riversides
 - c) rubbish bins
 - d) mountain tops
- 9) What animals might the litter be a danger to?
 - a) deer
 - b) bears
 - c) rats
 - d) elephants
- 10) What did a government minister say it is OK to leave in the parks?
 - a) memories
 - b) footprints
 - c) money
 - d) advice

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Plastic Bottles

You think plastic bottles are the worst forms of litter. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their types of litter aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): face masks, chewing gum or straws.

Role B – Face Masks

You think face masks are the worst forms of litter. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their types of litter aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): plastic bottles, chewing gum or straws.

Role C – Chewing Gum

You think chewing gum is the worst form of litter. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their types of litter aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): face masks, plastic bottles or straws.

Role D – Straws

You think straws are the worst forms of litter. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their types of litter aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): face masks, chewing gum or plastic bottles.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

tourist	litter

- 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">• drop• stand• strewn• comes• lesson• fine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• severe• easy• park• spot• deer• leave
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LITTER SURVEY

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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.

LITTER 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 'litter'?
3. What do you think of litterbugs?
4. What do you do with your litter?
5. Do you tell someone if you see they have dropped litter?
6. How much litter is there in your town?
7. What do you think of Thailand's litter policy?
8. How do you feel when you see litter?
9. What should the fine be for littering?
10. Should people go to prison for littering?

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LITTER 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 'tourist'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you spend a day picking up litter at a beauty spot?
15. Are there enough litter bins in your town?
16. Why do people litter?
17. What does littering say about someone's character?
18. How would you get people to not litter?
19. Should we pick up other people's litter?
20. What questions would you like to ask the environment minister?

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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) plunge | (b) descend | (c) drop | (d) fall |
| 2. | (a) stand | (b) sit | (c) kneel | (d) stoop |
| 3. | (a) strewn | (b) stewed | (c) stowed | (d) strayed |
| 4. | (a) comes | (b) deposits | (c) goes | (d) sends |
| 5. | (a) by | (b) at | (c) thus | (d) to |
| 6. | (a) nifty | (b) shifty | (c) lefty | (d) hefty |
| 7. | (a) severe | (b) severance | (c) servile | (d) sever |
| 8. | (a) specks | (b) dots | (c) sees | (d) spots |
| 9. | (a) relatively | (b) relative | (c) relatives | (d) relation |
| 10. | (a) decline | (b) refuse | (c) deny | (d) object |
| 11. | (a) as | (b) for | (c) on | (d) at |
| 12. | (a) digest | (b) stomach | (c) ulcer | (d) colon |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. btigrestlu who drop their rubbish
2. the increasing amount of sweet waespprr
3. rwtnes across national parks
4. He has asked park ewrasnd
5. additional etiepanls could come
6. five years niseoimnrpt

Paragraph 2

7. litter becoming an yerseeo
8. raelelyiv easy to track down
9. identify nfsfoeerd
10. near their nesigdsa camping spot
11. try to dietsg plastic
12. people should only leave itotrpsofn behind

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to take a stand on the increasing amount of sweet wrappers, plastic bottles and paper that is strewn
- () check their mail - the litter they left may have been returned to them. Thailand's Environment Minister has decided
- () why the parks were introducing their return-to-litterbug policy. He said: "It can be
- () litterbug. It comes with a letter that says: "We collected your garbage in a cardboard
- () spot will be reunited with their waste. Narin Pinsakul, chief of the Khao Yai National Park near Bangkok, explained
- () penalties could come in the form of five years imprisonment or a hefty \$16,000 fine.
- () box and sent it to your home. This should be a lesson to you, to never again throw away waste anywhere." Additional
- () waste that people leave behind." The Environment Minister said people should only leave footprints behind.
- () across national parks. He has asked park wardens to collect the litter and mail it to the offending
- () required to register their address when they enter a park. Anyone who leaves refuse near their assigned camping
- () spots. Park wardens say it is relatively easy to track down and identify offenders, as all visitors to the parks are
- () dangerous for animals like deer if they eat the rubbish and try to digest plastic
- () The severe penalties have been initiated because of litter becoming an eyesore in many of Thailand's beauty
- (**1**) Litterbugs who drop their rubbish in national parks in Thailand may be in for a surprise the next time they

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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(...) check their mail - the litter they left may have been returned to them. Thailand's Environment Minister has decided

(...) why the parks were introducing their return-to-litterbug policy. He said: "It can be

(...) litterbug. It comes with a letter that says: "We collected your garbage in a cardboard

(...) spot will be reunited with their waste. Narin Pinsakul, chief of the Khao Yai National Park near Bangkok, explained

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(...) waste that people leave behind." The Environment Minister said people should only leave footprints behind.

