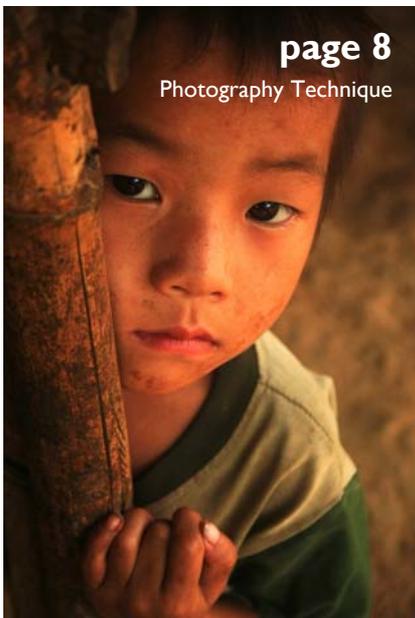


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Photography Technique



A Bear at the Park



Stuffing Bamboo for the Lucky Bears

## Feeding the Bears at Kuang Si

By Lee Hue

**T**here are many animals in Laos although bears are becoming rare. On January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 @ My Library took a tour to see the bears at the Tat Kuang Si Rescue Park, located at the bottom of Kuang Si Waterfall. We were told that the bears at the project had been saved from poachers and might have been taken to Vietnam illegally if they hadn't been rescued.

Inside the enclosure they put electric wire to control the bears but they have a lot of room to play. There is electric wire around the big trees to protect them and to keep the bears from climbing.

We took some food for the bears. We took jars of honey, jam, peanut butter and some bananas and salad. It was a treat for the bears because they don't normally get so much honey and peanut butter and these are their favorite foods.

We prepared two kinds of food. We put banana, peanut butter, salad, jam and honey together into hollow bamboo and put some banana leaves in the top. We also cut new

banana leaves and put some peanut butter, banana and jam on them, then we covered them with honey. Next, we neatly wrapped it by folding the edges together and tied it with a thin strip of bamboo.

After that, we hid the food around the enclosure where it was difficult for the bears to

**“They have a good sense of smell to help them find food easily.”**

see and find. We were happy that the bears weren't in the enclosure with us!

Last, we went and stood outside to watch as the bears were let back in. We felt so excited and interested. It looked like the bears were looking for their food in the jungle. They have a good sense of smell to help them find food easily. Some got more and some got only a little bit.

1:00 pm is a good time to see the bears being fed and 3:00 pm is when the ▶

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How to Repair Your Hair



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◀ bears sleep, because they have eaten so much food. Looking after bears is very important because these animals are almost extinct in Laos.

We had a lot of fun visiting the bears. I thought that they were very beautiful animals. It was good to see them find the food we made. We hid the food really well and the bears had good strategies for finding it and getting it out of the bamboo. They were much more friendly than I thought and didn't fight with each other over the food. We really enjoyed feeding the bears. You should go to Kuang Si waterfall and see the bears as well! ■■



Food for the Bears



Reading at Santiphab Library



Library Staff



Playing Word Games

# Santiphab Library

Read today for a better future.

By Somsouk Chittakeo

**A**s we know, libraries have a lot of influence on education today; where there is a school there must also be a library. A library is a resource center that collects documents, books and other materials. School is a place for studying only, but the library is a place to search for more information. There are many things in the library, not only books to read but also many things for independent study like computers, listening stations, reading materials, reference documents for history and learning games and activities.

The library is built for public use. If we need new ideas and want to get knowledge, we must read and search for them

on our own. If we search a lot we can find a lot so the library is not a boring place any more. Why do we say that the library is very important? The library is the heart of education today but some of us overlook it. Now I think that we should wake up and come and use the library. If we read a lot we will gain a lot of knowledge. Reading is a great way to study, we can read anywhere and can read anytime.

Santiphab library is located on the second floor of first building in Santiphab High School. It is a small library with many users. It has many things ready for you. It is open both in the daytime and also at night. In the daytime it opens Monday to Sunday from 8 AM to 4 PM and at night Monday to Friday from 6 PM to 9 PM. Now we have a total of five staff and two advisors. I am the main librarian and I also control the library. The Santiphab Library is a branch of the National Library of Laos, but it gets its main support from the Language Project. We offer reading, book checkout, studying computer, listening and playing games.

It is very difficult to find funds for running the library and the books are easily damaged. Please use them in a respectful way. Let's not steal or tear them. Let's not sit on them or put them under our feet or step on them. Let's not use books to sweep our seats. Let's not fold them or use them as umbrellas when it is raining. Let's respect them, not only what is inside them, but their outside as well. If we need information, we should make notes or copy them. It is a good way to remember.

As I said above the library is very important for education, so please come and read as much as possible. I am here for you and for everybody. All of us at the library promise to keep reading and we will make you love reading as well. I am really happy when I see people come to read books. I smile when I see everybody enjoying the library. ■■

# Being an Adventure Guide

By Long Her Liacher

**B**eing an adventure guide means doing challenging activities like mountain biking, kayaking, white water rafting and trekking in the jungle for 5 or 6 hours with a group of 5 or 6 tourists. It is quite hard but interesting as well.

When we go trekking, we usually drive away from the city for a couple of hours. Then we start trekking to some Hill Tribe villages, it probably takes 2 or 3 hours to reach a village. We have to carry lunch and water with us; we can stop for lunch anywhere and often we have to stop for a while to rest. When we reach the village, the villagers welcome us into their homes and we sit on a bench while they serve us drinking water. It makes the tourists happy and excited to see how different the style of living is from what they are used to.

The tourists are excited to see how different people live in different places and they enjoy the beautiful views of nature. They like to have challenging experiences and

they have to be very fit. Because most of them are from the west, they want to see and do exciting things when they travel to Asia. This is what makes them want to take an adventure tour.

Yes, being a tour guide is exciting, but it also seems difficult because you take care of people who speak different languages and you have to learn how to serve them.

