



LESSON SUMMARY

Vocabulary

Word/Phrase	Meaning	Example
watch fireworks (v phr.) /wɑ:tʃ 'faɪəwɜ:kz/	to look at a small container filled with explosive chemicals that make bright colored patterns or loud noises when they explode	We often watch fireworks on New Year's Eve.
decorate a house or tree (v phr.) /dekə'reɪt ə haʊs ɔ:r tri:/	to make a house or a tree look more attractive by putting things on it	Before Tết, people decorate their houses with flowers and fruits.
visit family and friends (v phr.) /'vɪzɪt 'fæməli ən frendz/	to go to see relatives and friends for a period of time	People usually visit their family and friends during Tết.
get lucky money, candy, or gifts (v phr.) /get 'lʊki 'mʌni 'kændi ɔ:r gɪfts/	to receive red envelopes with money inside, sweet food, or presents	Most children like to get lucky money, candy, or gifts .
play games or music (v phr.) /pleɪ geɪmz ɔ:r 'mju:zɪk/	to play entertainment activities such as sports or play an instrument	What do you often do in your free time? I often play games or music .
buy fruits or flowers (v phr.) /baɪ fru:ts ɔ:r 'flaʊəz/	to use money to pay for fruits or flowers	Where does your mom buy fruits ? - At the mall.
watch parades (v phr.) /wɑ:tʃ pə'reɪd/	to look at a big group of people walking or in vehicles at a special event	I like watching parades at festivals, especially the Mid-Autumn festival.
eat traditional food (v phr.) /i:t tra'dɪʃənl fu:d/	to eat some kinds of food whose recipes are passed down through generations	At Tết holiday, we often eat traditional food , such as <i>bánh chưng</i> , spring rolls, or candied fruits.

Useful language

How do people prepare for Tết?
What do people do during Tết?

- They buy fruits or flowers and decorate their houses.
- They visit their family and eat traditional food.

Writing

1) Name

Tết/Songkran is a big/famous/popular festival in Vietnam/Thailand.

2) Place

It is held/celebrated in the north/south/center of the country.

3) Time

It is held/takes place in January/early (late) March.
It lasts three days/one week.

Messages about a festival

1) Obon is a big festival in 2) Japan. 3) It lasts for three days across the country, usually in August. 4) In this festival, Japanese people commemorate their ancestors. There are a lot of interesting activities such as Bon Odori dances. The festival is also known as the "festival of lanterns". People leave paper lanterns floating along the river.

Remember

Use informal language (great, sounds fun), contractions (I'm, I've, I'd), and emojis to express your feelings.

4) Special activities

Local people...

- clean/decorate their houses
- set off fireworks
- exchange gifts
- visit relatives
- go to the temples.

They can join/take part in...

ceremonies/folk games/cultural activities.

commemorate (v): to remember an important person or event
ancestor (n): any member of your family from long ago

PRACTICE

Vocabulary

a. Label the pictures with the phrases in the box.

buy flowers give gifts get lucky money play games visit family and friends



b. Complete the sentences using the words in the box.

eat fruits watch decorate parades

- At Tết holiday, people _____ their houses with beautiful flowers.
- People also _____ delicious traditional food.
- Children watch lion dances and _____ in the street.
- In Mid-Autumn Festival, children carry paper lanterns and eat mooncakes, _____, and candies.
- Vietnamese people often _____ fireworks and visit temples at Tết.



Reading

a. Read the text. Match the phrases to the paragraphs.

MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

- A** People in Vietnam celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival on the 14th and 15th days of the 8th lunar month. At this festival, you can see children carrying paper lanterns, lion dances, and food stalls selling moon cakes, fruits, and a lot of sweets.
- B** You can best enjoy Mid-Autumn Festival in Hội An. There are many street performances throughout this small city. Children can participate in drawing and coloring contests during the festival. Visitors can enjoy the beautiful sight of colorful paper lanterns lining the Thu Bồn Riverside and Chùa Cầu.
- C** Mid-Autumn is a really fun festival where children can have a good time together after days of studying hard at school. Young people can also wear nice clothes and enjoy the traditional food they only see once a year.

