

English Language Year 6 : Unit 11 : Tailor Made

Handout 1 : Najmee is reading about the traditional accessories worn at the Gawai Dayak festival.

Gawai Dayak is a festival celebrated in Sarawak on the 1st and 2nd June every year. The Gawai Dayak is celebrated by the Dayaks. During this festival, a traditional dance called the *Ngajat* is performed.

While performing the dance, the male dancers wear a headgear called *burang sumba*. It is made of cloth with golden lace. They wear a long loin-cloth called *tahup*. It is wrapped neatly around the body with one end hanging down in front and the other end hanging behind. They wear bangles and a pair of earrings. They hold a long sword in one hand and an ornately decorated shield in the other.

The female dancers wear an elaborate headdress called *sipiah* and a knee length dress with intricate weaving . It is called *jomuh*. Their necklaces are made of beads. Copper bangles on their arms and forearms as well. Copper belts called *porik* are also worn by the women.

In conclusion, if you have never seen a *Ngajat* dance, visit Sarawak during Gawai Dayak to experience its uniqueness.

Exercise 1 : Complete the table.

DESCRIPTION OF ACCESSORIES	NAME OF TRADITIONAL ACCESSORIES
1. MALE DANCER'S HEADGEAR.	
2. FEMALE DANCER'S HEADDRESS.	
3. A LOIN-CLOTH.	
4. A KNEE LENGTH DRESS WITH INTRICATE WEAVING	
5. BANGLES WORN FROM THE KNEE DOWNWARD.	
6. COPPER BELT	

Exercise 2 : Refer to the comprehension text and answer the questions that follow.

1. The Gawai Dayak festival is celebrated _____.

<i>FORTNIGHTLY</i>	
<i>MONTHLY</i>	
<i>ANNUALLY</i>	

2. The traditional dance of the Dayaks is called _____.

<i>TAHUP</i>	
<i>NGAJAT</i>	
<i>BURANG SAMBA</i>	

3. Match the phrase in List A to the suitable phrase in List B.

<i>LIST A</i>		<i>LIST B</i>
<i>WHILE DANCING, THE MALE DANCERS WEAR</i>		<i>IS MADE OF CLOTH WITH GOLDEN LACE</i>
<i>THE FEMALE DANCERS WEAR COPPER BANGLES</i>		<i>WITH INTRICATE WEAVING.</i>
<i>JAMUH IS THE KNEE LENGTH DRESS</i>		<i>A HEADGEAR CALLED BURANG SUMBA.</i>
<i>THE MALE DANCER'S HEADGEAR</i>		<i>ON THEIR LEGS.</i>

Exercise 3 : Write your answer in the space provided.

4. List two traditional accessories worn by the female dancers.

(a) _____

(b) _____

5. Why do you think the Ngajat dancers wear traditional clothes during their performance?

6. What do you think the long sword and shield symbolise?

7. Do you think the younger generations should learn their traditional dance? Why?