To become an adventure guide first you have to train for a month. You learn where to go, how to cook, how to serve and learn information that the tourists are interested in. Then you have to get experience with an experienced guide. Yes, sometimes it's hard, but I like it!

Being an adventure guide is good if you like adventure and want to get new experiences. I decided to become a guide because I like meeting people. You can make money, improve your English and make lots of friends! ■■



Kayaking



Trekking

## Should You Stay with Your Relatives or Stay Alone?

By Phouvang Yangnyavong

**M**any people come from many provinces to study in Luang Prabang and they have to find a place to stay. This can be a big problem for them. Some people stay with their relatives and some people stay in the dormitory of their school or rent a house. So what do you think about these options and which one is best for you?

### STAYING WITH YOUR RELATIVES

#### Good Points

You don't spend money on your place, food, electricity or running water. Sometimes they give you a little bit of money to spend on festival days and your relatives may let you use their motorbike to go to school if they have one. They also take you to the hospital when you are sick and may pay for your medicine. It can be nice to have people looking after you.

#### Bad Points

You might have to get up early every morning to work around the house, such as steam rice, sweep the house and water the garden or flowers. Sometimes you may help them cook or wash the dishes. After school you might stay home all the time to take care of the house or the baby if they have one. This might make you very tired and unable to study at night. They will observe your actions which means you don't have much freedom and they can get angry with you which can make you upset.

### STAYING ALONE

If you stay alone you will have to do everything for yourself. You will have to find a place to rent and use your own money to pay for it. Otherwise you can stay in the dormitory of the school.

#### Good Points

You have more freedom when you live by yourself than when you live with your relatives. You can often do whatever you want to do, like visit your friends, study or find a part time job to earn money and gain experience.



Cooking at the Dorm

#### Bad Points

You will need a lot of money to spend on your daily life, especially if you rent a house, which can be very expensive. You need to pay for food, electricity and running water by yourself and you have to have a vehicle to travel to school and other places. When you live in a dormitory your classmates can often bother you when you are trying to study or relax which can be quite hard.

In the end both options are quite similar because you need to be hardworking and patient to live away from home and succeed at school. It depends on your preference which option you choose.

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Phongkeo Phonepasith



Yensabai Books and Arts

## interview Successful Businessman in Luang Prabang

By Touy Thavixay

**M**r. Phongkeo Phonepasith, or Xay, is a young and successful businessman in Luang Prabang. He came from the countryside to go to school. When he finished, he did an internship as a teacher. After three months he got a job at a restaurant where he observed a business man and learned a lot. Now he owns three businesses in Luang Prabang. I went to interview him at his bookshop to find out how he became so successful in business.

**Why were you interested in starting a business?** I came from the countryside and I studied at college and it was hard to get money. I thought if I could open a business it would help me much more. It seemed like I would have a lot of freedom if I was the owner.

**How did you get the idea?** While I was working I saved some money. My idea was to travel from the north of Laos to the South. I traveled with my camera and took photos. I wanted to just show them on the wall of my shop as decoration but customers came in and wanted to buy them so I thought I could sell them. So that was my first business, it included books, photographs, painting and art.

**Where did you learn about business?** Mostly I read books and worked in a few places.

**Do you enjoy working as a business man?** Yes, I feel happy when I work in my own shop. Even if it's busy I enjoy it very much.

**When did you start your first business?** I started my first business in 2007.

**What was your first business?** It was my bookshop and picture gallery.

**What inspired you to open your first business?** I felt that I would like to open my first business when I talked with businessmen and read books such as *Rich Dad, Poor Dad* and *Copy your Bosses Business* and that inspired me to open my first business after I quit my job.

**How did you get the money to open a business?** When I was working I had saved some money but I

had to spend a lot of money to open my own business. I had to borrow money from my friends and after a few years I paid them back.

**Who is your partner?** I do my business alone, but some of my cousins came from the countryside and helped me.

**How long did it take for your business to become successful?** Generally I don't feel successful yet. But every shop is still running very well. It took almost two years to get everything done.

**What would you like to do in the future?** I would like to continue to do this business and now we have a young business group in Luang Prabang. We share money and we donate money to schools and many festivals that happen every year. I hope to open some more branches of this business and I would like to have a collection from young Lao photographers and do an exhibition in Luang Prabang in the future.

**Do you have any advice for students who want to open a business?** Mostly I learned from work experience and reading business books.

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# How to be a Receptionist

By Ghee Duangsamone

I have been a receptionist at Lotus Villa for about four months. At first I thought reception was very hard to do, I did not think it was exciting and I could not speak English very well. But it wasn't true. After two months, I can speak English quite well. I can learn more and more about speaking by talking to people staying in the hotel and I know more people who come from different countries. I have found out about different ideas and different customs.

Sometimes I serve breakfast in the morning. We always argue about who is going to serve the most handsome guests. My bosses always joke with me and my friend and we have a lot of fun. Sometimes I do hard reception work by myself which means I can't leave the counter but always stay there and wait for guests to come and ask for information. Sometimes too many guests come at once so I can't remember the questions and the guests laugh, but they are not serious. I have to know about Luang Prabang so I can recommend places for the guests to visit. Sometimes I have never been to those places before, but I can imagine what they are like.

Sometimes exciting things happen in the hotel. One day there was a big bee



Ghee at Work

flying in one of the guest's rooms. The guests ran around the room and called "Help me! Help me! A big bee is in my room. What can we do?" We laughed because we couldn't do anything. Then I chased the big bee out the window and we had fun.

Now I like my job very much. It's very exciting and enjoyable and I also have fun. I have to study English hard because I want to understand 100% of what my guests want.

If you want to be a receptionist you should learn more about places tourists want to visit. You should not be shy. You should say what you know. If you don't know some English words you should ask guests who stay in the hotel. Finally I wish you good luck with your job in the future. ■■

# Knowledge & Money

By Khamlalee

Everyone should have some knowledge and work experience because it helps you to earn money for school so you don't need to get money from your parents. If you have knowledge you can always get a job and earn money by yourself.

