

## Families of the World: Thailand

1) We first go to Bangkok to follow 10-year-old **Rakkiaet** and his family, who live and work on a canal. Rakkiaet goes to school by boat, his brother runs a water taxi, his mother does her shopping at the floating market, and his father sells food from his boat to families along the canal. Buddhist monks visit the family's dock each day. 2) We also visit 7-year-old **Akeem** in a community on the southern coast. We see Akeem's mother caring for her newborn infant, follow Akeem to school, and go fishing with Akeem's father, who catches tropical fish for export.



### Vocabulary

1. canal (n)
2. spicy (adj)
3. Buddhist monk (n)
4. dock (n)
5. circle (n)
6. rewarded (adj)
7. punished (adj)
8. blessing (n)
9. national anthem (n)
10. good manners (n)
11. Grand Palace (n)
12. obedience (n)
13. protection (n)
14. leadership (n)
15. well (n)
16. fish (v)
17. aquarium (n)
18. dive (v)
19. air hose (n)
20. bubble (n)
21. flag (n)
22. breeze (n)
23. bamboo floor (n)
24. crack (n)

**Part 1: While Watching****A) Rakkiaet:**

1. What does Rakkiaet say the canal is like?
2. T or F? Many Thai dishes are very spicy.
3. T or F? Thailand grows and sells rice to other countries.
4. What does Rakkiaet's mother give to the Buddhist monks?
5. T or F? Almost everyone in Thailand is Buddhist.
6. What do Buddhists believe?
7. What do the monks give the family?
8. What kind of transportation do they take to school?
9. T or F? Everyone is required to go to school.
10. T or F? Many people cannot read and write.
11. What is one of the first things the students do at school?
12. What does the word "Thai" mean?
13. What are some of the good manners young people are taught at school?
14. T or F? They can get almost everything they need from the stores along the canal.
15. What is his dad's business?
16. What is his brother's business?
17. Who does the King meet at the Grand Palace?
18. People in lower social positions give obedience and respect to people in higher positions. What do the people in higher positions give people in lower positions? (2 things.)
19. Why do they buy a bird and then let it go?





- b. Some people say that Japanese people are not very religious. Do you think this is true? Why or why not?

3. Patriotism:

- a. Thai people seem to be very patriotic. What are some patriotic things they do? (See Questions A 11 and B 7.)

- b. Do you think Japanese are very patriotic? Why or why not? (For example, did you do anything patriotic in school? If so, what?)

4. Would you like to visit Thailand? Why or why not? (**Write down 2 or 3 reasons.**)