



## Pang Thao

*Pang Thao was born in Thailand.  
She came to America in 2006.*

***Tell us about yourself.***

I am twelve years old and I was born in Thailand. In Thailand, many girls made flower cloths and cooked.

***Where were you born in Thailand?***

I was born in Qhov Tsua.

***How long did you live there?***

I lived there for about 11 years.

***What year did you come to the United States?***

I came to America in the year 2006.

***What was your impression of America when you arrived?***

I thought that America was very pretty and it seemed like a good place to live. Over here, it is very different compared to Thailand.

***When you were coming to America, what sort of things did you have to do before you could come?***

We were asked to sign our names on a sheet of paper.

***Did you have to get examined by doctors?***

Yes.

***How did your examinations go?***

They checked if you had any illnesses. If you were sick, they would give you medicine and you would have to get rechecked a couple of months later.

***How was the schooling in Thailand?***

Like in America, there were grades.

***How old were you when you began to go to school?***

I was about eight years old.

*Did you learn any English or Thai while in school?*

Sometimes we would learn it.

*Can you tell me the rules of your school?*

One of the rules in the school was that you could not keep your hair long. You had to cut it short, by your ear. They would not let you keep it long.