



## Pheng Lor

*Pheng Lor was born in Vinai. He came to America when he was 13. He now resides in Wausau with his family.*

***What is your name?***

My name is Pheng.

***How old are you?***

I am 13 years old.

***Where were you born?***

I was born in Vinai.

***Where did you live in Thailand?***

I lived in the mountains.

***How long did you live in Thailand?***

I lived there for six years.

***Do you have any brothers or sisters?***

Yes.

***How many?***

I have two brothers and two sisters.

***What is the average life like in Thailand?***

You garden, work, and play.

***Did you go to school in Thailand?***

Yes.

***How many years did you go to school?***

I went to school for five years.

***Is there anything you don't like about the Hmong tradition?***

There's nothing I don't like.

***Do you think the Hmong culture is better, or the American culture?***

The American culture.

***Why?***

I don't know.

***How old were you when you first came to the United States?***

I was 13 years old.

***Who helped you and your family when you first came to America?***

My older brother helped us.

***Your brother had already come here?***

Yes.

***Why did you come to America?***

I don't know. The grown ups wanted to come, so we just came.

***Did you want to come?***

Yes.

***When you first came to America what did you think?***

I thought it was a good place to live.

***What do you think of Hmong Americans?***

I don't think anything of them; they're not bad.

***Do you want to become friends with them?***

Yes, I do want too.

***Do you want to become friends with the Americans?***

Yes, I do want to.

***How was the weather in Thailand?***

It can be cold, but also very hot.

***How about America?***

I'd say the weather is the same.

***Do you think the American clothes are better, or the Hmong clothes?***

I like them both the same.

***If you could go back to Thailand would you?***

Yes.

***Why?***

I want to go back and see my friends, and I just want to go play and hang out.

