

# Thailand's First Female Prime Minister



## Vocabulary Preview

- \* minimum wage
- \* tablet
- \* reconcile
- \* clone
- \* oust
- \* coup

## Pre-Listening Questions

1. Who is the new Prime Minister of Thailand?
2. Who is Yingluck Shinawatra's brother? Where is he now?
3. What promises did the Prime Minister make before she was elected?
4. What complaints do some people have about this female politician?

## Listening Activity

**Instruction:** Click on the link below and listen to the recording by pressing the "Play" button.  
<http://edition.englishclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Yingluck.mp3>

## Text Completion Quiz

**Instruction:** Listen and then write the words you hear in the correct blank.

Yingluck Shinawatra, a 44-year-old business executive, and the sister of previous leader Thaksin Shinawatra, was elected as Thailand's first female Prime Minister. As the leader of the Pheu Thai party, she made many election promises, including raising the \_\_\_\_\_, building a high speed railroad system, and providing all school children with a \_\_\_\_\_ computer. While some complain that she doesn't have enough experience in politics, others see it as a chance to \_\_\_\_\_ the divided country. Her brother, who previously called his sister his "\_\_\_\_\_", stated that her inexperience could be an advantage. Yingluck's brother was \_\_\_\_\_ during a 2006 \_\_\_\_\_, and now lives in exile in Dubai.

## Post-Listening Questions

1. So, what do you think about a female Prime Minister?
2. Does it make a difference if the Prime Minister is a woman?
3. What's the difference between a female Prime Minister and a male Prime Minister?
4. In addition to being Thaksin's sister, some people say that Ms Yingluck's popularity was due to how photogenic she is. Would appearance, age, or gender help sway your vote for a leader?
5. How would you choose your country's leader?
6. What do you think would happen if you have a female Prime Minister in Japan?