

## Ka Ying Yang

***What is your name?***

My name is Ka Ying.

***How old are you?***

I'm 14 years old.

***Where were you born?***

I was born in Thailand, but I don't know where.

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

I don't know.

***How many years did you live in Thailand?***

I think I lived there four to five years.

***Do you have any brothers or sisters? If you do, how many?***

I have one sister, an older brother, and three younger brothers. My sister still lives in Thailand.

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

It is a good place to live.

***Do you have any future plans? If you do, what are they?***

I don't know yet, but I do want to do something.

***Do you want to become a teacher?***

I do want to.

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

Yes, I did go to school.

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

I went to school for about nine years.

***When did you start to go to school?***

When I was seven years old.

**What are the differences between schools in Thailand compared to America?**

They are different. They're not the same as over here.

**How many languages can you speak? What are they?**

I know Hmong, a little bit of English, and a little bit of Thai.

**Which language do you think is more difficult to learn?**

Thai.

**Do you prefer the Hmong culture or the American culture?**

I prefer the Hmong culture.

**Why do you think that?**

My mom said that the Hmong culture is better.

**How old were you when you left your homeland?**

I think I was 13 years old.

**Did you know a lot of people in the U.S. before coming?**

When I got here, I didn't know anybody.

**Who helped you during your time of arrival?**

I don't know, but the Thai people are the ones that helped us get to America.

**Why did you come to the United States?**

When we still lived in Thailand, we registered to go to America so we could come to Thailand.

**Did you have any difficulties in the airplane?**

I didn't have any problems.

**When you first came to America, how did you feel?**

I think if I lived here it would be good.

**Which do you think is better, living in America or in Thailand?**

Living in Wausau.

**Why do you think that?**

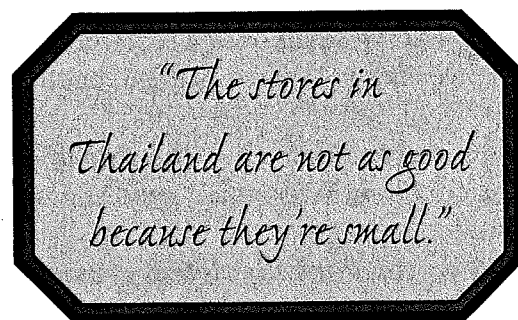
Thailand is a good place to live, but it's too dusty so we didn't really want to live there. There are also many illnesses in Thailand.

**Did you have any difficulties in America?**

I didn't have any.

**What do you think about inter-racial dating?**

I don't really know.



***What is your view about getting married at a young age?***

Personally, I don't want to get married yet.

***Do you think it's good or not?***

I think it's not that good.

***What do you think about kids in America?***

I think they are good.

***Do you know the differences between the kids in America and the kids in Thailand?***

It looks like the kids in America are different from the kids in Thailand.

***What do you think about stores in America compared to the stores in Thailand?***

The stores in Thailand are not as good because they're small. Over here the stores are big.

***How was the weather in Thailand compared to Wausau?***

The weather in Wausau is good, but the weather in Thailand is not that good because it's very dusty.

***What do you think about the style of clothes in America compared to the style of clothes in Thailand?***

The clothes in Wausau are good and the clothes in Thailand are not good to wear.

***Why do you think the clothes are not good to wear?***

They get all worn and torn up after a couple of days.

***Would you go back to Thailand if you could?***

I do want to go back.

***Why do you want to go back to Thailand?***

I just want to go visit my uncle, and then come back.