ENGLISH 9 - UNIT 4

Listen and read. Pay attention to the underlined words.

Father: This is a present for you, son.
Nguyen: A kite! How cool! Thank you, dad.
Father: I made it for you, just like your grandfather used to make one for me.
Nguyen: Is it a **family tradition**?
Father: Yes, for **generations**.
Nguyen: I love it. So when you were a kid, what did you use to do for **entertainment**?
Father: Oh, it was all very simple back then. We didn't have television or the internet. A **mobile** movie team used to come once every two months, and everyone from the village would be there. The children were always early, trying to get a place near the screen.
Nguyen: I **suppose** it was a **special occasion**, wasn't it?
Father: Sure.
Nguyen: I wish there were movie teams like that now.
Father: Yeah, it was a lot of fun.
Nguyen: Then how did you get to know about the world outside?
Father: We had the radio; actually, only **wealthy** people did. The whole village used to listen to the news programme through a **loudspeaker**.
Nguyen: Wow, I can't imagine that.
Father: I know. The world's changed a lot, son. It's much easier now.
Nguyen: Do you miss the past, dad?
Father: I suppose I do. Sometimes I wish I could go back to that time.

Match the words and phrases with the correct definitions.

	all the attitudes, ideas and beliefs which a person inherits from their parents and ancestors
	all the people of about the same age within a society or within a particular family
	shows, films, television, or other performances or activities that entertain people

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	able to be moved from one place to another
	to think that
	an important day or event
	having a lot of money
	

Complete the following sentences with the given words.

generations events tradition special occasion loudspeaker

1. A _____ is used to make the sound much louder so that many people can hear it from a distance.

2. Fireworks have long been an American _____ on the Fourth of July.

3. There is always a big gap between _____. The old sometimes find it difficult to understand the young.

4. Traditionally, weddings and funerals are considered important _____ in Viet Nam.

5. A wedding is an _____, not only for the bride and groom but also for other attendants as they can meet friends and relatives.

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Read the notes below

REMEMBER!

tradition: an inherited way of thinking or acting
habit: what you frequently do
behaviour: the way in which one acts, especially towards others
practice: the actual application or use of an idea, belief, or method



Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

1. He followed the family _____ and became a doctor.
2. The boys were suspended from school for bad _____.
3. I've got into the _____ of turning on the TV as soon as I get home.
4. There's a _____ in our family that we have a party on New Year's Eve.
5. The bank has continued its _____ of charging late fees.
6. Parents can influence the _____ of their children.
7. It is good _____ to check your work before handing it in.
8. It's all right to borrow money occasionally, but don't let it become a _____.

Match the verbs with the suitable noun phrases.

	bare-footed		your imagination
	the post (letters)		our traditions
	themselves		a diary
	to drum music		
	stories		

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Write the phrases you have under the correct pictures.








Complete the following sentences with the correct phrases. Change the form and tense if necessary.

1. My mother is used to _____ early in the morning.

2. While in hiding, Anne Frank _____. After she died, her daily thoughts and feelings have become an inspiration for many young people.

3. The Lion Dance is a traditional dance in Vietnam. During many festivals, we can easily see the dancers _____ on the street.

4. We respect and _____ through cultural celebrations, through the naming of our children, and through the honoring of our ancestors through the preservation of their graves and monuments.

5. The teacher asked us to _____ and draw a picture of our dream city.

6. Our final project is to _____ written by O. Henry.

7. We took off our shoes and socks and _____ along the beach.

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8. My younger brother and sister usually play video games or watch cartoons to _____.

Read the text carefully, then do the tasks.

Changes in Food Habits

Before the Stone Age, people used to eat fruits, leaves and anything they found from the forest. However, this habit changed into hunting animals, *preserving* food items and planting and growing vegetables, which eventually led into farming different crops like maize, corn, and rice. People were healthy, they rarely had diseases and never needed extra exercise because their daily work kept their bodies running.

At present, we have turned agriculture into a *mass scale production*, including machinery, technology and pesticides, all of which came in with the green revolution. With the green revolution, agriculture and the traditional farming culture *turned upside down*. As of now, farmers who are able to *cope with* the multinational corporations and their large-scale, expensive products, pesticides and high-yielding varieties of seeds, keep producing crops for the market. Yet the traditional, low-income farmers even today, especially in Asian countries, are *in a dire state*.

Fast food is another major factor in modern food habits. Although many people find it convenient, it leads to many health conditions. Today people are unhealthy, need medicine and function on diets and exercise machines.

Decide whether the following sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1. People in the past ate healthy food so they rarely had diseases.
2. The green revolution is the decrease in agriculture production.
3. The green revolution caused agriculture to change completely.
4. Farmers nowadays can't meet the great demand of the food market.
5. Fast food is convenient but it's not good for your health.

Write the highlighted words next to the suitable Vietnamese meanings.

1. (n) sản xuất hàng loạt
2. (v) bảo quản
3. (v) đối phó với
4. (prep) trong tình trạng tồi tệ
5. (v) thay đổi hoàn toàn

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