

## SPEAKING & WRITING PRACTICE

### A. SPEAKING

**Exercise 1:** Choose the most suitable response A, B, C, or D to complete each of the following exchanges.

1. A: Do you mind opening the window for me?

B: \_\_\_\_\_

A. No, not at all.

B. No, I mind it.

C. Yes, I do.

D. Yes, go ahead.

2. A: Could you show me the way to the bus stop, please?

B: \_\_\_\_\_

A. No, I couldn't.

B. Yes, I could.

C. Sure. It's over there.

D. I know where it is.

3. A: Could you please show me how to use this washing machine?

B: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Yes, I could. Just turn on the fan.

B. Sure. Just press this green button.

C. No, I couldn't wash these clothes.

D. No, I don't have a washing machine.

4. A: Would you mind telling me something about Dong Ba Market?

B: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Yes, I would. It's a big market in Hue.

B. Yes, I can buy a lot of things there.

C. No, I wouldn't. You can ask another person.

D. Not at all. It's the largest commercial centre in Hue.

5. A: Could you give me a hand with these rubbish bins?

B: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Certainly. Where do you want to put them?

B. Sure. I don't like them much.

C. No, I couldn't. They're over there.

D. Yes, I could give you the bins.

**Exercise 2:** Choose A – G to complete the conversation.

A. Because there is some minced meat inside and people serve it cold, not hot like other kinds.

B. I think it is. Many people from other provinces order it.

C. It's banh cuon or steamed rice rolls.

D. Yes, we do. We still use traditional techniques to make it.

E. We pass them down to our children. We encourage them to keep the traditional techniques.

F. Yes, of course. A lot of households sell it online or open small shops to sell it.

G. No, it isn't. It's only 30 thousand dong for 10 pieces.

Reporter: Could you share with us one speciality in your village?

Woman: (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Reporter: Why is it special?

Woman: (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Reporter: I see. Is it expensive to buy?

Woman: (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Reporter: Do you make it in the traditional way?

Woman: (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Reporter: Is your banh cuon well-known?

Woman: (5) \_\_\_\_\_

Reporter: Fantastic! Can you live off it?

Woman: (6) \_\_\_\_\_

Reporter: That's great! Who do you usually pass down the techniques to?

Woman: (7) \_\_\_\_\_

Reporter: Thank you very much for the interview.

Woman: You're welcome.

**Exercise 3:** Now think about a speciality made in your local area or a speciality you know. Prepare a short introduction about it. Your talk should include:

- the name of the speciality
- reasons why it is famous
- its special characteristics

## **B. WRITING:**

**Exercise 1:** Choose the correct sentence A, B, C, or D that can be made from the given cues.

1. My area / famous / some specialities / such / bun cha, banh cuon / and bun oc.  
  
A. My area is famous some specialities such as bun cha, banh cuon, and bun oc.  
  
B. My area is famous as some specialities such as bun cha, banh cuon, and bun oc.  
  
C. My area is famous for some specialities such as bun cha, banh cuon, and bun oc.  
  
D. My area is famous for some speciality foods such bun cha, banh cuon, and bun oc.
2. The pottery artisan / can make / beautiful / pot / vase / local clay.  
  
A. The pottery artisan can make beautiful pots and vases from local clay.  
  
B. The pottery artisan can make beautiful pots and vases by local clay/  
  
C. The pottery artisan can make beautiful pot and vase from local clay.

D. The pottery artisan can make beautiful pots and vases from a local clay.

3. As firefighters, / they / ready / put out / fires / and save / people.

A. As firefighters, they ready to put out fires and save people.

B. As firefighters, they are ready put out fires and save people.

C. As firefighters, they ready put out fires and save people.

D. As firefighters, they are ready to put out fires and save people.

4. The doctor / ask / him / cut down / sweet food / drinks.

A. The doctor asked him cut down on sweet food and drinks.

B. The doctor asked him to cut down on sweet food and drinks.

C. The doctor asked him to cut down sweet food and drinks.

D. The doctor asked him cut down sweet food and drinks.

5. We / sometimes / take care / neighbours children / when / they / not / home.

A. We sometimes take care our neighbours' children when they are not home.

B. We sometimes take care of our neighbours' children when they not at home.

C. We sometimes take care our neighbours' children when they not be at home.

D. We sometimes take care of our neighbours' children when they are not at home.

**Exercise 2:** Match half of the sentence in A with the other half in B to make a complete sentence.

1. They didn't know how	a. she gets on well with her neighbours.
2. We couldn't decide what	b. he usually goes home late.
3. Ngoc is a friendly person, so	c. to go to Bat Trang Pottery Village.
4. His father is a policeman, so	d. to buy as souvenirs.
5. My favorite place of interest in my community is	e. the shopping mall with many facilities for teens.

**Exercise 3:** You received an email from Mark, your penfriend in the US. He asks you to write him about the things you like in your community. Now write an email (about 100 words) to tell him about these things.

From: \_\_\_\_\_@quickmail.com (your email address)

To: mark@fastmail.us

Subject: My lovely community

Dear Mark,

I'm happy to have received your email, I'm going to tell you about the things I like in my community.

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That's all for now, Mark. Tell me about your community.

Cheers,

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