

Thailand's Tuk-tuks

Zooming around the traffic congested

ビューッと音を立てて勢いよく進む

渋滞した

streets of Bangkok in a tuk-tuk is on most

travelers agenda. A trip to Thailand would

計画・課題

not be complete (without a tuk-tuk ride).

完了する

～なしには



The famed vehicles have become a symbol
名高い 乗り物 シンボル
of Thailand and a tourist attraction.

The basic design of the tuk-tuk has not
基本的な 構造
changed much (in the 40 plus years)
~以上の

[since it first appeared in Thailand].
~以来 現れた



However, the future of the **tuk-tuk** will **certainly** be different.

確実に



(Around 1960) a small Japanese company

(named Daihatsu) began exporting a kind

~という名の

輸出する

of auto rickshaw to Thailand.

自動の・車の 人力車

The Daihatsu Midget was a delivery vehicle

配達

but the Thais quickly modified it to better

タイ人

修正した・改造した

fit their needs.

合う

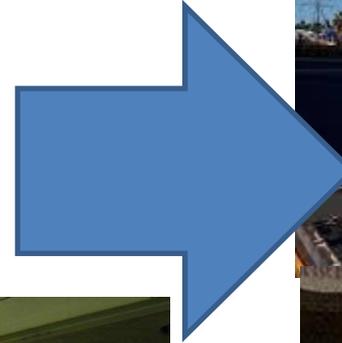
必要性

The small engine made a tuk tuk tuk tuk

tuk sound and so it became known (as the
知られるようになる ~として
“tuk-tuk” in Thailand).



The Daihatsu Midget



“tuk-tuk” in Thailand

(For many years) the tuk-tuk was an

economical and quick way (to get around
経済的な 速い 方法 ~を回る
the city).

Nowadays, (because of their popularity
今日では ~のおかげで ~の間の評判
with tourists), tuk-tuks are often more

expensive than a regular metered taxi.
高い 普通の メーター料金付きの

=Tuk-tuks

They are especially expensive (in the
特に

popular tourist areas.
人気の 観光地

[If you are in a hurry], the BTS Skytrain will
急いでいる バンコク高架鉄道
get you around the city much faster than

other methods.
方法



[Because Bangkok has so many tuk-tuks], it

has been reported [that new licenses are

報じられている

認可

not being issued.]

発行される

(In addition), tuk-tuks are often blamed (as

加えて

非難されている

a major source of air pollution in the city).

主な原因

大気汚染

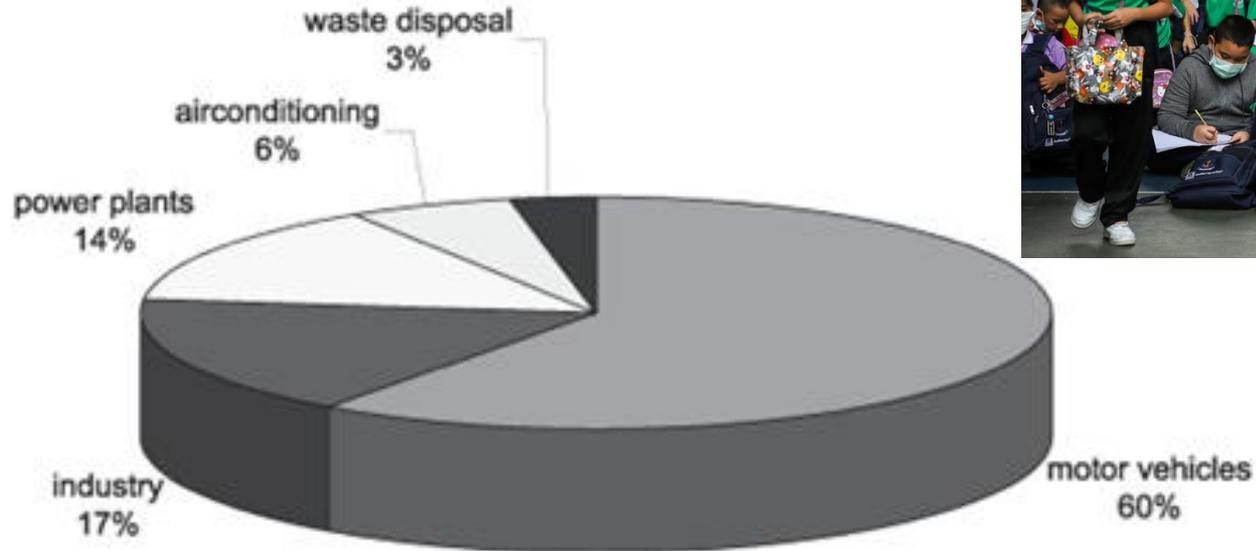
These conditions are not favorable for the

状況

期待できる

future of the little tuk-tuk.

