

A Pronunciation

1 Circle the word in each line with the underlined part pronounced differently. Then practise saying it aloud.

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| 1. A. <u>s</u> inger | B. Eng <u>l</u> and | C. a <u>n</u> gle | D. lon <u>g</u> eevity |
| 2. A. lang <u>u</u> age | B. open <u>i</u> ng | C. con <u>v</u> ert | D. a <u>n</u> imal |
| 3. A. morn <u>i</u> ng | B. thin <u>k</u> ing | C. un <u>i</u> on | D. orn <u>a</u> ment |
| 4. A. drin <u>k</u> | B. than <u>k</u> | C. funn <u>y</u> | D. un <u>c</u> le |
| 5. A. offer <u>i</u> ng | B. tradit <u>i</u> on | C. youn <u>g</u> | D. wrin <u>k</u> le |

1 Look at the pictures and complete the phrases. The first letters are given to you.



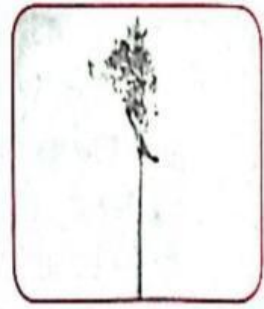
1. an o__ t__



2. a b__ f__



3. a c__ h__



4. a b__ p__



5. b__ s__



6. f__ o__



7. m__ a__



8. f__ g__

2 Choose the correct answer A, B, or C to complete each sentence.

- In many cultures, a _____ represents youth, beauty, and pleasure.
A. blooming flower B. communal house C. bamboo pole
- _____ such as kumquat trees, peach blossoms, and apricot flowers are popular at Tet.
A. Blooming flower B. Vegetables C. Ornamental trees
- Traditionally, the _____ in a village is a place for villagers to meet or worship.
A. festival B. market C. communal house
- Every year, the Bulgarians hold the Surva Festival to chase away _____.
A. bad spirits B. festival goers C. martial artists
- In many Vietnamese villages, people put up a _____ in the yard of the communal house to welcome Tet.
A. fight B. barrier C. bamboo pole
- During Tet, the Kinh often prepare traditional _____ such as *banh chung* and boiled chicken to worship their ancestors.
A. decorative items B. food offerings C. spirits
- Last year, thousands of festival _____ participated in the Lim Festival in Tien Du District.
A. comers B. goers C. movers
- Learning _____ can help build physical strength and improve confidence.
A. martial arts B. physics C. chemistry

3 Complete the text with the words from the box.

break	custom	traditionally
maintain	practise	traditions

I think each family has their own customs and (1) _____. For example, my uncle's children always spend two weeks in the countryside in summertime. Holding a party on everyone's birthday is another custom they (2) _____. As for my family, it is becoming a (3) _____ for us to bake a special cake on the last Sunday of each month. We also have a home cinema night every Saturday when we enjoy a film together. For my extended family, (4) _____, we gather on the first day of the Lunar New Year. In my opinion, it is good for families to (5) _____ their traditions. However, from time to time, they can (6) _____ with tradition and try something new to add variety to their lives.

4 Complete each sentence with a, an, the, or Ø (zero article).

- I lost my wallet on _____ last day of my stay in Paris.
- What are some things I should know about _____ Vietnamese table manners?
- We often stay at home on New Year's Eve but this year was _____ exception.
- My village holds an annual festival that welcomes _____ thousands of festival goers.
- We went to _____ Chinese restaurant last night.

- 5** Some of the lines in the text below have an article which is incorrectly used. If the line has a wrong article, circle it and write the correct one on the right of the line. If the line is correct, put a tick (✓).

Line	The text	Correction
1.	Hung King Temple Festival is one of <u>a</u> national public	<u>the</u>
2.	holidays of Viet Nam. The festival aims to remember and	✓
3.	worship the Hung Kings, the first kings of a nation. It is often	
4.	held between a first and the 10th day of the third lunar month.	
5.	The main ceremony happens at a Hung King Temple in	
6.	Viet Tri City, Phu Tho Province. Each year, about four million	
7.	festival goers arrive at the Phu Tho to join the festivities.	
8.	There are over 1,400 Hung King Temples across Viet Nam, so	
9.	whether you visit a main temple in Phu Tho or not, you can	
10.	be an part of the festivities at any place in the country.	

C Speaking

- 1** Choose the most suitable response A or B to complete each of the following exchanges.

