

Nothing but the Truth

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Before reading

1. Look at the front cover. What city is this? Check on pages 5 and 6. What do you know about this city and country?
2. Read the blurb on the back cover. What problem do you think Hu has?
3. Match the chapter titles and sentences from each chapter.

Chapter 1 Dawn in Bangkok
 Chapter 2 New term, old friends
 Chapter 3 Sharing troubles
 Chapter 4 To be a star
 Chapter 5 Money worries

- a How could she pay for her extra English lessons? She didn't get a lot of pocket money.
 - b 'You can have the part of Dorothy,' said Mrs Patel when it was Hu's turn.
 - c 'Welcome! Welcome! Happy New Year! And welcome to a new year at the Bangkok International Academy ...'
 - d Hu could hear the growing noise of the early morning traffic. It was not yet six o'clock.
 - e Hu made John and Mary promise not to tell anybody else, and then she explained her problems to them.
4. If you have the cassette, listen to Chapter 1.

Check your reading

CHAPTER 1

1. Choose ten words from the chapter which are important.
2. True or false?
 - a Bangkok is very quiet early in the morning.
 - b Hu is not looking forward to going back to school.
 - c Mr Stanyer thinks Hu's English isn't good enough.
 - d Hu misses living in China.
 - e Hu is worried about her father.

CHAPTER 2

1. What does Hu see on her way to school? Tick the right ones.

a <input type="checkbox"/> street restaurants	e <input type="checkbox"/> people playing cards
b <input type="checkbox"/> a bank	f <input type="checkbox"/> children playing in a park
c <input type="checkbox"/> office workers	g <input type="checkbox"/> a boat on the canal
d <input type="checkbox"/> poor houses	h <input type="checkbox"/> men building a road
2. Who said what?
 - a 'This is my first day here.'
 - b 'Mustn't talk!'
 - c 'It's my great pleasure to introduce Mrs Verity Truman.'
 - d 'I love singing. I can act too.'

Mr Grisman Hu John Marwa

CHAPTER 3

1. Correct the summary.

Mr Stanyer told Hu that she had passed her English test. Hu felt very happy. Mr Stanyer said that he could give Hu extra lessons

and that she wouldn't have to pay. Hu knew that her father would be pleased with her because he wanted her to be a teacher.

2. Write five questions for John to ask Hu about her problem.

CHAPTER 4

1. Match the descriptions with the characters.

1 Hu	a has long red hair
2 Marwa	b doesn't eat school food
3 John	c is good-looking and kind
4 Thomas	d is always being silly
5 Sean	e sings beautifully
6 Melanie	f says unkind things about other people

CHAPTER 5

1. Look at the words in italics. Who is *I*, *you*, *he*, *she*, *we*, *they*?

- a But *he* wasn't a rich man.
- b Can *I* come in?
- c *They* talked about their families.
- d *We're* going on a field trip.
- e *They* never went away at the weekend.
- f *He* wanted to know about geography homework.
- g Have *you* done the washing up?
- h *She* did not want to tell her mother about the field trip.

Hu Marwa Hu's mother Hu's family
 Marwa and Hu John Hu's father Year eleven

CHAPTER 6

1. True or false?
 - a Hu's family were going home to China for the New Year.
 - b Mr Rodriguez was angry with Sean.
 - c Mr Stanyer was on time for his meeting with Hu.
 - d Mr Stanyer wanted Hu to tell her father about the extra lessons.
 - e Mr Stanyer wasn't interested in the lesson.
 - f Hu couldn't pay for the lesson.

CHAPTER 7

1. Put the events in the right order.
 - a Hu made herself something to eat.
 - b Hu sold her aunt's ring for 500 Baht.
 - c Hu went back to sleep.
 - d Hu caught a bus to the other side of Bangkok.
 - e Hu had a bad dream.
2. Imagine you are Hu. How do you feel?

CHAPTER 8

1. Match the beginnings and endings.

1 Hu felt guilty about	a the field trip to Khao Yai.
2 Hu wrote down	b selling her ring.
3 Hu and John talked about	c learn the songs.
4 Hu's mother helped her to	d go on the field trip.
5 Hu's friends talked about	e how much she spent.
6 Hu's father wanted Hu to	f their future lives.

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CHAPTER 9

- Put the events in the right order.
 - Hu and her friends tried to find Sean.
 - Hu heard a scream.
 - The students arrived at the Field Centre.
 - Mr Rodriguez gave the students lots of things to do.
 - Hu sat alone by the side of the pool.
 - The students left Bangkok by bus.
- What do you think is going to happen?

CHAPTER 10

- Who ...
 - began to cry?
 - wanted to use his mobile phone?
 - suggested going downwards?
 - had a can of Cola?
 - took the lead?
 - argued with each other?
 - made a fire?

Thomas Sean and Thomas the boys Sean John Marwa
- Imagine you are with Hu and her friends when they get lost. What would you do?

CHAPTER 11

- Put the events in the right order.
 - They saw a helicopter flying above them.
 - A lorry came along the road and found them.
 - They made a fire to try to attract attention.
 - Thomas fell into a pool and hurt himself.
 - They came to a road.
 - Hu's father came to take her back to Bangkok.
 - Hu had an idea about how they could find their way back.

CHAPTER 12

- Who said what?
 - 'I need to be on my own.'
 - 'These are very serious things to say about a teacher.'
 - 'What about the show?'
 - 'Tell your parents the truth.'
 - 'God forgive me!'

Hu Mrs Patel Mrs Truman Mr Riding John

CHAPTER 13

- Match the characters with the descriptions.
 - wearing a black suit and Cambridge University tie
 - tall with grey hair and intelligent eyes
 - small, bright-eyed, about forty, well-dressed

Khun Preecha Wiwat Phalavadhana Mr Grisman
- Look at the last sentence: 'Then the door of the principal's office opened.' Who is there? What is going to happen next?

CHAPTER 14

- What has Verity Truman found out about Mr Stanyer?
- What has Wiwat Phalavadhana found out?
- What does Mr Stanyer do?

CHAPTER 15

- Imagine you are Hu after the show. How do you feel?
- Why does Verity want Hu to meet Dr Irene?
- Why wasn't Thomas in the show?
- Why does Hu's father just smile and smile?

After reading

Choose some of these activities.

- Do you think *Nothing but the Truth* is a good title? Make up a new title for the book.
- Write Hu's diary at the end of her first day back at school.
- Which of Hu's friends do you like the most? Why?
- Word search. There are 13 words about the show here. How many can you find?

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- In Chapter 10 Sean phones his mother: 'Sean turned his back to them while he talked very quickly in Thai.' What does Sean say?
- Imagine you're a journalist. Make up an interview with Hu and her friends about their adventure in the national park.
- What happens after the end of the story? Imagine it is five years later. What has happened to Hu?
- Write about one of these:
Have you ever been lost? Where were you? What happened? *or*
Have you ever been in a play or a show? What was it? What did you do? How did you feel?
- Make your own activities for other students to do.
e.g. Write some True/False questions.
- Here is the blurb from another book at this level.

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