

A photograph of two young men in red t-shirts playing traditional Thai drums. The man on the left wears a large, wide-brimmed straw hat and has a yellow bracelet on his right wrist. The man on the right wears a black and white checkered baseball cap. They are standing in front of a colorful backdrop of blue, yellow, and red fabric panels. The drums are light-colored wood with black lugs and are held together by a wooden bar.

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INTRODUCTION

Maybe you are asking yourself, ‘on what authority can you write this book, Alan?’ And I don’t blame you for asking me that question. I came to Thailand at the end of 2006 with out any teaching experience at all except for training some people how to program, and operate CNC Machining centers in a sub-con engineering shop. Perhaps, you are from a similar background?

For now though, **you** need to ask **yourself** a few very important relevant questions;

1). Are you thinking of doing a TEFL course in Thailand, just because you can obtain a ‘one year Non-im B visa, which permits you to stay in Thailand for that duration, although you will have to leave the country every ninety days, either to Cambodia or Laos. Do you want to spend your evenings and weekends drinking Chang beer on the beach in Pattaya in search of a Thai wife? If that is the case then you are reading the wrong book as you should be reading, ‘[Thailand, the Ups and Downs](#)’, which was my first book. It is initially about the subject of Thai women, and what to look out for. It can be found on Amazon, Apple’s iBookstore and other major online retailers.

2). Are you the type of person who can easily adapt to a different culture and climate?

3). Can you bite your tongue and smile when you have to accept something that you consider to be wrong?

4). Can you control your temper, and be calm when you are standing in front of a classroom of fifty or more uncontrollable thirteen year-old students?

5). Can you humble yourself and not talk as if your country is far more advanced than Thailand is, and accept what you are asked to do?

6). Can you put aside what you were, what you did and what you had in your home country to be a teacher earning a quarter of what you used to make in your previous profession, without complaining about the salary?

7). Can you accept that if you are lucky enough to be able to work at the same school for several years, your salary will remain the same. No matter how hard you work or how much effort that you put in. You may be required to substitute for an absent Thai teacher, but you will not be paid one baht for doing that, although Thai teachers are!

7). Can you recognise your own mistakes and learn from them?

8). Most high schools pay on a ten-month basis, so would you be happy earning nothing in October and April?

9). Can you work in an environment where you don't have any rights? You will not be paid sick pay no matter what the circumstances are.

10). You could be dismissed for something so trivial in your own country, but seriously violates Thai culture. Saying 'good morning' is very important even if you don't get a single response from the Thai teachers.

11). Are you able to wake up in the morning, stand in front of your mirror and put a happy false smile on your face, because if you don't do that, then you will be criticized at school for being too serious. If you walk into a classroom with an unhappy expression on your face, the students will think that you are unhappy with them, or that they have done something wrong.

Smiles are important.

12). English is your native tongue and Thai teachers will make mistakes when they speak to you, because it is their second language. Don't correct them or ridicule what they have said,