

People around the World

Lead-in

1 Match the descriptions to the people in pictures A - D.

- 1 He's tall and overweight. He's going bald.
- 2 He is in his early fifties. He is tall and slim and has got a grey beard and a moustache.
- 3 He's got a dark complexion and a few wrinkles.
- 4 She's slim with long straight dark hair.
- 5 He is in his late forties and of medium build.
- 6 She is pretty, with full lips and a friendly smile.

2 In pairs, ask and answer questions about each person, as in the example.

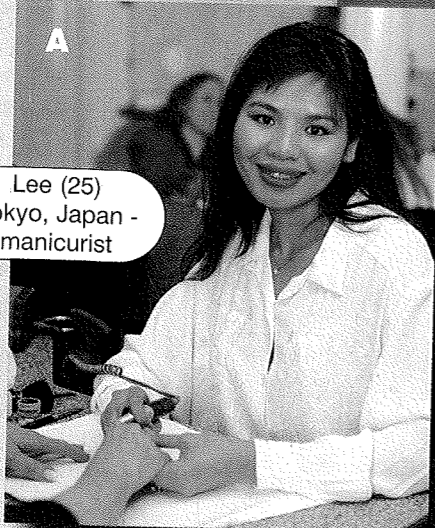
SA: Where is Lee from? SA: What does she look like?
 SB: She's from Tokyo, Japan. SB: She's
 SA: How old is she? SA: What's her job?
 SB: She's ... SB: She's ...

3 Describe each person as in the example.

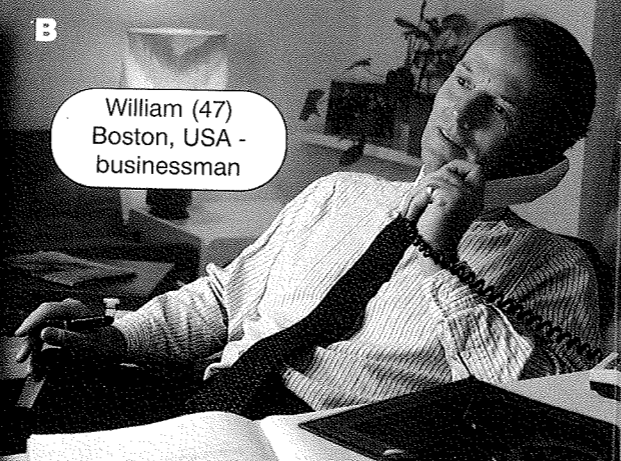
Lee is from Tokyo, Japan. She's in her mid-twenties. She is slim, with long straight dark hair. She's pretty, with full lips and a friendly smile. She's a manicurist.

4 Match the activities to pictures A - D.

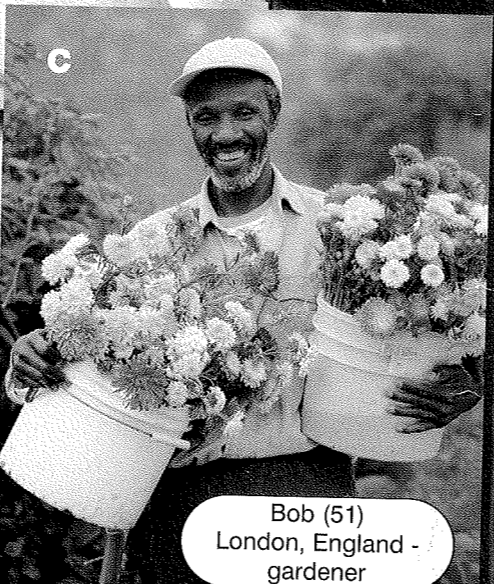
- 1 He's carrying flowers.
- 2 She's polishing somebody's nails.
- 3 He's making a bouquet of flowers.
- 4 He's talking on the phone.



