

## VOCABULARY

1 Check (+) the adjectives which are positive and put a circle around those which are negative.

awful    boring    dull    excellent  
entertaining    exciting    fun    great  
horrible    relaxing    superb    terrific  
wonderful    terrible    frightening

2 Write down an activity which you find:

exciting \_\_\_\_\_  
boring \_\_\_\_\_  
frightening \_\_\_\_\_  
fun \_\_\_\_\_  
relaxing \_\_\_\_\_  
terrific \_\_\_\_\_  
terrible \_\_\_\_\_

3 Write a sentence saying how you feel about these activities.

a) I love sailing, I think it is really exciting.  
b) I can't stand \_\_\_\_\_.  
c) I hate \_\_\_\_\_.  
d) I love \_\_\_\_\_.  
e) I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_.  
f) I adore \_\_\_\_\_.  
g) I detest \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_.

b) watching every enjoys football on night television Saturday he

c) I twice vacation on go year a

d) friends ever entertain home at they their hardly

e) she the cycling almost goes every park day in

f) take never children the to we movies the

2 Write sentences saying how often you do these things:

a) go on vacation  
I go on vacation once a year.

b) go shopping  
\_\_\_\_\_.

c) buy a newspaper  
\_\_\_\_\_.

d) play cards  
\_\_\_\_\_.

e) listen to music  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## GRAMMAR

1 Put these words in order and write sentences.

a) to rarely I out restaurants go  
I rarely go out to restaurants.

### 3 Write sentences saying what you do:

every day

I watch television every day.

almost every morning

twice a week

once a year

hardly ever

never

## READING

1 The passages describe national passions in two countries. Look quickly at the passages and choose a suitable title for each one.

- a) National Service in Thailand
- b) The American Dieting Craze
- c) Weekend Entertainment
- d) Gambling: An Irresistible Temptation

2 In which passages are you likely to find these words?

winners push food bet diet draw  
exercise chance lottery fat number  
hungry luck

4 Read passage B and decide if it is serious or humorous.

### A

Most Thais find it difficult to resist the temptation to gamble. There are national lottery tickets on sale at every street corner, and each bus ticket you buy has a lottery number on it. Even conscription into the national service is determined by luck. If you draw a black ticket, you do your national service; if you draw a red one, you don't!

Even the poorest paid workers occasionally get together to put down a few baht and play a game of chance. Not to take part may be considered anti-social.

Gambling, for most people, provides a relatively cheap form of entertainment, is a favorite topic of conversation, and, since winners inevitably treat their friends, it provides endless opportunities for getting together and having a good time. Some forms of gambling – cock-fighting, fish-fighting and betting on the outcome of a Thai boxing bout – not only provide entertainment, but can also become full-time occupations.

### B

Americans love their food, and with good reason: there is no end to the exciting variety of cuisines in the States, and generally food is very cheap. In the United States, the customer is always right, and to keep the customers happy, restaurants serve plates heaped with enough food to feed a small army! But there is a price to be paid for all this good living, and that is the national fear of becoming fat! Americans spend a great deal of time thinking and reading about ways to avoid becoming fat, or losing the fat they have. New "simple" diet books are always on the New York Times Bestseller List. There are any numbers of "fool-proof" methods of losing weight. Some people go on crazy crash diets. (Try eating apples and only apples for a full week!) Others spend millions of dollars on exercise machines that allow you to ski, skate, slide, step, and cycle into shape without ever leaving your television. Still others solve the problem by ordering a Diet Coke with a super deluxe double cheeseburger and fries!

3 Read passage A and find three gambling activities that Thais enjoy.

# WRITING

1 Write a few sentences describing a national passion in your country.

1 Write a few sentences describing one of your favorite leisure activities.

