

# Reading 1



## คำนำ

หนังสือส่งเสริมการอ่านภาษาอังกฤษ ชุดคำขวัญจังหวัดระยอง เล่มที่ 1 **Best of Tropical Fruits** จัดทำขึ้นโดยมีจุดประสงค์เพื่อให้นักเรียนได้ฝึกและพัฒนาการอ่าน การศึกษาค้นคว้าและการเรียนรู้เกี่ยวกับท้องถิ่นตนเอง ซึ่งได้สอดแทรกคุณธรรม จริยธรรมที่เข้าใจง่าย มีความชัดเจนในการนำเสนอ และนำเสนอสิ่งที่ได้จากการอ่านค้นคว้า มาคิดวิเคราะห์ เก็บไว้เป็นประโยชน์ต่อตนเองและผู้อื่น พร้อมทั้งเป็นการเสริมความรัก ความผูกพันและความภาคภูมิใจในท้องถิ่นตน ทำให้เด็ก ๆ รู้ลึกถึงความหวังเห่นที่จะนำไปสู่ความร่วมมือกัน อนุรักษ์และพัฒนาท้องถิ่นของตนให้เจริญรุ่งเรือง และคงอยู่ต่อไป

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# Before you read



Read these questions.

Discuss your answers in a small group.



1. Think about your hometown. Where is it?

2. What is the slogan of it?

Try to list them.

# Read



# Rayong Province



Rayong province (Thai: ระยอง) is a province  
(*changwat*) of Thailand.  
Neighboring provinces are (from west clockwise)  
Chon Buri and Chanthaburi.  
To the south is the Gulf of Thailand.



## *History*

King [Taksin](#) (of Thailand) came to Rayong after the fall of [Ayutthaya](#). During a short stay in Rayong he built a navy, and then went on to Chantaburi to collect his army to fight back against the [Burmese](#). There is a shrine in Rayong where local people pay respects to King Taksin.



## Slogan of Rayong



Best of Tropical Fruits,

Industrial Estates,

Finest Fish Sauce,

Charming Ko Samet

and The Most Famous Poet "Sunthon Phu".



## Best of tropical fruits



Rambutan



What in the world are rambutans? You might be asking yourself... The rambutan is a medium-sized tropical tree. The fruit produced by the tree is also known as "rambutan." It is native to Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and elsewhere in Southeast Asia.





The name *rambutan* is derived from the Malay word *rambutan*, meaning "hairy". In Vietnam, it is called *chôm chôm* (meaning "messy hair") due to the spines covering the fruit's skin.

*There are two kinds of rambutans in Thailand: Rong Rien (grade school) like those seen here, and one with pink hairs instead of green & yellow called the "Si Chompoo" (pink colour).*



A rambutan is best eaten in mid-season - sometime around June-August as they seem to be sweetest, and largest by then. The color ranges from a yellowish to an intense pink or red color. The color doesn't matter much with regards to taste, as long as the fruit is bigger than a golf ball you can almost be assured it is sweeter rather than it is sour. When it's ripe the flesh separates easily from the seed.

# Salacca zalacca



Salacca is a trunkless palm tree wide-spread all over tropical Asia. It bears the salak fruit, known also under the name "snake fruit". The fruit which grows in a distinctively patterned, thin leathery skin resembles large garlic cloves or lychees. The salak however has an agreeable sweet-sour flavour unlike any other fruit.

# Mangosteen

## The Queen of Fruits



**Mangosteen is a type of unique tropical fruit that originates from southeast Asia.**

**It has been prized for centuries, both in its native countries and in the West, despite the difficulty of transporting it before the advent of modern technology.**



**Mangosteen has been used both as a delicious food and as a source of traditional medicine, and was once brought all the way around the world so that it could be sampled by Queen Victoria. Its benefits for health were first written about as long ago as the 18th century. Now, scientific study of mangosteen fruit shows that these benefits aren't just mythical.**





## Varieties of Durian



Durian is a perennial tree that can be cultivated in tropical rain forest and bears fruit after 4-5 years, depending on the variety. Its life can last from 80 to 100 years with the trunk diameter of 1.5 - 4.0 feet and height over 70-80 feet. Durian wood is classified as soft durian .





The fruit has a strong odor and distinct flavor. The skin has a spiny covering that turns from green to brown when ripe. Each fruit usually contains 5 segments with brown seeds covered with thick, creamy, sweet, yellow flesh that is loved by Thai people. It is a prestigious and prized fruit due to its unique appearance and excellent aroma. It is widely known in Asia as the king of tropical fruits.

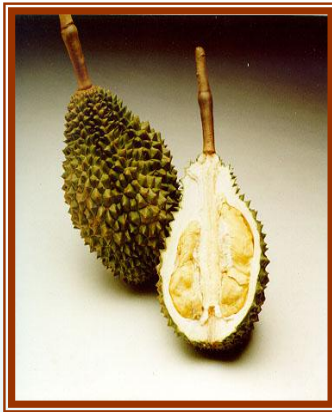




### **Naming of durian variety**

**In the past, the grower grew durian by seed which the new plants are usually not the same type as the original one. In this way new varieties were created, and good ones were named usually according to their appearance, shape, pulp color or locality. There are some stories about the origin of different names that can be traced in some major varieties as follows:**



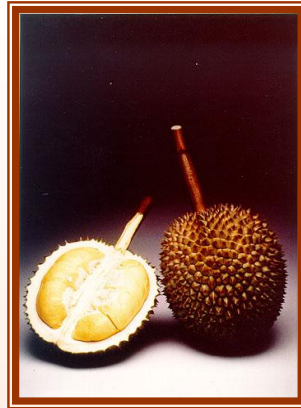


**Chanee Kanyao**



**Monthong**

1. It is believed that **"Chanee"** or Gibbon took its name because the fruit tends to stick at the end of branches like a gibbon hanging on a tree.
2. **"Monthong"** or Golden Pillow. In Thai, Mon means "pillow" and Thong means "Gold". The Monthong is named for its fruit appearance. It is said to be shaped like a pillow while the delicious pulp is a golden yellow.



**Kanyao**



**Kradumthong**



3. **"Kanyao"** (Long Peduncle). In Thai, Kan means "Peduncle" while Yao means "Long". So its name derivation is consistent with the outside appearance, which the peduncle is rather longer than other varieties.
4. **"Kradumthong"** or Golden Button. In Thai, Kradum means "button" while Thong means "Gold" as its bud is small and round shape like a button of an old style Chinese shirt with good taste. So they named it for the shape and taste as Kradumthong.





**"Reading makes a full man"**



From <http://www.joysthaifood.com/thai-food-information/rambutan-thailands-best-fruit/>

## After Reading



1. What is "Rong Rien"?
2. What does a durian smell like exactly?
3. What is the queen of fruits?
4. What is Salacca?
5. What are the benefits of fruits?