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(...) required to register their address when they enter a park. Anyone who leaves refuse near their assigned camping

(...) spots. Park wardens say it is relatively easy to track down and identify offenders, as all visitors to the parks are

(...) dangerous for animals like deer if they eat the rubbish and try to digest plastic

(...) The severe penalties have been initiated because of litter becoming an eyesore in many of Thailand's beauty

(**1**) Litterbugs who drop their rubbish in national parks in Thailand may be in for a surprise the next time they

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. rubbish in Litterbugs national parks . drop who their
2. litter returned . The have may been they left
3. to The take minister has a decided stand .
4. in We a cardboard box . garbage your collected
5. imprisonment . the Come of form in years five
6. in Thailand's of many eyesore beauty spots . An
7. to track offenders . Easy identify down and
8. to are the Visitors to register . required parks
9. like It for dangerous be can deer . animals
10. behind . leave plastic waste that people Digest

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Litterbugs who drop their rubbish *in / on* national parks in Thailand may be in for *a / the* surprise the next time they check their mail - the litter they left may have been returned *to / for* them. Thailand's Environment Minister has decided to take a *sit / stand* on the increasing amount of sweet wrappers, plastic bottles and paper that is *strewn / stowing* across national parks. He has asked park wardens to collect the *latter / litter* and mail it to the offending litterbug. It *comes / goes* with a letter that says: "We collected your garbage in a cardboard box and sent it to *a / your* home. This should be a lesson to you, to *never / ever* again throw away waste anywhere." Additional penalties could come in the *form / frame* of five years imprisonment or a hefty \$16,000 fine.

The *severe / several* penalties have been initiated because of litter becoming an *eyesore / eyesight* in many of Thailand's beauty spots. Park wardens say it is relatively *easy / easily* to track down and identify *offenders / defenders* as all visitors to the parks are *acquired / required* to register their address when they enter a park. Anyone who leaves refuse near their assigned camping spot will be reunited *at / with* their waste. Narin Pinsakul, chief of the Khao Yai National Park near Bangkok, *explained / explanation* why the parks were introducing their return-to-litterbug policy. He said: "It can be *dangerous / danger* for animals like deer if they eat the rubbish and try to *digest / suggest* plastic waste that people leave behind." The Environment Minister said people should only leave footprints *ahead / behind*.

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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L_t t_r b_g s w h_ d r_p t h__ r r_b b_s h _n n_t__
n_l p_r k_s _n T h__ l_n d m_y b_ _n f_r _ s_r p
r_s_ t h_ n_x t t_m_ t h_y c h_c k t h__ r m__ l -
t h_ l_t t_r t h_y l_f t m_y h_v_ b__ n r_t_r n_d
t_ t h_m . T h__ l_n d 's E n v_r_n m_n t M_n_s t_r
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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

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

Lined area for writing.

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. LITTER: Make a poster about litter. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PUNISHMENT: Write a magazine article about giving massive punishments to anyone who litters. 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 litter. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas. 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. e 3. f 4. a 5. b 6. g 7. d
8. i 9. j 10. m 11. l 12. k 13. n 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Litterbugs
- The Environment Minister
- Park wardens
- In cardboard boxes
- \$16,000
- An eyesore
- Their addresses
- Camping spots
- Deer
- Footprints

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Litterbugs who drop their rubbish in national parks.
- The litter they left may have been returned.
- The minister has decided to take a stand.
- We collected your garbage in a cardboard box.
- Come in the form of five years imprisonment.
- An eyesore in many of Thailand's beauty spots.
- Easy to track down and identify offenders.
- Visitors to the parks are required to register.
- It can be dangerous for animals like deer.
- Digest plastic waste that people leave behind.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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