Sources of air pollution in Bangkok



Bangkok is in the grip
of an **air pollution crisis**



Fortunately, tuk-tuks are gaining popularity
幸運なことに 得ている 人気
in other countries (such as England,
～のような
Scotland, and the Netherlands.

Newly designed models are appearing
オランダ
新たにデザインされた型 現れている
[that run on LPG, electric, and even solar
～で走る 液化石油ガス
power].



It's possible [that (in the near future), a

可能である

trip to Thailand will not be complete

完全な

(without a ride (in a solar-powered tuk-

~なしには

tuk)).



Vocabulary Exercise

Q Which word matches the following definition?

b) fill (to excess), over-crowded, or over-

満たす

過度に

過密な

burdened

積みすぎた

1 congested

2 agenda

3 famed

4 favorable

Vocabulary Exercise

Q Which word matches the following definition?

c) a list, plan, or **outline** of things **(to be done)**
概要 なされるべき

1 congested

2 agenda

3 famed

4 favorable

Vocabulary Exercise

Q Which word matches the following definition?

d) well known, highly regarded
高く評価されている

1 congested

2 agenda

3 famed

4 favorable

Reading Comprehension

Complete the following exercise.

1 The tuk-tuk has become a symbol of Thailand and a tourist attraction



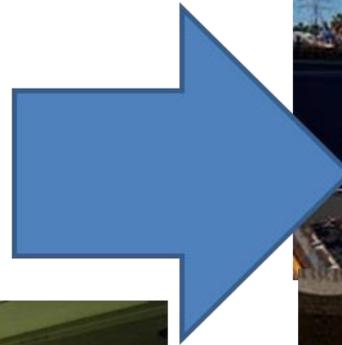
Reading Comprehension

Complete the following exercise.

2. The Daihatsu Midget was modified
to fit the needs of the Thais.



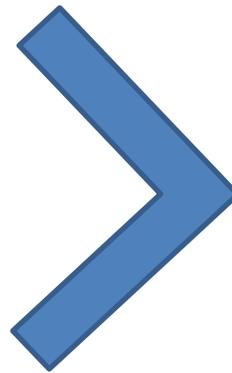
The Daihatsu Midget



Reading Comprehension

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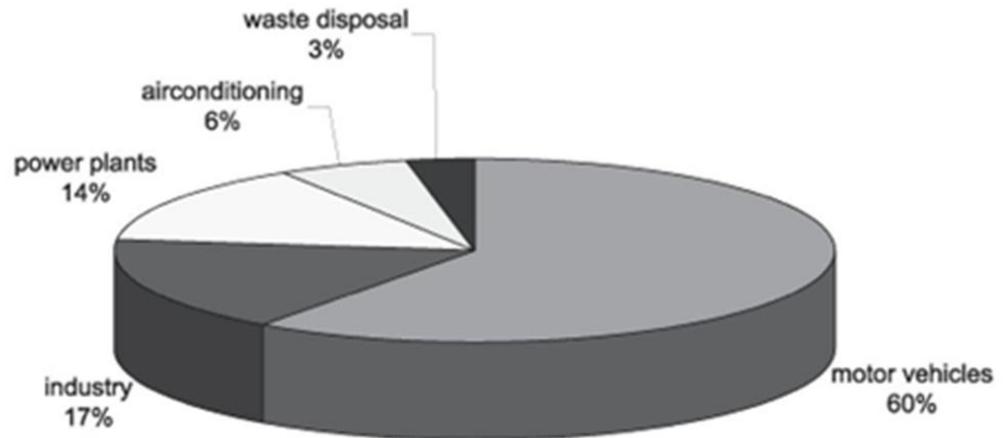
3. Nowadays, **tuk-tuks** can be more **expensive** than a regular taxi.



Reading Comprehension

Complete the following exercise.

4. Tuk-tuks are blamed as a major source of air pollution



Reading Comprehension

Complete the following exercise.

5. Some new designs of tuk-tuks are
powered by LPG, electric,
~で動く
and solar power.

