

## ***Testimonials***

***Director's Note.*** Not only do graduates of our course obtain excellent teaching jobs in most cases, they also may find themselves in supervisory positions with other schools. This is owing to their expertise in teaching EFL and ESL well and to their knowing better than other graduate teachers how to deal with and resolve the English learning problems faced by their students. Such was the case with our graduate Steven Bosley. Here he is in his own words:

**"As a graduate of the TEXT-AND-TALK Academy TEFL course, I was already aware of the benefits it had, in terms of providing the needed skills, to launch a successful teaching career in Asia. However, it was only when I found myself in the role of Teaching Project Supervisor that I realized just how beneficial the course had actually been, as compared to courses offered by the competition.**

**The position of Project Supervisor allowed me autonomy over the hiring of teachers to fill the positions available. Very soon after I began the job, it became apparent that while some teachers were coping commendably, others were just not 'making the grade'. Surprisingly, at the time, there was a very strong correlation between the relative success of a teacher and the TEFL course he or she had undertaken. In a nutshell, the best teachers were TEXT-AND-TALK graduates and the worst teachers weren't. Upon further investigation, I discovered that though other course graduates struggled also, the teachers who were struggling most of all had gained their certificates from courses that only offered one week's worth of training spent mainly watching videos.**

**I now fully realized why the TEXT-AND-TALK graduates, with their six Course Modules and their intensive and well-balanced training, were performing comparatively so much better than their colleagues. Subsequently, in order to offer the most professional service to our students, and to make my own job easier, I introduced a policy of only recruiting TEXT-AND-TALK graduates in the future."**

**Steve Bosley, Project Supervisor.**

### **Other graduates have this to say:**

#### **Kevin (Irish)**

**After travelling for nearly a year through South America, Australia and Asia I needed to find some work. Teaching English had always appealed to me and I had heard that Thailand was a good place to do a TEFL course and a cheap place to live.**

**After many consecutive months of partying I was looking for a place to do the course that was not situated near any major tourist or backpacking spots. This is when I found the course in Khon Kaen. The town sounded perfect and the six week length of the course appealed to me. The course was great, the class was small, so our instructor, Steve, had plenty of time with us. Steve was a great instructor, giving us all the necessary knowledge and confidence to teach. His relaxed style added to the class and engraved an impression of what a teacher should be like. I passed the course well and obtained a job straight away at the local Demonstration School where I teach at primary level. I enjoy it very much.**

**I found the TEFL course a great help in laying the foundations to be able to teach English confidently. So I would recommend coming to Khon Kaen and studying at the Text and Talk Academy. I would like to add my thanks to Steve and Ajarn Apinya for teaching me and aiding in securing a teaching position.**

## **Mac (American)**

**Text and talk gave me the opportunity to become an English teacher where other schools wouldn't. I had no idea how much I would learn. The staff and the trainer at Text and Talk guided me through the six week course with ease. I would recommend Text and Talk to anyone who wants to learn the best process to teach English and also learn about the Thai student culture. This will aid you to understand the students so you can become a successful teacher.**

**Text and Talk is the best and they even found me my first teaching opportunity. I'm so happy that I even work at KC, their sister school, now myself.**

**Best Regards, Mac.**

**Here's a letter from a recent graduate to Mr. Parmalee, the founder and director of Text and Talk Academy:**

**Dear Mr. Parmalee, I would like to thank you for the fantastic course you offered at Text-and-Talk. I found the course to be well laid out, methodical, practical, professional and a pleasure to study. Your curriculum is a shining example of the importance of having a well structured course. The real star has been Steve Beachy who is a master instructor. Steve's genuine concern for his students, years of experience and "finesse" in the classroom, has been a wonderful example to model my new career as an English Instructor.**

## **Leslie (Ali) (Canadian)**

**Khon Kaen has been a great location to study. The people are warm and friendly, the living expenses are low and the small class size gave us good value. Apinya has been a warm, welcoming and professional facilitator. I would highly recommend the Text-and-Talk Khon Kaen Academy. I think I have been well prepared to teach English in Thailand and I'm looking forward to the next stage of this experience.**

**Leslie (Ali)**

## **James (Canadian)**

**I am delighted to give a testimonial to Text and Talk Academy. My name is James. I was born in Canada, but had lived in the USA for 40 years before moving to Thailand in 2008. I'm retired and 64 years old. I enrolled in the Academy in April of 2008. On day one I met my trainer and my classmates and immediately we all became close knit and mutually supportive. The quality of the course was first class and my trainer Steve Beachy demonstrated a vast and deep knowledge of the material being taught. I have taken many classes and courses in my life and few were as enjoyable as this class with Steve. He is a one of a kind, charismatic individual who loves what he does and who teaches with a passion. Every class was fun, informative and exciting.**

**Of particular value is the fact that Steve can speak Thai at an intermediate level and he has lived in Thailand for many years. His understanding of the language and culture is invaluable for the student learning to teach English to Thais and understand their way of life. The facilities in Khon Kaen are modern and efficient and located in a large building with a great food court, banking, office supplies and a 7-11 all in the same building. Transportation is located in front of the building. All this right in the middle of the third largest university campus in Thailand, Khon Kaen University. If you want TEFL training, this is where to get it. The cost of living is very low, and the people are kind, helpful and friendly. Remember this is the land of smiles. Email me at [baja1131@yahoo.com](mailto:baja1131@yahoo.com)**

## **Ken (Canadian)**

What first attracted me was the fact that the course was six weeks long, and thus the workload was a little lighter, and it was being held in Khon Kaen, a quieter environment than places such as Bangkok and Pattaya. An added benefit was that the cost of living was very reasonable. When we arrived at Khon Kaen, we were met by Ajarn Apinya, the owner of the school and a well respected professor in her own right. She showed us some very pleasant accommodation and we settled in. People are wonderful, happy and friendly. I don't think we will ever make as good an income as we might in Japan or Korea, but I doubt that we could ever find a place that we would be as happy in. The TEFL course was very well presented by Mr. Steve, an American with about twelve years experience in Thailand. His teachings on the various aspects of English were interspersed with interesting and informative real life stories of what it means to be a 'falang' (westerner) in Thailand. I cannot speak highly enough of the way we were taught and treated by the employees of the school. If anyone would like some help with their specific questions regarding Thailand and TEXT and TALK, Khon Kaen, they can email me at: [agreyfox@gmail.com](mailto:agreyfox@gmail.com) and I will do my best to assist you.

## **Cheng Xiong (American)**

Text-N-Talk has saved my life. I've been going back and forth between Thailand and the United States for the past five years due to a very personal reason. I've flown over the Pacific forty-plus times and spent thousands of dollars doing so; I just couldn't stop coming back to Thailand.

That's why I decided to stay and work. Well, getting a job or starting a business here in Thailand wasn't a walk in the park... at least not until I called Text-N-Talk and talked to Steve. He was fantastic. He not only taught, mentored and guided me, but looked after me and ensured that I was successful. He gave me the tools and confidence to be the teacher I've always wanted to be. Ajarn Apinya was also wonderful. She worked tirelessly until all of the students were employed. Ajarn Apinya and Steve are more than just teachers and entrepreneurs; they are good friends, buddies, counsellors, etc...Let's just put it this way: you can count on them when you need them.