



C. READING



IX Read the passage and fill in the blank with a suitable word.

How a conical hat is made?

Nowadays, people in Viet Nam use hats (1) from cloth or plastic but many people still prefer (2) hats made from leaves. They say it's (3) comfortable and cooler to wear conical hats. A (4) Hat looks simple but (5) hat makers have to follow 15 stages, from going to the forests to collect special leaves, choosing the quality ones, drying and ironing (6) to make frames. Conical hats always have two layers of leaves. Hat makers must be very skillful to make the (7) layers very thin. In Hue, the artisans make special conical hats by adding poems (8) pictures of Hue between the two layers to create famous Bai tho or poetic conical (9) Making conical hats now represents one of the (10) crafts of Viet Nam.

X Read the passage and answer the questions below.

**The Hanoitimes - It's essential to explore Hanoi's craft villages when
come to this thousand-year-old city.**

Bat Trang pottery village



Bat Trang, traditional porcelain and pottery village with history of seven centuries, is an interesting attraction in Hanoi that tourists should not ignore. Located in an area rich in clay, the village has the advantage of ingredients to create fine ceramics. Visiting Bat Trang, tourists can take a walk or join a buffalo tour for sightseeing and shopping.

Besides many ceramic stores along the road in the village, tourists should visit Bat Trang Porcelain and Pottery Market where they can directly make pottery products by themselves. Many

youngsters and foreign tourists are interested in this pottery- making experience, and spend a whole day in the market to make a gift for family or friends.

Van Phuc silk village



Van Phuc Silk Village is situated on the banks of Nhue Thi River, Nguyen Trai Road, near Ha Dong city, 8 km southwest of Ha Noi. It takes you only 30 minutes by motorbike to go there from the centre of Hanoi. The village has been much well -known for its traditional sericulture, weaving, and silk products. Tourists coming here are lured by various beautiful shirts, crafts, ties, dresses and many other things made of silk available in the village. What is special is that the silk is made by very simple looms, which is the genuinely traditional Vietnamese way of making silk.

For centuries, silk has always been considered an extreme luxury, compared with rhinoceros horn, ivory and precious handworks in Vietnam. It has long been a universal byword of luxury, often worn by the richest, most powerful citizens. Today, the fine and lustrous cloth that originates from the cocoon of the silkworm is more affordable for “ordinary” folk. Furthermore, silk is currently enjoying a fashion renaissance, particularly since its many varieties can be made into a wide range of designs suitable for all facets of modern life. With 2000 years of history behind them, the silk weavers of Van Phuc Silk village are still busy weaving dreams.

1. How old is Bat Trang pottery village?
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2. What do many youngsters and foreign tourists like to do when they visit Bat Trang pottery village?
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3. Where is Van Phuc Silk Village situated?
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4. What is Van Phuc Silk village famous for?
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5. What is special about Van Phuc silk?
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E. LISTENING

XIII Listen to a man talking about Quat Dong village (in Ha Tay province), which is very famous for embroidery. Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. Quat Dong is one of the few embroidery villages in Vietnam.
2. There are hundreds of traditional handicrafts villages in the country.
3. Embroidery's history started after Vietnam became a socialist republic country.
4. Embroidery originated in Vietnam.
5. Embroidery skills weren't widely spread in Vietnam.

XIV Listen again. Answer the questions below.

1. What is Quat Dong embroidery village famous for?
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2. When did embroidery come into existence in Vietnam?
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3. What did local skilled artisans make for the Kings and Queens?
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4. On what occasion did Mr. Le Cong Hanh learn about the embroidery skills?
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5. What must an artisan have to make beautiful embroideries?
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F. WRITING



XV Rewrite the following sentences based on the given words.

1. Dave is seriously stressed because he can't study as well as his classmates.
→ Dave is (keep)
2. The director offered him a good job, but he refused.
→ The director (turn)
3. My sister can't decide between Hanoi University and Vietnam National University to study.
→ My sister can't decide which (to)
4. "I went to Da Nang last year, but I didn't visit Ba Na Hills.", said Rossie.
→ Rossie said that
5. She shared with her mother about her problems at school, but she didn't feel better. (although)
→ She didn't

XVI Complete the following sentences by adding necessary words and making some changes.

1. Van Phuc silk village/ situated/ bank of Nhue River/ about 10km southwest/ Hanoi Old Quarter.

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2. It/ renowned/ traditional weaving/ premium quality silk products.

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3. Van Phuc/consider/ most ancient silk village/ provide/ best silk in Vietnam.

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4. Walk/ main road in Van Phuc/ tourists/ lost in the world of silk/ various products/ silk/
shirts, ties, crafts, dresses.

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5. Tourists/ join a tour/ Van Phuc village/ book/ travel agencies/ visit Van Phuc/ their
owns/ cars, motorbikes/ catch the local bus 02, 21/ then/ walk 500m/ village.