New Year is one of the most important (1) _____ in the United States. On New Year's Eve, most people go to the parties. At twelve o'clock at night, everyone says "Happy New Year" and they (2) _____ their friends and relatives good luck. New Year's parties usually last a long time. Many people don't go home (3) _____ morning. Another holiday, Halloween, is mainly for children. On this holiday children (4) _____ as witches, ghosts or other characters. Most children go (5) _____ house to house and say "Trick or Treat", asking for candy or fruit. If the people at the house do not give them candy, the children will play a trick on them. But this (6) _____ ever happens. Most people give them candy or fruit.

Lunar New Year, or Tet, is the biggest and most important festival in Vietnam. Tet often falls between late January and early February.

A great deal of excitement still builds up well before Tet. Streets are decorated with coloured lights and red banners. Shops are full of goods. People are busy buying gifts, cleaning and decorating their houses and cooking traditional foods.

Homes are often decorated with plants and flowers at this time. Peach blossom is traditional at Tet in the North while apricot blossom is traditional in the South. One of Tet's most special foods is bank chung, which is made of sticky rice, green beans and fatty pork.

On the days of Tet, people visit other family members or friends and they exchange New Year's wishes. Children receive their "lucky money" inside red envelopes. Many people go to pagodas to pray for a happy new year for themselves and their families. Both children and adults take part in games and various forms of entertainment. Tet is really a time of fun and festivals throughout the country.

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