Do you know we have a library to help you improve your English, practice your pronunciation, learn about life skills, update your computer skills and get some experience for a part time job? You can go there anytime to learn.

When you have enough experience, you can look for jobs at hotels, guesthouses, restaurants, shops and other places.

It takes time to earn money so you should spend your money on important things and not spend too much for things you don't need. You should try and save money instead.

Your knowledge will help you earn money. Sometimes earning money can be a result of your knowledge!

There is a Lao saying that knowledge is a candle brightening your future... if you want a bright future please come and join us at my library. You will always be welcome. ■■

# Living Abroad

By Sansany Keosavanh

Now I live in Bangkok studying at The International School of Hotel and Tourism Industry Management. I would like to talk about my experience living abroad. Even though I have only been here for a few weeks, there are many new things.

When you are living abroad you have to learn many things.

## 1. Learning the Language

If you stay in another country where they speak another language you had

better learn to speak their language or speak English. I can speak Thai but some words I can not say clearly or when I speak quickly I say the word in Lao. It is funny to make mistakes and it is also good to learn. I am sure that in the near future my Thai will improve quickly.

## 2. Learning About the Place

When I came to Bangkok for the first time I was surprised by how big it is! I still don't think I know it very well and I would probably get lost if I went somewhere far. First I just learned my way around the small area around my school and the nearest shopping center. The

more you go out, the more you learn about the place, but it will take quite a long time for me to learn my way around. Bangkok because I don't like

**"It is funny to make mistakes and it is also good to learn."**

going out a lot in the big city. I have to take a taxi everywhere and I get car-sick. I like to walk instead. Now I know the area around the school and where I live. I don't go alone anywhere that is far from there because I like to have a friend to guide me first.



### 3. Learning New Things

Many people who never leave Laos will never know what the difference is between Laos and other countries and will never know what people see or learn when they travel. I had never left Laos until I went to Thailand and although it is very close, it is very different. Bangkok is a very big, noisy and busy city. There are many modern things that we don't have in Laos. The shopping centers are very big and busy like a festival. There are highways and on the roads the traffic jams are terrible and can make people waste their time.

Pollution is everywhere, it is hard to get fresh air in the center of Bangkok. You have to be careful with people as well, going alone is dangerous here. I don't like going out at night in Bangkok.

There are many good things and bad things about Bangkok and there are many new things to learn here. I have learned how to use the sky train, the subway, elevators and escalators. They are not difficult once you know how to use them, but be careful and know how to use them safely.

Nothing is very difficult, but it is new for me and it is very different from where I lived in Laos. ■■

## Student Life

By Lau Xiong

**L**earning is a good way to improve our life and develop our families and our country. Because of this many people study at schools, colleges, and universities. How can we learn? How can we succeed? And how can we live well?

A lot of people want to know about student life. What does it mean? Many students have left their hometown and decided to come to the city to study. Because of this most students have left their families and there are only a few students who live at home. Students are from very different families, some are from rich families and some are from poor families.

Students who come from rich families can live normally but some students are poor and it can be hard to live well at school. In the dormitories there are a lot of students and there is not a place to make a garden, so they must pay for food from the market every day. Some people have to go and find a part time job outside of school to earn a little money to help pay for school. They can

be a waiter at a restaurant, a receptionist at a hotel or a guesthouse or a tour guide with a company. When you have a part time job it can be hard to find free time for your homework and other things. Sometimes it's hard and people get upset, but they also enjoy their life.

My friend who moved to Luang Prabang from the countryside has a part time job. He said, "I enjoy my life very much. I really love my part time job although I don't have much free time to spend with my friends or to relax, but I enjoy my job because I meet a lot of foreigners and practice my English so it will get better. Working is a good experience. I want to earn some money to pay for school and especially to help my family. I want to change my life and the country so it is better."

I think it is important to learn, learn more, and learn forever. You cannot be successful without trying. There are many ways to learn – with friends, at schools, and at libraries. Whether we work or not we should balance the time that is available to us. I hope that we can all be good students. ■■

## interview with a Young Lao Photographer Touy Thavixay

### When did you start taking photographs?

When @ My Library opened in 2003. At first I took pictures of friends and did Photoshop and printed the pictures to show my friends. It was fun.

In 2004 professional photographers from the USA and Australia showed us technical aspects of how to take photos. We went out together to take photographs and they showed us about the composition of the photograph, things like position and angle. It made it more interesting to have an example.

### What made you interested in photography?

I always think about light and color when I am taking photographs. Most of the pictures I like to take are pictures of people. Photographs give you a feeling about them and tell you a story about how they think and feel. The person looking at the photograph can also tell what the photographer thinks so it is almost like a conversation. When people look at pictures they understand what the photographer thinks and how they've taken the picture as well as the image of the person being photographed.

### How has your photography changed or improved?

I have been doing photography a long time to improve, maybe four years and getting better and better every year. I also read books about photography in the library which teach me technical information about how to take photographs. They showed me how to think about the position of the subject and about light, depth of field, foreground and background. When I found out about these things I started thinking differently about how to take photographs. I tried to take photographs the way the books

showed me. As I began to understand I knew I could do it and I could create my own style. But that's not enough. I need to practice and learn more techniques so I can develop my own style further.

### Have any other photographers influenced you?

The websites of professional photographers explained technique and how to take pictures. They helped me to know how photographers think and take pictures.

### What things do you think about when you take a photograph?

I always think about light, depth of field, what's in the foreground and what's in the background. I use a digital SLR camera so I also have to think about the aperture which controls the depth of field and light. A small aperture number opens the lens wide so there is more light through the lens. This is good for taking photographs in the evening but they are more likely to be blurred. I also think about shutter speed, which controls how fast the camera captures the photo.

### What do you want to do with photography in the future?

I would like to do exhibitions and I am working on a website so people can see my photographs. ■■



Touy's Photograph



Touy Thaxivay

# Seeing What You Can't See

By Porjoua Yangkangpao

A microscope is a machine that we use to look at things that are very small, things that we can not see with just our eyes. When we look through the microscope we see tiny things as big and clear so we can see their structure.