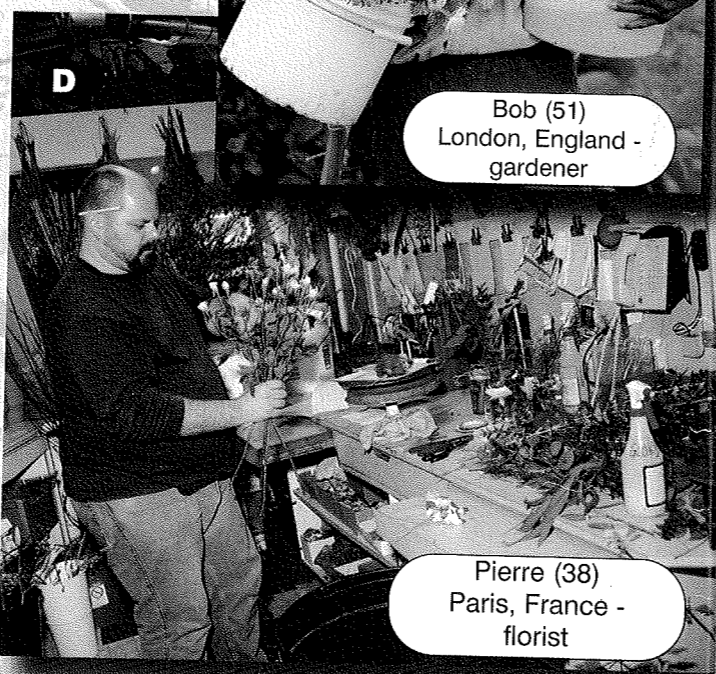
Lee (25)
Tokyo, Japan - manicurist



William (47)
Boston, USA - businessman



Bob (51)
London, England - gardener



Pierre (38)
Paris, France - florist

5 Pictures E - L are from Thailand. Look at them and try to guess which word or phrase completes each sentence correctly. Underline the answer you choose.

- 1 Thailand is located in **Asia/America**.
- 2 People in Thailand are usually **short/very tall**.
- 3 Thais like eating seafood and **rice/spaghetti**.
- 4 Thais enjoy going to **traditional dance shows/the opera**.
- 5 Picture L shows a **temple/mosque**.
- 6 Most people in Thailand live in **villages/cities**.

6 Match the activities to the pictures.

- 1 They are catching fish.
- 2 They are playing elephant football.
- 3 They are working in the fields.
- 4 They are doing a traditional dance.
- 5 She is planting crops.

7 Read statements 1 - 5, then listen and mark them as T (true) or F (false).

- 1 People call Thailand 'the jewel of south-east Europe'.
- 2 The Thais are friendly people.
- 3 Most people in Thailand live in cities.
- 4 Family life is not very important in Thailand.
- 5 Thai people love to enjoy themselves.

Reading

8 a) Read the article and answer the questions, then explain the words in bold.

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| 1 Where is Thailand? | 6 What do the people do? |
| 2 What do Thais look like? | 7 What do they love eating? |
| 3 What are they like? | 8 What do they do in their free time? |
| 4 Where do they live? | |
| 5 What do their villages consist of? | |

b) Read the text again and underline the phrases which best describe pictures E - K.

Hello, People of Thailand!

Whatever country we come from, whatever colour our skin is, we all have one thing in common: we are all people of the world.

Thailand is a beautiful country with a rich culture, just south of China. People call it 'the jewel of south-east Asia' for a good reason. Its tropical climate, white sandy beaches and ancient temples make it a perfect **holiday destination**. What makes it really special, though, is its people. Thai people are good-looking. They are short with **delicate features**. They have got black hair, dark eyes and light brown skin. The Thais are friendly people who are well known for being **generous and kind**. "We are a happy people who have **strong wills** and are especially **proud of our history**," says Kasem from Bangkok.

Most people in Thailand live in **villages**. A typical Thai village consists of wooden houses, a school and a Buddhist temple. Most of the people in the villages are **farmers and fishermen**. The men usually work in the fields or catch fish in the rivers, and the women plant the crops.

Family life is very important in Thailand, and families often eat together. Thai food is very **spicy** and includes curries, fish, seafood, soups and **noodles**. "We eat rice with our meals and use a lot of strong spices in our cooking," explains Kasem.

Thai people love to enjoy themselves. **Popular** free-time activities include Thai boxing and watching **traditional** dance shows. Thais also celebrate many festivals throughout the year. "My favourite holiday is Surin, in November, when we always have elephant football matches," says Kasem.

Thailand is a wonderful country. Its **fascinating** sights, rich cultural history and warm-hearted people make it unique.

