

## UNIT 4. CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

**Task 1.** Before you read the article, read the definitions below. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in bold.

**belief** (n) an idea that you are sure is true

**ceremony** (n) a formal event with special traditions, activities or words such as a wedding

**endangered** (adj) (of customs and traditions) in danger of being lost

**generation** (n) all the people in a society or family who are approximately the same age

**preserve** (v) to keep something the same or prevent it from being damaged or destroyed

**protection** (n) the act of keeping someone or something safe from injury, damage or loss

**tradition** (n) a belief or way of acting that people in a particular society or group have continued to follow for a long time

1 In Mexican culture, a quinceanera is a special \_\_\_\_\_ to celebrate a girl's 15th birthday.

2 In some cultures, several \_\_\_\_\_ live together in the same house - parents, grandparents and children.

3 Children tend to have the same \_\_\_\_\_ as their parents when they are young, but this may change when they become adults.

4 Although most Japanese cities are very modern, they still try to \_\_\_\_\_ some of their old buildings.

5 In Chinese culture, there is a \_\_\_\_\_ to give money in red envelopes at New Year.

6 Modern technology has brought many benefits, but it has also meant that some traditional customs have become \_\_\_\_\_.

7 Places which are listed as UNESCO World Heritage sites have special \_\_\_\_\_ and cannot be destroyed.