- A: What gift should I bring to Jane's house-warming party?
B: _____
A. How about buying her an ornamental tree?
B. Sorry, but I'm busy on Friday.
- A: Minh keeps making fun of me in class. What should I do?
B: _____
A. Oh dear. He's so impolite.
B. Perhaps you could try talking to him seriously.
- A: Mai is always sending messages to me late at night. This wakes me up.
B: _____
A. Don't reply to her late messages, and she'll soon stop sending them.
B. Poor you! You must be very sleepy then.
- A: I'm going to Summer Carnival in Ha Long next week!
B: _____
A. That sounds exciting!
B. It's a good idea to bring a warm coat.
- A: Jack wants to go somewhere for Mid-Autumn Festival.
B: _____
A. Tell him to wait for a few minutes.
B. He should definitely go to Hoi An.

2 Elena and Minh are talking about Minh's family. Choose A - E to complete their conversation. Then practise it with a friend.

Elena: Minh, does your family often spend time doing activities together?

Minh: (1) _____

Elena: Do you mean you watch them at the stadium?

Minh: That's right. (2) _____

Elena: Your family must love football very much.

Minh: (3) _____

Elena: Oh, and do any of your other relatives play football?

Minh: (4) _____

Elena: How about your dad?

Minh: (5) _____

Elena: You certainly have an interesting family, Minh.

- A. Yes. We cheer our favourite football team whenever they play.
- B. We do. My grandfather was a football player, so by tradition, we are all football fans.
- C. He broke with tradition. He's now a businessman.
- D. Sometimes we even go to the opponent's stadium with our team's fan club.
- E. Well, my three uncles are football players too.

D Reading

1 Choose the correct answer A, B, or C to fill in each blank to complete the passage.

The Kate Festival

The Kate Festival is (1) _____ most important festival of the Cham in Viet Nam. It is held for three days at the beginning of October. The main ceremony takes (2) _____ in Po Rume, Po Nugar, and Po Klong Garai* towers in Ninh Thuan Province. The festival helps people remember Cham heroes and (3) _____ their ancestors. It is also a time for people to relax, visit each other, and wish others (4) _____ luck. For festival goers, it is a great opportunity to (5) _____ the beauty in the Cham culture. The ceremony starts with people calling their ancestors and gods. Then, they (6) _____ for health and prosperity. The festival follows with (7) _____ traditional music and dance performances. The festival is full (8) _____ sounds and colours, and is a wonderful time for both the locals and visitors.

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| 1. A. Ø | B. a | C. the |
| 2. A. place | B. time | C. effort |
| 3. A. worship | B. offer | C. miss |
| 4. A. nice | B. good | C. happy |
| 5. A. look | B. experience | C. show |
| 6. A. search | B. work | C. pray |
| 7. A. the | B. Ø | C. a |
| 8. A. of | B. with | C. for |

2 Read the passage and choose the correct option A, B, or C for each question.

A Longevity Celebration

On the fifth day of Tet, Binh An Village holds a longevity celebration for elderly people over 70. This tradition has continued for centuries in the village.

In the morning, everyone dresses nicely and walks to the village temple. According to tradition, the elderly wear traditional *ao dai*. They sit at the most honourable place. The village leaders congratulate them. They offer each elder a "longevity flag" and a bunch of flowers. Then, each family takes photographs with their elders. At noon, families hold a home party for their elders. It is customary for the family members to cook for their elders. The traditional dishes served are five-colour sticky rice, steamed chicken, spring rolls, and deep-fried fish. The longevity celebration is important to all villagers. It is an opportunity for them to show their respect to the elders. It is also a great time for family gatherings.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 - A. A celebration for the elderly.
 - B. A spring festival.
 - C. A cooking contest.
2. How do people go to the village temple?
 - A. By car.
 - B. By motorbike.
 - C. On foot.
3. According to the passage, what do the elders NOT do during the official ceremony?
 - A. Sit at an honourable place.
 - B. Take photographs of the event.
 - C. Receive congratulations from other people.
4. Who cooks at the home party?
 - A. The elderly.
 - B. The nearby restaurant.
 - C. The family members.
5. The celebration is important to Binh An villagers because _____.
 - A. it shows that they respect the elders
 - B. it is an opportunity to admire their culture
 - C. it is a great opportunity for them to gather

E Writing

1 Rewrite each sentence so that it has the same meaning as the original one. Use the given words. Do NOT change the capitalised word.

1. We travelled to Hue on the train. (BY)
→ We travelled to _____.
2. We walked to the village temple. (FOOT)
→ We went _____.
3. Canada's capital is Ottawa. (CANADA)
→ Ottawa _____.
4. Vietnamese people value hard work and honesty. (THE)
→ _____ value hard work and honesty.
5. My dad is not a coffee drinker. (DRINK)
→ My dad _____ coffee.