

TEST YOURSELF 2

I. Choose the word that has underlined part pronounced differently from the test.

1. a. sticky b. fairy c. story d. reply
2. a. honest b. human c. hero d. historian
3. a. looked b. stopped c. screamed d. missed
4. a. character b. church c. choose d. cheerful
5. a. procession b. confusion c. production d. tradition

II. Choose the word that has different stress pattern.

1. a. anniversary b. celebration c. ceremony d. politician
2. a. lantern b. princess c. emperor d. incense
3. a. reunite b. defeat c. command d. swallow
4. a. preservation b. communicate c. commemorate d. participate
5. a. cunning b. unkind c. greedy d. generous

III. Filling each blank with a suitable word. The first letter of the word has been provided.

1. Tet, or Lunar New Year, is the most important f_____ in Vietnam.
2. In the UK, there are a lot of c_____ for table manners.
3. Most Vietnamese people have family altars to w_____ their ancestors.
4. Saint Giong is a mythical h_____ who helped King Hung to defeat the An.
5. It's important to p_____ our culture for future generations.
6. *Xoan* singing is traditional f_____ singing originating from the northern province of Phu Tho.
7. *The Fox and the Grapes* is one of the most popular f_____.
8. At the beginning of the festival, they p_____ a ritual of offering incense.
9. Millions of Japanese visit hometowns for family r_____ during the Obon Festival.
10. The o_____ demanded the annual sacrifice of a young village girl to satisfy his blood lust.

IV. Choose the best answer a, b, c or d to complete the sentence.

1. The Giong festival is held _____ the 9th day of the 4th lunar month.
a. at b. in c. on d. from
2. Last year, my family _____ tradition and travelled abroad during Tet holiday.
a. broke with b. passed down c. kept on d. handed up
3. The Mid-Autumn Festival is also known as Moon Festival _____ Harvest Moon Festival.
a. but b. or c. so d. and
4. You _____ eat squid, duck, or shrimp during Tet because they are seen as bad symbols.
a. have to b. should c. don't have to d. shouldn't
5. A _____ is a traditional story, usually about animals, that teaches a moral lesson.
a. legend b. fable c. folktale d. fairy tale
6. _____ bad luck he had!
a. How b. How a c. What d. What a
7. My salary is really low; _____ I find the work incredibly rewarding.

5. _____ (you/ watch) this programme or can I turn the TV off?
6. My friends and I _____ (not play) football at 3p.m yesterday because it was raining hard at that time.
7. The Hung King Temple Festival _____ (recognise) as a national holiday in 2007.
8. When I shouted, they _____ (jump) off the roof and _____ (run) away.
9. What _____ (you/do) when you've spent all your money?
10. The Chinese custom of binding feet to make them smaller _____ (cease) in the twentieth century.

VII. Supply the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. He calls people sir and madam and he is very _____. (respect)
2. In Japan, up until recently, marriages were _____ arranged by a special matchmaker. (custom)
3. There is the *Poh Bang* _____ by a magician in the temple. (perform)
4. A fairy tale usually involves _____ creatures and magic. (image)
5. In the story, a _____ rescues Red Riding Hood with his axe. (woodcut)
6. When Alice heard footsteps, she was _____ and started to run. (fright)
7. Cinderella's stepmothers was _____ and treated her _____. (kind - bad)
8. Jack is very bright, but he's also _____ of his accomplishments at school. (boast)
9. When Jack was going to the market, he met a _____. (magic)
10. She smiled _____, waved, and vanished into thin air. (wicked)

VIII. Match the sentences.

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| 1. What a lovely bouquet of flowers! You're very kind. | a. Look at the cutlery on the table! They are using knife and fork. |
| 2. Why do you say this restaurant mainly serves Western dishes? | b. Me neither. Why not search them on the Internet? |
| 3. Chasing the cheese down the hill? You're kidding! | c. A fox and a crow. |
| 4. I don't know the rules of this folk game. | d. Oh, no. I'm telling you the truth. It's one of our old traditions. |
| 5. Buffalo fighting festival? That sounds scary! | e. Not yet I can speak a little Vietnamese but I cannot read it. |
| 6. Is <i>The Story of Son Tinh and Thuy Tinh</i> a fairy tale? | f. That's interesting! It encourages family togetherness, I think. |
| 7. We have a family tradition of eating dinner together. | g. No. It's a myth. |
| 8. Have you read any Vietnamese folktales? | h. Never mind. You also look as pretty as the flowers. |
| 9. What a lovely dress! | i. Thanks, buddy! I'm glad you like it. |
| 10. Who are the main characters in the fable? | k. Yeah, somehow terrible. But it was recognized as a national intangible cultural heritage. |