Justin was a volunteer science teacher from the United States. He taught math and lots of science @ My Library, but the thing that interested me most was the microscope. He showed us how to use microscopes to look at tiny things. First we looked at the samples that came with microscope such as: paramecium, salt crystals, mouth smears and pollen. Then he asked us to go out and get things that we wanted to see through the microscope like insects or plants.

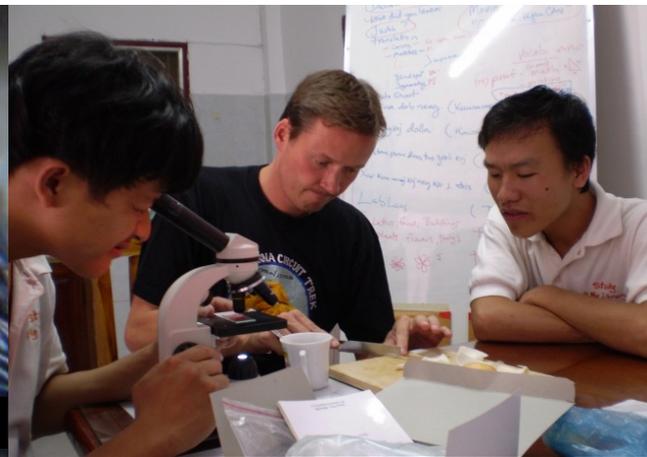
Before students could touch the microscope, Justin explained how to use it. You have to be careful when you use a microscope. We chose one of the things that we got outside, put it on a small glass slide and put the slide under the microscope lens.

Then we looked and zoomed in and out to focus the object until we could see it clearly. We took turns using the microscope. When we looked we were asked what we noticed. What did it look like? What color was it? Many students described the same thing differently. When we looked at onion skin one student said it looked like the bark of a tree, one said it looked like buffalo skin, and another said it looked like fish scales. We also looked at insects, money, blood, water and hair. We couldn't believe our eyes when we saw some of these things through the microscope!

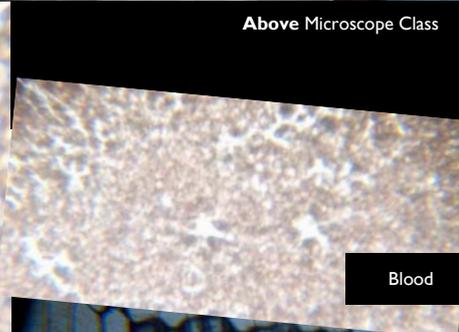
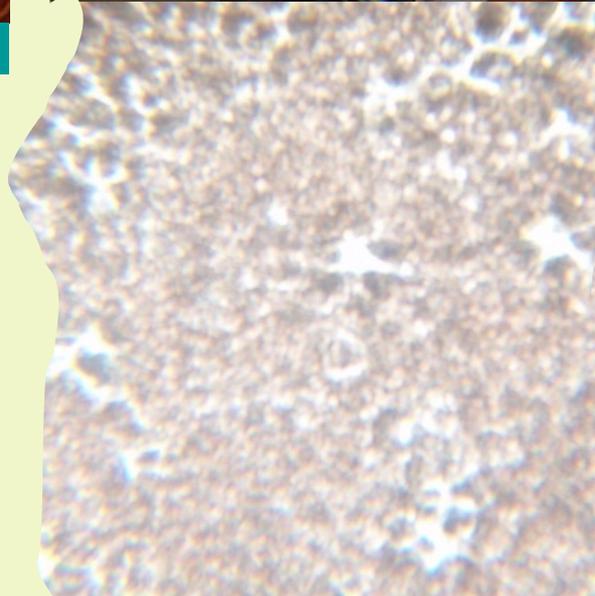
Looking through the microscope is interesting and fun, and you also learn from what you are seeing and doing. That's why microscopes are important, especially for students who are interested in science. We still continue to use microscopes @ My Library to look closely at things and see how they're made. ■■



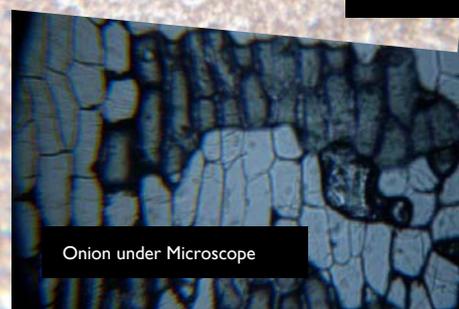
Spider's Legs



Above Microscope Class



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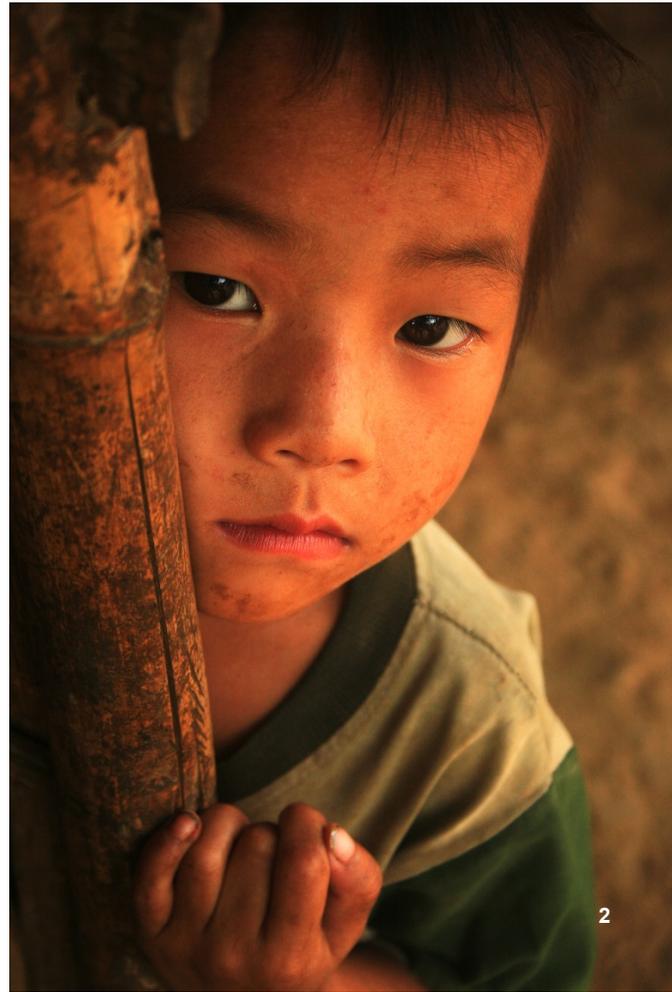
Onion under Microscope

