

REVIEW 2 (UNITS 4-5-6) - ENGLISH 8 - SKILLS

Reading

1 Read about the Vu Lan Festival in Viet Nam and decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F).

Some people call it 'Vu Lan Bao Hieu' (Parents' Appreciation Day). This festival takes place on the 15th day of the seventh lunar month. It is one of the largest festivals of Viet Nam after the Tet festival, and it is celebrated throughout the country, especially in the south.

During the festival, people participate in many goodwill activities and perform various religious rituals. They visit pagodas and temples to worship, release animals like birds or fish, and burn incense. They also buy presents and flowers as their offerings to show their deep love and gratitude towards their parents and ancestors.

Many people go to pagodas on this occasion, wearing either a red rose if their mothers are alive or a white rose if their mothers have passed away. The rose is a symbol of love and gratitude shown by every family towards their ancestors.



Statements	T	F
1. Vu Lan takes place on the 15th day of the seventh lunar month.	☐	☐
2. Vu Lan is celebrated only in the south.	☐	☐
3. Vu Lan is the largest annual traditional festival of Viet Nam.	☐	☐
4. People buy presents and flowers as their offerings to show their deep love and gratitude towards their parents.	☐	☐
5. Many people visit pagodas during the festival, wearing a red rose if their mothers are alive.	☐	☐

Listening

3 Listen to a man talking about social customs in France and Britain. Choose the most appropriate answer A, B, or C to each question.

1. According to the man, the French _____.
A. don't like to be so polite all the time
B. like to be polite all the time
C. want their friends to behave politely
2. The French think that the British _____.
A. don't know how to apologise
B. spend their whole time apologising
C. don't like to make small talk
3. The French like to talk about _____ when they are at a party.
A. big issues
B. their everyday life
C. unimportant things
4. The British may be surprised if their guests talk about _____.
A. house prices **B.** education **C.** politics