

## Unit 4 Grade 8

### 1. Listen and fill in the blank:

Today I'm going to tell you about the xoe dance, a traditional dance of the Thai ethnic group in VietNam. Thai people have followed this spiritual tradition for generations.

The xoe dance expresses people's working life and wishes for a \_\_\_\_\_ and wealthy life. It is performed in both public and \_\_\_\_\_ gatherings such as celebrations, festivals or family reunions.

The xoe dance has more than \_\_\_\_\_ forms based on the first six ancient forms. The most popular form is the xoe vong or '\_\_\_\_\_ dance' because it expresses \_\_\_\_\_ unity. People, young or old alike, join hands to make a \_\_\_\_\_ around the fire and dance to the \_\_\_\_\_. Besides the circle dance, there are dances with conical hats, paper fans or scarves.

Old people say they shouldn't break with this tradition because it reflects Thai \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. As a Thai folk song goes, without the xoe dance, the rice won't grow and people won't get married.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQECZO2kHOE>