By Touy Thavixay

# Photography Technique



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1. This was taken on Hmong New Year. The picture was taken from below and light from the door was used to make a shadow on her face. The grandmother's face behind her balances the photo.

2. This photo was taken close to the boy's face and from above. It uses a small aperture number so the background is blurred.

3. This is zoomed into the hand and thread to tell the story of what the lady is doing. Aperture is very important for a photo like this. It is a small number so the background is blurred but the subject is very clear.

4. Many boys were playing on a rope over the river. A large aperture and fast shutter speed were used to capture the boy in motion. There were many boats and they make the photo more interesting as well as tell a story about the river.



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5. The star is in the foreground and two monks are hanging a star in the background. A fast shutter speed was used to capture the moving monk and a large aperture number is used to keep everything in focus.

6. In this photo the focus is on the right lamp. The eye is led back step by step by the three lanterns.

7. These photos were taken at the light-boat festival. In this one the red line from the lantern is in the foreground which means there is more depth of field in the photograph. Another lamp hangs over the monks which tells the story of the many lamps. A very small aperture was used but the photo didn't blur because there was a lot of light from the lamps so I could use a fast shutter speed.

8. One lamp is in the foreground. The lamps lead the eye back to the temple. A very small aperture and a fast shutter were used.



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**Foreground:** ສາກໜ້າ

**Background:** ສາກຫຼັງ

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**Shutter Speed:** ຄວາມໄວການຈັບພາບ



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9. This was a very small plant in the jungle. The leaf in the top left hand corner makes the composition more interesting.

10. This was taken during a wedding. The focus is on the fingers and the thread.

11. She is standing in a doorway, the light on her body and face is sunshine. You can see her shadow and the shadow of the door.

12. This was taken inside a house. The only light comes from a door in front of him. Only his face and body are in the light so the background is very dark.

13. This is an example of backlighting. The sun is behind the temple so the structure is silhouetted.

# HEALTH ADVICE

## How to Repair Your Hair

By Nouyatha Phansayphate

Your hair is an important part of looking good. Some people have curly hair and some people have straight hair but it doesn't matter, it can all be a part of your style. If you have a problem with your hair you can worry especially if it's falling out or damaged.

We have a formula to help you repair your hair. All you need is water and lemongrass, which are not difficult to find.

### How to Make It

**Step 1:** Shred the lemongrass into small pieces and pound it.

**Step 2:** Add water to the pounded lemongrass, so it's about half water and half lemongrass and squeeze together.

**Step 3:** Filter the mixture through a small net.



### How to Use It

Pour the lemongrass water into your hair until all of your hair is covered and leave it for 10 to 15 minutes. Wash your hair with clean water. If you do this one or two times a week your hair will stop falling out and be healthy. You will be able to have any hairstyle you want.



## How to Get Rid of Your Oily Face

By Nouyatha Phansayphate



Having an oily face is a problem for young people, especially for girls. But don't worry about it because today we have an easy formula for you. You can find what you need at your house and make it by yourself.

### Ingredients

- A lemon
- An egg
- Honey or yoghurt

### How to Make it

First squeeze a lemon. Add an egg white (make sure there is no yolk) then whisk them together. After that add about 2-3 teaspoons of honey or yoghurt to the mixture (honey is better if you can find it) and mix it again.

### How to Use It

Wash your face with clean water, then using cotton or your fingers softly paint the mixture onto your face until all of your face is covered. Leave it for 4-5 minutes. After that clean your face again with clean warm water. Your face will be very clear and soft.

If you have scars after your pimples have gone you should add pounded turmeric to the mixture, so it is about ¼ turmeric.



There are not many gyms in Luang Prabang, that's why not many people like to do exercise. I would like to recommend another way for you to exercise and you don't even need to pay. You can go running or play a favorite sport.

First, try get up early and warm up by jumping or stretching your arms up many times.

Then think of which street is convenient and nice; try to find a place that is quiet and relaxing.

You don't need any materials but your body for exercise.

You don't always have to do the same thing when you are exercising. If you do something special not only will people look at you but you will be happy when you get back home!

I am not surprised that exercise does more than raise the heart rate and keep your body warm. It also lifts the spirit and builds confidence. I believe that something else happens too. Exercise make bones, muscles, and the heart and lungs stronger. It also strengthens important parts of the brain.

To exercise can help you to learn new things and remember old information better. I would especially like to introduce you to dancing as exercise, because it is fun and good for you. Dancing can send more blood to the brain with substances that develop new nerve connections.

I still do not understand the relationship between exercise and brain power. I just trust that exercise is helping me to learn and remember well. I am sure that working out a few times a week is good for you. Then you won't get sick easily anymore.



## Exercise

By Viengsavanh Ouansavad

People call me Bouy, it's pronounced like Buoy on the sea. I love to exercise and read books very much. I do exercise every morning to train myself. I like to go jogging and do physical activities, I think that's why I do not get sick easily.

I can also refresh myself before sitting in a chair and reading books every morning. I believe that exercising can help me have a long and healthy life.

The climate is always changing and because of the change in temperature some people get colds or get sick very easily. I think this is because their physical body is not strong enough. It would be good to get out of the house to do something in the early morning to help make you stronger.

