

# English 8\_UNIT 13\_FESTIVALS

## LISTEN AND READ.

**Liz:** Thanks (1)..... inviting me to the rice-cooking festival, Ba.

Can you explain what is happening?

**Ba:** Sure. There are three (2).....(cuộc thi): water-fetching, fire-making and rice-cooking.

**Liz:** Where does the water come from?

**Ba:** There's a river about one kilometer away. One person from each team has to run (3)..... the river. There are four bottles of water (4)..... the river bank and each runner must take a bottle and return (5)..... the starting position.

**Liz:** That man seems (6).....(buồn rầu). What did he just (7).....(hét, la to)?

**Ba:** He (8).....(thúc đẩy) his teammate to run faster.

**Liz:** What's special about the fire-making contest?

**Ba:** The fire is made in the (9).....(truyền thống-adj) way. Two team members try to make a fire by (10).....(chà xát) pieces of bamboo together. The (11).....(người chiến thắng) are the first ones to make a fire.

**Liz:** I'm (12).....(thích, quan tâm) in the rice-cooking contest, too.

**Ba:** Six people from each team (13)..... in this event. They have to (14)..... (tách) the rice (15)..... the husk and then cook the rice.

**Liz:** How do they decide who wins the contest?

**Ba:** The (15).....(giám khảo) try the finished (16).....(sản phẩm) and the most delicious rice is the winner. Then all the points are added and the(17)..... prize is awarded.

**Liz:** Is that what is happening now?

**Ba:** The (18)..... leader just said that he was pleased to (19)..... the prize (20)..... the Thon Trieu team.

## READ.

### The Christmas Tree

One Christmas Eve (1)..... the early 1500s, some people (2)..... (trang trí) a tree and put it in the market place in the Latvian city of Riga. This custom (3).....( lan tỏa) throughout Europe, and finally to America in the 1800s.

### The Christmas Card

In the mid-nineteenth (4).....(thế kỷ), an Englishman wanted to send Christmas greetings (5)..... his friends, so he had someone design a card. Forty years later, cards were a part of the Christmas (6).....( truyền thống)

### Christmas Carols

Eight hundred years ago, Christmas songs (7)..... performed for people in towns and villages. These songs were stories put to music and most people enjoyed them. The leaders of the Church, however, did not. They said the songs were (8).....(không phù hợp), but about 180 years ago, the songs became (9).....(phổ biến, được ưa chuộng) again.

### Santa Claus

In 1823, the Patron saint of children, Saint Nicholas appeared in a (10)..... (bài thơ) called A Visit From Saint Nicholas. The character in the poem was a fat jolly man who wore a red suit and gave children presents (11)..... Christmas Eve. The poem, which was (12).....by Clement Clarke Moore, an American professor, became popular in the USA. Santa Claus is based (13)..... the (14).....( sự mô tả) of Saint Nicholas in this poem.

## LISTEN.

**Mrs. Robinson:** John, I want you to go to the flower market (1)..... me, please.

**Mr. Robinson:** What do I have (2)..... buy?

**Mrs. Robinson:** Some peach blossoms and a bunch (3)..... flowers.

**Mr. Robinson:** What sort of flowers?

**Mrs. Robinson:** Marigolds, because they are traditional (4)..... Tet.

**Mr. Robinson:** Anything else?

**Mrs. Robinson:** No, but I need Liz (5)..... do a few things.

**Liz:** What was that, Mom?

**Mrs. Robinson:** (6)..... you busy?

**Liz:** No. Do you need something?

**Mrs. Robinson:** Yes. Go (7)..... the market and pick (8)..... some candy and one (8)..... ( gói ) of dried watermelon seeds, please.

**Liz:** Okay. What are you going (9)..... do?

**Mrs. Robinson:** I'm going to Mrs. Nga's house. She's going to show me how (10)..... sticky rice balls.

### **WRITE.**

#### **The Rice-cooking Festival**

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This report shows how the (1).....(nấu cơm) festival was held.

The festival was held in the (2)..... house yard about one kilometer away from a river. There were three competitions: water-fetching, fire-(3)..... and rice-(4)..... The festival took one day.

In the water-fetching contest one person (5)..... each team had to run to the river to get the water.

In the fire-making (6)..... two team members had to (7)..... a fire in the (8)..... way. They tried to rub (9)..... of bamboo together to make the fire.

Six people from each team took part (10)..... the rice - cooking contest. They had to separate the rice from the (11)..... and then cook the rice.

After the three contests, all points were added and the Thon Trieu group won the grand (12)..... The festival was wonderful.