

UNIT 4: OUR CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

I. Match the word or phrase with its definition.

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| 1. custom | a. the feeling of being comfortable and happy in a particular place or with a particular group of people | | | |
| 2. tradition | b. the knives, forks, and spoons that you use for eating food | | | |
| 3. sharp | c. an accepted way of behaving or of doing things | | | |
| 4. table manners | d. exactly right | | | |
| 5. cutlery | e. all the people who were born at about the same time | | | |
| 6. prong | f. a belief, custom or way of doing something that has existed for a long time | | | |
| 7. generation | g. the socially acceptable way to eat your food, especially when eating a meal with others | | | |
| 8. sense of belonging | h. each of the two or more long pointed parts of a fork | | | |
| 9. host | i. at a particular time exactly | | | |
| 10. spot on | j. a person who invites guests to a meal, a party, etc. | | | |
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| 6- | 7- | 8- | 9- | 10- |

II. Complete the sentences with the words in part I.

1. Your _____ are awful - don't you know how to use a knife and fork?
2. The major items of _____ in Western dining style are the knife, fork and spoon.
3. The extended family generally consists of at least three _____ – grandparents, parents and children living together.
4. The _____ will offer you drinks or foods if he invites you to his home.
5. It's the _____ in Japan to take your shoes off when you go into someone's house.
6. The weather forecast was _____ – it rained all day!
7. Are you sure that other people have had a _____ in your group?
8. My extended family has a _____ of having reunions every summer.
9. You shouldn't point the _____ of the fork upwards during the meal.
10. Please be here at seven o'clock _____.

III. Complete the sentences with the correct form or tense of the verbs in the box.

respect wrap worship pass take reflect reunite break

1. She _____ the present in red paper and tied it with yellow ribbon.
2. All students should _____ their teachers.
3. The culture of *xoe* dancing _____. Thai people's lifestyle and culture.
4. We decided _____ with tradition and go away for Tet holidays.
5. In my family the tradition that has been _____ down is eating together every Sunday.
6. Almost every Vietnamese household sets an altar _____ their ancestors.
7. It is considered very impolite not _____ off your shoes before entering a house in Japan.
8. Lots of people come back _____ their families during Tet holiday.

IV. Match the two halves to make a full sentence.

1. In Vietnam, it is not uncommon
 2. If you are invited to a Swede's home,
 3. It's our tradition at Mid-Autumn festival that
 4. It's the custom in Mexico to
 5. My province broke with tradition by
 6. It's an old custom in many birthday parties that
 7. Considered as the symbol of Vietnamese tradition,
 8. There is a custom in Japan that
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- a. everyone will give moon cakes to their parents, relatives or friends.
 - b. not having fireworks on New Year's Eve.
 - c. you should bring a gift such as chocolates, flowers or liquors as the Swedish gift giving custom.
 - d. you take off your shoes before going into a house.
 - e. for three generations to be living together under one roof.
 - f. *Ao dai* is most commonly worn by women at school, work and on special occasions.
 - g. the birthday cake is decorated with lighted candles.
 - h. tip 10% for passable service and 15% for good service.

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