- Exercising your body doesn't cost any money.
- Anytime and any place is fine. You can exercise on the road or in the stadium.
- Every morning is good or at least 3 times a week.
- Every part of your body can be your material, just move.
- Exercise is like medicine from heaven.
- Every clever student should like to exercise.

## Thinking and Problem Solving

By Ka Xiong

**T**hinking is very important for people because every time we do something we have to think about the consequences. As we know many problems happen because people don't think carefully and don't care. Of course people have different ways of thinking, different ideas and knowledge. We call people who are good at thinking smart. Thinking and solving problems are not easy things to do, but they are fun and challenging. Sometimes people feel discouraged and have no idea how to solve a problem so they say it is too difficult or impossible. But there is a trick here. If you want to succeed with the problem remember the proverb that "every answer is in the question." Please do not give up too soon.

Thinking is especially important for students. Do you know that your brain is like a muscle? Yes. Of course your brain is like the muscles of your body. If you exercise, you will have big and strong muscles. But it doesn't just happen in one day, you have to train or practice for a long time. As you practice you will know more and more. But you don't want to start with the hardest step. You start step by step from the easiest to the hardest. You don't have to rush and hurry. Believe me! Many people have fallen down and not suc-

ceeded because they tried too quickly and missed the steps. Remember, if you have a good start you will have a good ending too.

Here! These are two basic problems to solve. Try your best and don't give up too soon. If you really need help or get stuck, please look at the hints - they will help you.

**1. The day before yesterday was Wednesday, so what is the day after tomorrow?**

**2. Lee's grandfather is 44 years older than him. Five years ago Lee's grandfather was 5 times as old as Lee.**

**How old are Lee and his grandfather now?**

### Hints for Question 1

Do not just try to solve the problem in your head. Write or draw on paper.

Start with what you know,

Write down the days of the week (Monday, Tuesday, ...) and then label them (today, yesterday, ...).

### Hints for Question 2

Start from and write down what you know. Do not just try to solve the problem in your head.

Try to use a formula to show the relationship between Lee's age and his grandfather's age where Lee's age is  $X$ .

**Answers on page 14.** ■ ■

## ■ A Father and His Son

By Dhahermua Porsperan

**W**hile a father and son were watching TV, the son said, "Dad, normally fathers are wiser than their sons, is that right?"

The father softly kissed his son and put his hand on the son's head and replied, "Yes that is always true."

The son turned up to look at his father and asked him "So do you know who found out about the Theory of Relativity?"

The father smiled and said to his son, "Of course. It's Albert Einstein. He is the most famous scientist in the world!"

"Oh really, so why couldn't Albert's father find it out before his son was born?" asked the son. ■

## ■ Teacher's Pest

By Chansy Yangxaypor

**I**t is April. The sun is in the sky. It is very hot. Many is tired of school. She wants to be at the river. She can not sit in her seat. She can not stop talking. While the teacher is writing on the board, Many gets up and talks to a friend. The teacher, Mr. Thong, hears the noise and says "Many, sit down and be quiet." Many sits down. Mr. Thong continues with the lesson. Many gets up and talks to another friend. "Sit down and be quiet", says Mr. Thong. He is very annoyed with her. Many continues talking.

"Ok", says Mr. Thong. "If you want to talk, then come to the front of the classroom and be the teacher."

Do you know what Many does?

"All right," agrees Many. She comes to the front of the classroom and says, "Quiet, everyone. I am the new teacher, and I say, class dismissed!" ■

## Funny Stories

### ■ A Boy and a Farmer

By Dhahermua Porsperan

**O**nce upon a time a boy walked into a farmer's watermelon field.

He asked the farmer, "How much is the big watermelon?"

"That's 8000 kip!" said the farmer.

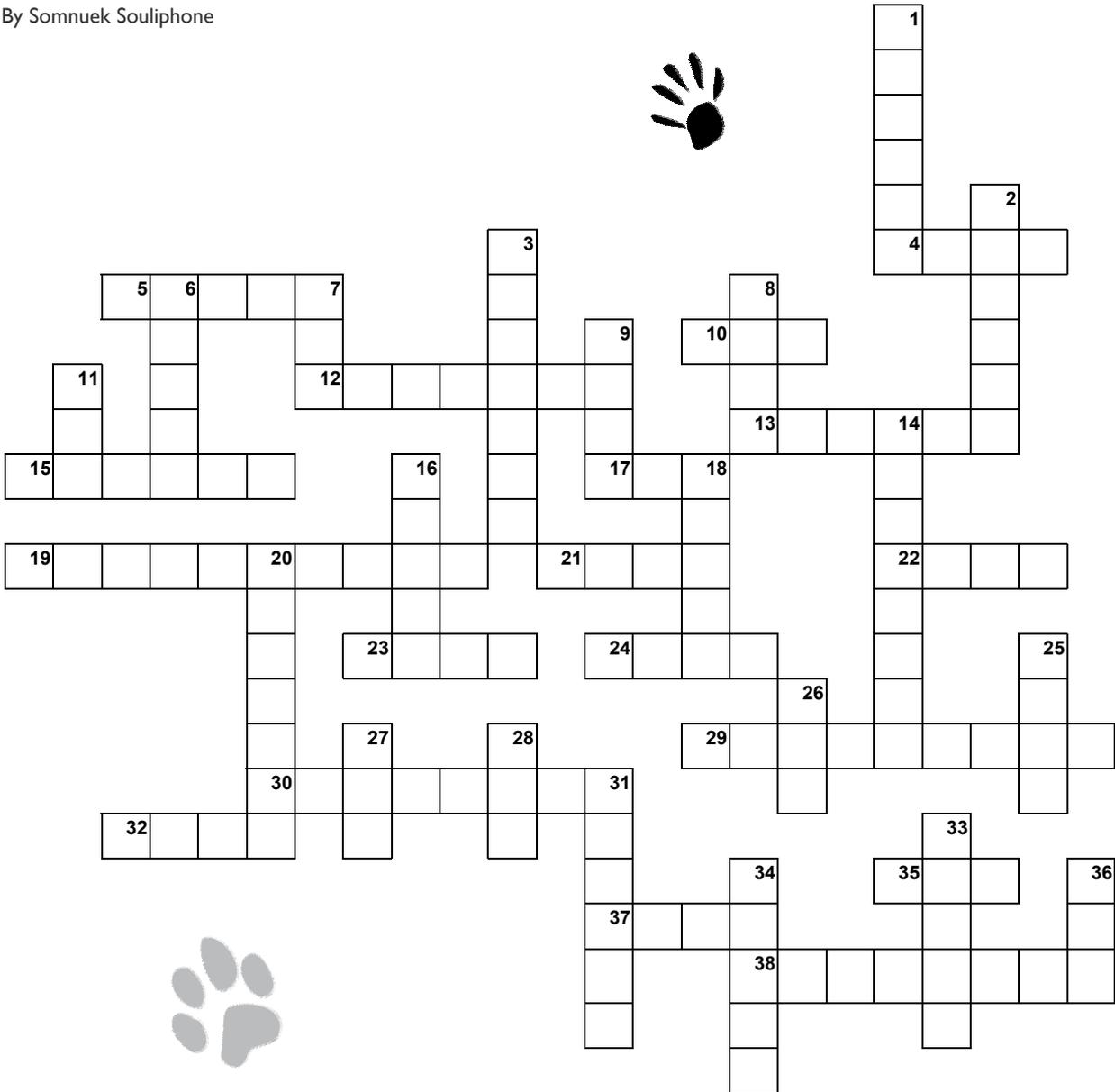
"I only have 2000 kip." said the boy.

