

Exercise 1: Complete each reported statement with a word or phrase from the box:

who how what when whether she where why if they

- 'Are you going to the pagoda?' he asked. → He asked _____ I was going to the pagoda.
- 'Where can we see the boat race?' they asked. → They asked _____ they could see the boat race.
- 'Who is performing acrobatics now?' she asked. → She asked _____ was performing acrobatics then.
- 'How do you make this traditional dish?' he asked my mum. → He asked my mum _____ she made that traditional dish.
- 'Why did the host break with tradition?' we wondered. → We wondered _____ the host had broken with tradition.
- 'Do they decorate the stilt house for Tet?' she asked. → She asked _____ they decorated the stilt house for Tet.
- 'What time will the wedding ceremony start?' she asked. → She asked _____ time the wedding ceremony would start.
- 'When did you visit the flower village?' he asked her. → He asked her _____ she had visited the flower village.
- 'Does Lan like the birthday party?' Phong asked. → Phong asked if _____ liked the birthday party.
- 'Are the festival goers gathering along the riverside?' she asked. → She asked if _____ were gathering along the riverside.

Bài 3: Multiple Choice

Choose the best option to complete each reported question.

- She asked me if I _____ Sa Dec Flower Village during Tet.
A. visit B. will visit C. had visited D. have visited
- Phong asked where they _____ the bamboo pole.
A. are placing B. placed C. place D. will place
- The tourists asked whether the performers _____ acrobatics.
A. will do B. do C. could do D. can do
- He asked me how my family _____ Tet traditionally.
A. celebrates B. celebrated C. will celebrate D. is celebrating
- She wanted to know why we _____ with tradition this year.
A. are breaking B. broke C. break D. will break
- He asked if they _____ offerings to worship their ancestors.
A. prepare B. will prepare C. prepared D. are preparing
- The guide asked where the elders _____ for the ceremony.
A. are gathering B. will gather C. were gathering D. gather
- My mother asked if she _____ buy a kumquat tree the next day.
A. must B. will C. shall D. should

9. He wanted to know how many contestants _____ in the boat race.
A. have participated B. had participated C. participate D. will participate
10. She asked me whether the Japanese lion dance _____ different from the Vietnamese one.
A. was B. has been C. will be D. is
11. The monk asked who _____ the small bells on the bamboo pole.
A. had hung B. will hang C. has hung D. hangs
12. He asked me if I _____ any traditional dish at the birthday party.
A. will like B. am liking C. like D. liked
13. She asked the kids why they _____ the bowl with their chopsticks.
A. were hitting B. hit C. will hit D. are hitting
14. He asked whether the festival goers _____ along the riverside.
A. are standing B. will stand C. stand D. were standing
15. The host asked me what time the wedding ceremony _____ start.
A. will B. did C. does D. would

Bài 5: Reported Verb Forms

Complete the reported questions by writing the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. 'Are you buying a kumquat tree?' he asked. → He asked if I _____ (buy) a kumquat tree.
(buy)
2. 'Where do you place the offerings?' she asked the host. → She asked the host where he _____ (place) the offerings. (place)
3. 'Will they perform a lion dance?' we wondered. → We wondered if they _____ (perform) a lion dance. (perform)
4. 'How did you prepare the young rice?' he asked me. → He asked me how I _____ (prepare) the young rice. (prepare)
5. 'Why does she hit the bowl with chopsticks?' she asked. → She asked why she _____ (hit) the bowl with chopsticks. (hit)
6. 'Can we visit the pagoda today?' the kids asked. → The kids asked if they _____ (can) visit the pagoda that day. (can)
7. 'What time is the family reunion starting?' she wanted to know. → She wanted to know what time the family reunion _____ (be) starting. (be)
8. 'Did you admire the blooming flowers yesterday?' Nam asked. → Nam asked if I _____ (admire) the blooming flowers the day before. (admire)

9. 'Who wants to join the birthday party?' she asked. → She asked who _____ (want) to join the birthday party. **(want)**
10. 'Is it a custom in your family?' she asked him. → She asked him if it _____ (be) a custom in his family. **(be)**

VI. Choose the best word:

1. Tet is the most important traditional _____ in Vietnam.

celebrate / celebration

2. Many families _____ their ancestors during Tet.

worship / worshipping

3. The house is _____ with flowers and colourful lights.

decorate / decorated

4. This custom has been kept _____ for many generations.

alive / life

5. People _____ visit their relatives during New Year.

traditional / traditionally

6. The wedding _____ took place at a large restaurant.

ceremony / ceremonial

VI. Match:

A	B	A-B
1. birthday	a. money	1.
2. family	b. ceremony	2.
3. lucky	c. party	3.
4. ornamental	d. reunion	4.
5. wedding	e. tree	5.
6. village	f. festival	6.
7. bamboo	g. pole	7.

IX. Fill in the blank:

celebration – decorate – family reunion – lucky money – traditionally – worship –
kumquat tree – custom

Tet is the most important traditional festival in Vietnam. Before Tet, people clean and (1) _____ their houses. Many families buy a peach blossom tree or a (2) _____. Tet is also an important time for a (3) _____. Family members return home and have meals together. People (4) _____ their ancestors and visit relatives. Children (5) _____ receive (6) _____ in red envelopes. Giving children money is a popular Tet (7) _____. Tet is a joyful (8) _____ for Vietnamese people.