

V. WRITING

Rewrite the following sentences so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

- Someone will translate this letter into Vietnamese.
This letter _____
- Traveling around the city in a day is impossible.
It _____
- Is it all right if I take a photograph?
Would you mind _____
- 'Shut the door but don't lock it,' she said to us.
She asked _____
- Air travel is faster than any other kinds of transport.
Air travel is the _____
- We haven't seen each other for over two years.
The last time _____
- I would like you to help me move this table.
Do you mind _____
- The water was so cold that the children could not swim in it.
The water was not _____
- Mai keeps leaving her pen at home.
Mai is _____
- She is not only a teacher, she is also a singer.
Not only _____

UNIT 13

FESTIVALS

I. Match the word in column A to its definition or meaning in column B.

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| 1. council (n) | a. a song of joy |
| 2. upset (adj) | b. a traditional way of behaving or doing something |
| 3. yell (v) | c. the dry outer covering of grain |
| 4. festival (n) | d. a person who decides who has won a contest |
| 5. carol (n) | e. a group of people elected to manage affairs, make rules, ... |
| 6. husk (n) | f. unhappy, worried or disappointed about something |
| 7. judge (n) | g. a day or period of religious or other celebration |
| 8. custom (n) | h. to give a loud sharp cry of pain, excitement, anger |
1. ____; 2. ____; 3. ____; 4. ____; 5. ____; 6. ____; 7. ____; 8. ____

II. Fill in each gap with one suitable compound noun in the box.

bullfighting	ice skating	bird-watching	weight-lifting
water-fetching	air-conditioning	zebra crossing	window-shopping

- My father likes _____. He spends lots of hours watching the birds.
- In _____, a traditional public entertainment in Spain, bulls are fought and usually killed in a bullring.

3. _____ is the activity of lifting heavy objects as a sport or as exercise.
4. She enjoys looking at goods displayed in shop windows, so she goes _____ very often.
5. _____ is the activity of skating on ice.
6. In the _____ contest, one person from each team has to run to the river to get the water.
7. _____ is a system that makes the air inside a building, room or vehicle cool.
8. Pedestrians must cross the street on _____.

III. Change the following sentences into passive voice.

1. Clement Clarke Moore wrote the poem "A visit from Saint Nicholas".

2. They performed Christmas songs for people in town.

3. Santa Claus gave children presents on Christmas Eve.

4. My father decorated the Christmas tree with colored lights.

5. Miss Thanh taught me to draw the Christmas cards.

6. Ba invited Liz to the rice-cooking festival.

7. They held the festival in the communal house yard.

8. The council leader awarded the first prize to the Mekong team.

IV. Put the verb into the correct form: *present simple or past simple, active or passive*.

Ex: The rice-cooking festival is held (hold) every two years.

1. It's a big factory. Five hundred people _____ (employ) there.
2. Water _____ (cover) most of the Earth's surface.
3. The letter _____ (post) a week ago and it _____ (arrive) yesterday.
4. The boat _____ (sink) quickly but fortunately everybody _____ (rescue).
5. Ron's parents _____ (die) when he was very young. He and his sister _____ (bring) up by their grandparents.
6. The gate _____ (lock) at 6.30 pm every day.
7. Sue _____ (bear) in London but she _____ (grow) up in the north of England.
8. We _____ (not/ play) football yesterday afternoon. The match _____ (cancel).
9. Originally the book _____ (write) in Spanish and a few years ago it _____ (translate) into English.
10. I saw an accident last night. Somebody _____ (call) an ambulance but nobody _____ (injure) so the ambulance _____ (not/ need).

V. Change the following sentences into the passive voice or active voice.

1. Does Egypt export cotton to many countries?

VII. Complete the sentences, using the correct form or tense of the verbs in the brackets.

1. Your poem _____ (should/ write) in English.
2. Yesterday afternoon, my father _____ (fix) his motorcycle while my mother _____ (cook) dinner.
3. It's a serious problem. I don't know how it _____ (can/ solve).
4. The teacher ordered Tom _____ (go) to the blackboard.
5. I learned to swim when _____ (be) very young. I _____ (teach) by my father.
6. He said that his mother _____ (not/ be) very well, so he _____ (can not/ go) to the party.
7. When we _____ (meet) George and Linda yesterday, we _____ (walk) through the park.
8. There is somebody walking behind us. I think we _____ (follow)
9. Paul told me that he _____ (wake) up feeling ill so he _____ (not/ go) to work.
10. My grandfather was a builder. He _____ (build) this house many years ago.

VIII. Fill in the blank with one suitable preposition.

1. My mother is very keen _____ growing roses.
2. John is extremely fond _____ music.
3. We thanked them _____ all their help.
4. Are you interested _____ a harvest festival?
5. Wine is made _____ grapes.
6. How many members participated _____ the rice-cooking contest?
7. The children are really looking forward _____ Tet holiday.
8. Santa Claus is based _____ the description of Saint Nicholas.
9. Two team members take part _____ the water-fetching contests.
10. They have to separate the rice _____ the husk and cook the rice.

IX. Complete the passage with the suitable words in the box.

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Christmas is the biggest (1) _____ of the year in most of Britain. Celebrations start on 24 December, Christmas Eve, (2) _____ there have been several weeks of (3) _____ beforehand. The Christmas trees, presents, food, drinks and decorations have been (4) _____. Christmas cards have already been sent to friends and (5) _____. About a week before Christmas, people usually (6) _____ up their decorations and an angel on the (7) _____ of the Christmas tree. Family presents (8) _____ usually put under the tree.

X. Write, from the following sets of words and phrases, complete sentences. You can make all the necessary changes and additions.

1. you/ tidy/ the bedrooms/ yet?

2. Christmas songs / often/ perform/ the churches.

3. When/ the poem/ write?