The farmer smiled and pointed to a very small watermelon "How about that one, is it ok?" he asked.

The boy thought for a minute and then said to the farmer, "Wonderful! I'll take it. But I don't want to cut it off yet. I'll come back and get it in a couple of weeks. Please look after it for me." ■

# Crossword | Animal Related

By Somnuek Souliphone



### Number Across:

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| 4 ໂຕ ສິງ       | 22 ໂຕ ແບ້       |
| 5 ໂຕ ແກະ       | 23 ໂຕ ກວາງ      |
| 10 ໂຕ ໝາ       | 24 ສ່ວນ         |
| 12 ໂຕ ອູດຈີຣາຟ | 29 ໂຕ ແຂ້       |
| 13 ໂຕ ລາ       | 30 ໂຕ ຊ້າງ      |
| 15 ບ່າໄມ້      | 32 ໂຕ ຫິງ (ນົກ) |
| 17 ໂຕ ຫູ       | 35 ສັດລ້ຽງ      |
| 19 ໂຕ ແຮດ      | 37 ນົກກິວີ      |
| 21 ໂຕ ກົບ      | 38 ໂຕ ຮອກ       |

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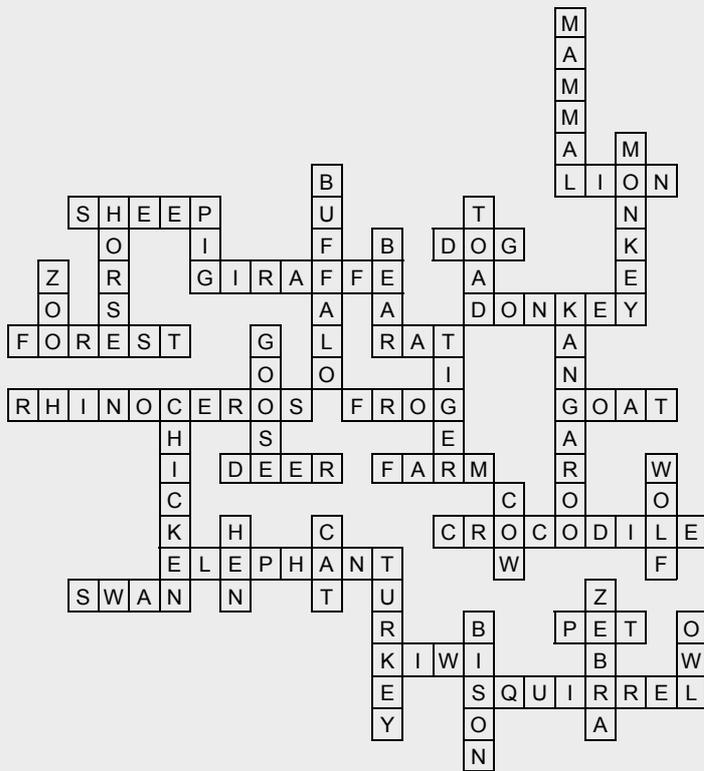
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| 2 ໂຕ ລິງ           | 18 ໂຕເສືອ | 36 ນົກເຄົາ |
| 3 ໂຕ ຄວາຍ          | 20 ໂຕໄກ່  |            |
| 6 ໂຕ ມ້າ           | 25 ໝາປ່າ  |            |
| 7 ໂຕ ຫູ            | 26 ໂຕງົວ  |            |
| 8 ຄັນຄາກ           | 27 ໄກ່ແມ່ |            |
| 9 ໂຕ ພີ            | 28 ໂຕແມວ  |            |
| 11 ສ່ວນສັດ         | 31 ໄກ່ງວງ |            |
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Find the answers on page 14.

# Learning English

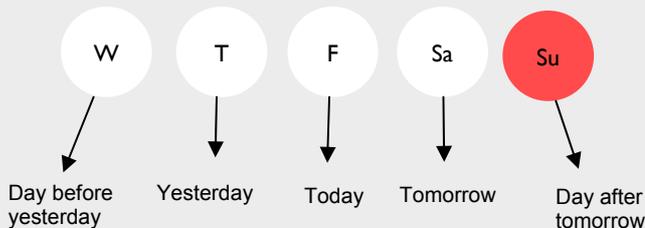
By Chansy Yangxaypor

SOLUTION ■ Crossword | Animal Related from page 13.