- 1 When Mid-Autumn Festival takes place
- 2 The best place to celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival in Vietnam
- 3 A fun festival for children
- 4 The food people sell during this festival
- 5 Some places with nice views of this festival

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LUNAR NEW YEAR

Between late January and early February, people in Vietnam celebrate the Lunar New Year or Tết. Tết lasts for three days, but people prepare for it for weeks before. They clean or sometimes repaint their houses. People also make their homes beautiful with colorful flowers, peach blossoms, and kumquat trees. The colors that they usually use are red and yellow as these mean luck and money. During Tết, people go to their relatives' houses and give best wishes to each other. Parents and older relatives give children lucky money in red envelopes. On these days, the streets are often quiet. In many public places, people perform lion dances with drums, bells, and firecrackers.

- 6 People in Vietnam celebrate Tết for a month.
- 7 They plant trees before Tết.
- 8 Red and yellow are the colors they use to make their houses beautiful.
- 9 During Tết, people go to their friends' houses.
- 10 The streets during Tết are often noisy.

Speaking

Talk about Lunar New Year (Tết) using the prompts.

- BEFORE:**
- clean / house
 - buy / flowers
 - decorate / house
 - buy / fruits
 - prepare / traditional food

- DURING:**
- go / pagodas
 - watch / fireworks / lion dances
 - visit / relatives' houses
 - exchange / wishes
 - old people / give / lucky money / children

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Writing

a. Read Lan and Alice's messages. Match the underlined words with appropriate emojis.

Hi, Lan. How are you?

I'm good 1) ☐ And you?

Great. I'm on vacation in Thailand. It's Songkran Festival here.

Is it the Water Festival?

That's right. It is an important festival to the Thai people because it marks the beginning of Thai New Year. They clean their houses 2) ☐ to prepare for the festival.

Are there any special activities at this festival?

For this festival, Buddhists go to temples and do the Buddha Bathing Ceremony. This is also a time for family gatherings, so many people go back to their hometowns to visit their relatives. The most exciting 3) ☐ activity throughout this festival is the water splashing. Crowds of people throw buckets of water 4) ☐ over each other. Everyone gets wet, but no one gets angry. They all enjoy the festival so much.

That sounds fun 5) ☐

It is. Many tourists want to visit Thailand around this time to enjoy this unique festival.



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b. Complete the messages about Hùng Kings' Temple Festival, using the information in the box.



Name: Hùng Kings' Temple Festival
Where: Phú Thọ, Vietnam
When: 10th day of the 3rd lunar month
Special activities:

- Joining flower ceremony at Đền Thượng (Upper Temple)
- Playing games: human chess, bamboo swings, rice cooking, ném còn, wrestling, lion dance, etc.

Sue: Hi, Rob. How are you?

Rob: Great. I'm on vacation in Phú Thọ, Vietnam. It's _____ here.

Sue: Does the festival take place every year?

Rob: _____

Sue: Are there any special activities at this festival?

Rob: _____

Sue: _____

Rob: That sounds fun.

Sue: _____

Answer Key

• Vocabulary _____ /20 pts.

• Listening _____ /20 pts.

• Reading _____ /20 pts.

• Speaking _____ /10 pts.

• Writing _____ /30 pts.

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Total _____ / 100 pts.

Writing

a. Make sentences using the given words.

- Andy / have / two / math classes / Monday.

- movie / start / 9:50 / morning.

- puppet show / take place / twice / week / Tuesday and Friday.

- food stand / not / sell / pizzas / Wednesday.

- her dance class / finish / 10:35 / every day.

b. Look at the schedule for Đà Lạt Flower Festival. Make questions for the underlined words.

- The opening ceremony starts at 20:00.

- The International Flowers and Bonsai Exhibition lasts twelve days.

- The Exchange Program of Vietnam-South Korea Culture and Art takes place at Lâm Viên Square, Đà Lạt.

- Lâm Đồng Tea and Silk Culture Week begins on December 21st.

- Bảo Lộc Silk Fashion Show takes place on December 22nd.
