



Unit 10 Diary entry

Matt is writing a diary entry about a special festival. Read the diary entry.

15 April 20XX

Sunny

I had a wonderful day celebrating a traditional Thai festival in Kowloon City. This festival is known as the Songkran Festival, which is a celebration of Thai New Year. Traditionally, Thai people splash water on one another on that day. It is believed that if they do so, bad luck will be washed away. I have heard of this festival before but I have no idea that it is also celebrated in Hong Kong. I am glad that James invited me to join the celebration, as we both like learning about different cultures.

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This afternoon, James and I went to Kowloon City, an area where many Thai restaurants and Thai supermarkets can be found. There is even a Thai temple where some Thai gods and goddesses are worshipped. The streets are filled with things related to the Thai culture! When we got there, shops were handing out water guns and buckets of water to people on the streets. We went to one of these shops and geared ourselves up. After a while, everyone started shooting with water guns and splashing water on one another. James and I were soaked to the skin. Luckily, it was hot today so the water could cool us down.

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After the 'war', we changed into dry clothes and wandered around Kowloon City. We went to a Thai supermarket to buy some traditional Thai prawn crackers and coconut sweets. They were so delicious that we ate them all while walking around. After doing some shopping, we visited the famous Thai temple. The place was crowded because of the New Year celebration. We paid our respects there before going for dinner at a Thai restaurant.

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What a great day celebrating the Songkran Festival today! It felt like I was in Thailand! I can't wait to join next year's Thai New Year celebration!

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DATE

Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

READING

- Which of the following is TRUE about the Songkran Festival?
 - A. It is only celebrated in Kowloon City.
 - B. It takes place in summer.
 - C. It celebrates the start of a year in Thai calendar.
 - D. Shops give out free food to celebrate the festival.
- In line 14, the idiom 'soaked to the skin' means '_____'.
 - A. completely wet
 - B. hot and sweating
 - C. very tired
 - D. very excited
- What may people need when they celebrate the Songkran Festival? (Choose more than one answer.)
 - A. water guns and buckets
 - B. umbrellas
 - C. raincoats
 - D. dry clothes
- What is the correct order of the activities that the boys did at the festival?

(1) dined at a Thai restaurant	(2) shopped at a Thai supermarket
(3) splashed water on each other	(4) visited a Thai temple

 - A. 2 → 3 → 1 → 4
 - B. 3 → 2 → 4 → 1
 - C. 3 → 4 → 2 → 1
 - D. 4 → 2 → 1 → 3



Tip

Q4: Pay attention to the words that can tell you the sequence of the events, e.g. adverbs of sequence.

Complete the answers.

- Why do people splash water on one another during the Songkran Festival?
It is because people believe they can _____.
- In line 20, what does 'The place' refer to?
It _____.

Fill in each blank with ONE word from the diary entry. Change the word form when necessary.

Hi Angelina,
How are you? Do you know there's a **7**. _____ of Thai New Year in Hong Kong? It's called the Songkran Festival. James and I joined it in Kowloon City yesterday. We learnt different aspects of the Thai **8**. _____...