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Shopping From a Boat in Thailand

Circle group

In parts of Thailand, towns have rivers and canals. A canal is a waterway that people dug for boats. Long ago, boats were the best way to get around.

So some markets are on the water. They are floating markets. Sellers sit in small wooden boats. The boats are full of fruit, vegetables, and flowers.

Some sellers cook in their boats. They make hot noodles and sweet treats. A buyer points at what she wants. The seller paddles close. They trade across the water.

Visitors still come to shop and eat.

Questions

1. What is a canal?

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2. Where do the sellers sit?

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3. What do the boats carry?

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4. What do some sellers cook?

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5. Why were markets on the water a good idea long ago?

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Words to know

canal: a long, narrow waterway made by people
market: a place where people come to buy and sell things
paddles: moves a boat by pushing the water with an oar

noodles: long, thin strips of cooked dough

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Triangle group

In parts of Thailand, many towns have rivers and canals. A canal is a waterway that people dug to carry boats. For a long time, boats were the best way to get around.

Because of this, some markets are held on the water. They are called floating markets. Sellers sit in small wooden boats. The boats are piled with fresh fruit, vegetables, and flowers.

Some sellers cook food right in their boats. They make hot noodles and sweet treats. A buyer can point at what she wants. The seller paddles close, and they trade across the water.

Today, visitors still come to the floating markets to shop and eat. It is a fun way to buy lunch!

Questions

1. What is a canal?

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2. Where do the sellers sit at a floating market?

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3. What do the boats carry?

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4. What do some sellers cook in their boats?

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5. Why were markets on the water a good idea in the past?

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Square group

In certain regions of Thailand, many towns are crisscrossed by rivers and canals. A canal is a waterway that people dug in order to carry boats. For a very long time, traveling by boat was the most convenient way to get around.

As a result, some markets were held right on the water. They are called floating markets. Sellers sit in small wooden boats that are piled high with fresh fruit, vegetables, and flowers.

Certain sellers even cook food aboard their boats, preparing hot noodles and sweet treats. A buyer can simply point at what she wants, and the seller paddles close so that the two can trade across the water.

Even today, visitors come to the floating markets to shop and to eat. It is a delightful way to buy lunch!

Questions

1. What is a canal?

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2. Where do the sellers sit at a floating market?

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3. What are the boats piled high with?

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4. What do certain sellers cook aboard their boats?

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5. Why were markets held on the water in the past?

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For the teacher: Shopping From a Boat in Thailand

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Shopping From a Boat in Thailand

Easier · 91 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.4

1. A waterway that people dug for boats.
2. In small wooden boats.
3. Fruit, vegetables, and flowers.
4. Hot noodles and sweet treats.
5. Boats were the best way to get around, so people were on the water.

Triangle: Shopping From a Boat in Thailand

This passage · 117 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.1

1. A waterway that people dug to carry boats.
2. In small wooden boats.
3. Fresh fruit, vegetables, and flowers.
4. Hot noodles and sweet treats.
5. Boats were the best way to get around, so the water was where people were.

Square: Shopping From a Boat in Thailand

Harder · 132 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.9

1. A waterway that people dug in order to carry boats.
2. In small wooden boats.
3. Fresh fruit, vegetables, and flowers.
4. Hot noodles and sweet treats.
5. Boats were the most convenient way to travel, so the water was where the people were.