

Unit 1 Grade 9

Nick: There are so many pieces of pottery here, Phong.
Do your grandparents make all of them?

Phong: They can't because we have lots of products.
They make some and other people make the rest.

Nick: As far as I know, Bat Trang is one of
the most famous traditional craft villages of Ha Noi, right?

Phong: Right. My grandmother says it's about 700 years old.

Mi: Wow! When did your grandparents set up this workshop?

Phong: My great-grandparents started it, not my grandparents.
Then my grandparents took over the business. All the artisans
here are my aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Mi: I see. Your village is also a place of interest of Ha Noi, isn't it?

Phong: Yes. People come here to buy things for their house.
Another attraction is they can make pottery themselves in workshops.

Nick: That must be a memorable experience.

Phong: In Viet Nam there are lots of craft villages like Bat Trang.
Have you ever been to any others?

Mi: I've been to a conical hat making village in Hue!

Nick: Cool! This is my first one. Do you think that the various
crafts remind people of a specific region?

Mi: Sure. It's the reason tourists often choose
handicrafts as souvenirs.

Phong: Let's go outside and look round the village.

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3	craft village /krɑ: ft/ /' vɪlɪdʒ/			
4	great-grandparents /gret/ /' græn, peərən ts/			
5	the artisan /ði/ / ,ɑ: tɪ 'zæn/			
6	make pottery /meɪk/ /' potəri/			
7	a conical /ə/ /' kɒnɪkəl/			
8	skilful /' skɪlfʊl/			
9	birthplace /' bɜ: θ, ples/			