IX. Choose the word which best fits each gap.

My friends and I are having a (1)_____ time at this year's Roswell UFO Festival in New Mexico, USA. It's a four-day event that takes (2)_____ every year in early July. Some people believe that an alien (3)_____ – a UFO – crashed in a field near Roswell in 1947 and the festival (4)_____ that event. Not everyone believes this story, of course, but the festival is still a lot of fun. Everyone dresses up (5)_____ aliens for the Alien Costume Competition. The costumes are fabulous and even family pets take part. There are dogs dyed blue and tortoises (6)_____ in aluminium foil! Today we're watching the (7)_____ down Main Street and tomorrow the firework display starts at 9 pm. They say it's really amazing. (8)_____ are some of the aliens you meet.

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| 1. a. terrible | b. fantastic | c. leisure | d. difficult |
| 2. a. break | b. part | c. place | d. time |
| 3. a. spaceship | b. race | c. custom | d. planet |
| 4. a. symbolizes | b. performs | c. organizes | d. celebrates |
| 5. a. of | b. as | c. with | d. by |
| 6. a. covered | b. filled | c. included | d. carved |
| 7. a. companion | b. scenery | c. parade | d. heritage |
| 8. a. Such | b. Much | c. Neither | d. So |

X. Read the text carefully, then do the tasks.

People visiting Spain for the first time can find it difficult to get used to the eating customs of the Spanish. It's not so much the food itself, but the timing of the meals that visitors aren't used to. I used to live in Cadiz myself for a few years and I actually quite like the way they do things. Breakfast is a light continental affair – just a roll and some coffee usually – eaten between 8 and 9.30 a.m. The main meal of the day is lunch, which people usually eat sometime between 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. Quite a few of the shops, museums and galleries close around this time, because the locals like to take time over lunch. They will rest for a short time afterwards, although the traditional afternoon siesta is not as common as it used to be. People eat late in the evening – rarely before 9 p.m. and at the weekend the locals often won't eat before 11 p.m. or even midnight. This is a much lighter meal than lunch – often just a few tapas taken with a drink.

A. Decide whether the following sentences are true or false.

1. Mealtimes in Spain can be confusing for visitors.
2. In Spain, breakfast is the largest meal of the day.
3. Spaniards like to have a long lunch.
4. The entire country closes up shop from about 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
5. Most Spaniards still enjoy taking a siesta after lunch.
6. Dinner is generally eaten between 9 p.m. and midnight.

B. Choose the correct answers.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
a. Spanish culture
b. Spanish eating customs
c. Spanish table manners
d. Spanish mealtimes
2. What does the word “siesta” mean?
a. a light meal
b. a short nap
c. an afternoon snack
d. a deep sleep
3. Which is the most important meal of the day in Spain?
a. breakfast
b. lunch
c. snack
d. dinner
4. What is a continental breakfast?
a. a full breakfast of cereal, bacon and eggs and toast
b. a traditional breakfast consisting of rice, soup, fish
c. a simple breakfast consisting of coffee and bread
d. a healthy breakfast of fruits, veggies and milk
5. According to the passage, _____.
a. Spaniards don't often eat their evening meal anytime before 9 pm
b. Dinner is always served with tapas and wine
c. The locals usually eat dinner after 11 pm
d. Dinner is also as large as lunch

XI. Make sentences, using the words or phrases provided. You can add some words or make changes.

1. Pingxi Lantern Festival/ celebrate/ the fifteenth day/ the first lunar month

2. Today's children/ hardly/ listen/ stories/ their elder/ because/ they/ live/ the digital era

3. *Little Red Riding Hood*/ have/ important lessons/ the dangers/ talk/ strangers

4. Once/ time/ there/ beautiful princess/ who/ not live/ castle

5. When/ Cinderella/ enter/ the palace/ everybody/ dance/ happily

6. My family/ have/ custom/ visit/ pagodas/ the first day/ lunar New Year

7. Visitors/ make offerings/ incense, flowers and fruits/ worship Buddha/ the pagoda.

8. Most of the children/ like/ imagine/ visualize/ the stories/ while/ listen/ the folktales/ especially/ the fairy tales
