Teaching teachers to work as a team

Thai students who live in rural parts of Thailand sometimes have a limited knowledge of English and even fewer conversational skills, perhaps because their opportunities to speak English are limited. If you go to a rural school and talk to the teacher of English, quite often you will find that the conversation in English is difficult.

Bulats means business

There's a new business English test in town, and it's called Bulats (Business Language Testing Service). Created by Cambridge Esol in conjunction with the Association of Language Testers Europe, the test is used in Thailand by such leading employers as Tesco-Lotus, Adidas Outsourcing, NEC/Tokin Electronics, Grant Thornton, and TN Information Systems.

Education reporting faulted

A significant portion of the mass media in Thailand has grown overly commercialised, which has resulted in the importance of certain education-related issues or public issues that help educate people about their rights, democracy and citizenship being played down, says Dr Palphol Rodloytuk, an independent researcher and academic on international communication and mass communication.

TEACHER-2-Teacher
How to manage writing tasks

Teaching a writing class, in particular a large one, requires special organisational skills if a teacher is going to have any time to do anything besides correcting homework. The key to managing, correcting, grading and recording a massive volume of homework is to establish easy-to-follow, albeit firm, rules that students must follow.

Student's VIEW
Youngsters can save our planet

Climate change, or the long-term significant change in the Earth's climate due to anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, is finally becoming less of a controversy and more of a reality.

IeltsPREPARATION
Describing flow charts

In the Academic Writing Task 1 in Ielts (International English Language Testing System), you may be asked to describe a process presented as a flow chart. The questions test your ability to:

In My OPINION
Rude awakening

Time to wake up

Taxi politics

People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) supporters are among friends when they attend the daily anti-government protest rallies at Makkhawan Rangsan bridge, but if they want to go home by taxi they often find themselves in enemy territory.

Sports ACADEMY
Play up, Pompey!
The English football season kicks off once more with the FA Community Shield match on Sunday at Wembley Stadium between the English Premier League (EPL) champions - Manchester United - and the FA Cup winners - Portsmouth. For Portsmouth, this is a long-delayed return to the big time and an opportunity for the Pompey fans to sing their famous anthem once again on the biggest stage.

**THE CHINGCHOK HUNTER**

**How attractive do you smell?**

Have you ever wondered how ants appear in droves when you leave out food? Or how male and female animals that look identical (sexually monomorphic) know when to mate, and with which animals? The answer to these questions and many more is: pheromones.

**The Write STUFF**

**Who, that and which**

When referring to people, use who. Use that when referring to things or groups.

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