ANSWERS ■ Thinking and Problem Solving from page 12.

1. The day after tomorrow is Sunday.



2. Lee is 16 years old and Lee's grandfather is 60 years old now.

The formula:

We replace Lee's age by  $X$ . We replace Lee's grandfather's age by  $X + 44$  and we  $-5$  to talk about 5 years ago

$$(X + 44) - 5 = 5(X - 5)$$

$$X + 39 = 5X - 25$$

$$X + 64 = 5X$$

$$64 = 4X$$

$$16 = X \text{ (Lee's age)}$$

$$16 + 44 \text{ (Lee's grandfather's age)}$$

Mr. Chi likes learning English very much. He started learning English when he was 12 years old. His village was on a mountain very far from town. It had a small school. There was an English teacher named Mr. Kay, who taught basic English at the school. At that time, Mr. Chi had never heard about English before. "What is English?" he thought. He was very surprised the first time he attended the class. After several weeks passed his English hadn't improved and his English grade was very low. His English teacher was very angry with him because he was always absent and very lazy doing his English homework. His English teacher didn't like him and he didn't like his English teacher either. One day his teacher gave him homework but he didn't do anything. His teacher was very angry with him again. "Why didn't you do your homework?" asked the teacher.

"I don't know," replied Mr. Chi.

"Don't you see every other student did their homework apart from you? Are you lazy?" asked the teacher.

"Yes. I didn't understand how to do it, so I didn't do my homework," answered Mr. Chi.

"Everyone be quiet. Mr. Chi come to the front here," said the teacher strongly. Mr. Chi stood up and walked slowly to the front of the classroom.

Mr. Chi looked around the class and was very embarrassed.

"I want to help you study. I want to help you improve your English. You should be the one who shows the other students how to pay attention to study," said the teacher. "My feelings are hurt when you don't do your homework."

The whole class was very quiet and seemed very afraid of the teacher.

"Alright, you may go to your seat." said the teacher.

"Why did the teacher want to help me? Why did the teacher want me to study? Was the teacher so concerned about me? Why didn't he worry about the other students?" wondered Mr. Chi.

"Because those students did their homework and listened to the teacher and I didn't." he decided.

Mr. Chi started attending every single English class and even hired a teacher for extra classes. He studied English very hard and his English grade became very good. His teacher could not say a word in complaint. After he finished high school he wanted to become an English teacher. He decided to take the English teaching course at Luang Prabang University. He is now studying English in his fourth year at university in Luang Prabang. He is one of my best friends in the course. ■■

# Health and *Style*

By Nouyatha Phansayphate



## Duangsamone Vongvihane

Age 20

**Occupation** She is a receptionist at Lotus Villa.

**Her Style** Lao Styles and Lao clothes are her favorite, especially sinh with Lao motifs and scarves. She wears scarves all the time in the cold season, even when she is sleeping!

**Favorite Color** She likes white and pink; she said that pink looks good and it is also the color of love.

**She said**, "Lao culture is very lovely. I'm very proud and lucky because I was born in Laos. We should support Lao culture and keep it with us forever."



## Somcham Phonetowa

Age 20

**Occupation** He is an English student at Sayadeth College in the second year.

**Favorite Color** He likes black and orange. Orange is the color of monk's robes and he was a novice. He thinks black suits his skin color. He likes colors that are like his character.

**His Dream** In the future he would like to be a good teacher; he's been a teacher for about 6 months.

**He said**, "I would like my students to not be lazy and to study because they will improve and develop themselves. You should think before you act and be sensible!"

## Don Vongnaty

Age 20

**His Style** Don is a gracious man and he likes clothes like formal jackets and pants, especially ties which he says can make him good looking .

**Favorite Color** White and orange. He likes white because it's a clean color.

**Free Time** Don likes listening to music and reading stories.



## Tou

Age 18

**Occupation** She is an English Student at Mano Centre.

**Her Style** She especially likes long sleeves and sinh.

**Favorite Color** She likes white shirts because "When I am wearing a white shirt I look young all the time."

**Favorite Sport** Badminton is her favorite sport.

**Her Dream** In the future she would like to be an accountant.

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Learning About the Environment



The Bins Used to Classify and Separate Waste

## 4 Bins Instead of 1

By Somphong Khamalavong

The world's population has grown very quickly and as a consequence pollution has increased. It is very important to look after the environment to help keep Luang Prabang beautiful. One of the best ways to do this is to do the right thing with your rubbish. Today there are several organizations that have developed waste management programs to help try and fix the pollution in Luang Prabang. But the real solution is to teach people all around the world what to do with their rubbish and how to separate their waste. This means knowing what rubbish can be recycled, what can be sold and what rubbish needs to go to the landfill. When people don't know what to do with waste they can often do the wrong thing which makes it hard to recycle.

Recycling is very important to keep Luang Prabang and the environment beautiful. At Luang Prabang Agriculture Forestry College, there is a program to teach waste management volunteers

how to look after the environment and recycle. This helps keep the college clean. Students also share dance, games and handicraft activities to make finding out

Organic waste can be made into compost for the garden.

It is important to teach people the value of recycling and about waste manage-

**“Some old items can be used to make handicrafts and to be sold. Plastic and newspaper can be sold. Organic waste can be made into compost for the garden.”**

about the environment more fun and interesting.

At the Luang Prabang Agriculture Forestry College there are four bins to help separate the waste into four different classifications. These are:

**GREEN: Organic waste.**

**BLUE: Paper, newspaper and books.**

**RED: Aluminum and glass.**

**BLACK: Waste that isn't included in the other bins.**

This doesn't yet happen in Luang Prabang city. All the waste is mixed which makes it hard to recycle rubbish. However, this doesn't mean people can't separate waste at home and in their schools and offices. Some old items can be used to make handicrafts and to be sold. Plastic and newspaper can be sold.

ment. Bins in recycling stands and waste stations in main Luang Prabang areas have been improved and we are also working on environmental education. It is important for everyone to know what to do with their rubbish. ■■



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