

Practice

Exercise 3. Write the correct form or tense of the verbs in brackets.

1. Vietnamese people _____ (celebrate) the Lunar New Year every year.
2. This Tet, my family _____ (not buy) Chung cakes. We will make them.
3. Look! Mr. Quang _____ (repaint) his house to welcome Tet.
4. You shouldn't _____ (wear) white clothes on the first day of Tet.
5. People spend a few days _____ (clean) their houses before Tet.
6. Tet _____ (occur) in late January or early February.
7. _____ (they/ give) a New Year party this weekend?
8. Phong loves _____ (eat) traditional food during Tet.

Exercise 4. Complete the passage with the words from the box.

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Since Tet occupies an important (1) _____ in Vietnamese's beliefs, Vietnamese will begin their preparations well in advance of the upcoming New Year. People will spend a few days cleaning their homes, repaint, and (2) _____ the house with kumquat tree, branches of peach blossom, and many other colorful flowers. The ancestral altar is especially taken (3) _____ of, with careful decoration of five kinds of fruits. (4) _____, especially children, buy new clothes and shoes to wear on the first days of New Year. The color of red and yellow can be seen (5) _____ because Vietnamese believe that these colors will bring good (6) _____.

During Tet, people always smile and behave as nice as they can in the hope for a (7) _____ year. Gifts are exchanged between family members and friends and relatives, while children receive lucky (8) _____ kept in red envelope.