

LEVEL 4A – UNIT 1: LET'S HAVE FUN

Lesson 1: Tet is coming!

I. Match the words to the suitable pictures. Then make sentences for each picture.

Kitchen God

Traditional costumes

Spring market

Family reunion



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II. Read and choose a suitable word to complete the sentences.



Ben: What is your favorite festival in a year, Mai?

Mai: I like Tet the best. It is the longest public _____ in Vietnam.

Ben: Oh. Could you tell me more about Tet? What is it exactly?

Mai: Well, Tet Holiday is celebrated to _____ the New Year (Lunar calendar) and summarize what they did in the old year.

Vietnamese people believe that what they do on the _____ day of the year will affect their rest.

Ben: Sounds interesting! What else?

Mai: There are a lot of customs practiced during Tet such as _____ a person's house on the first day of the new year (first foot), ancestral worship, wishing New Year's greetings, giving _____ money to children and elderly people. Tet is also an occasion for family _____. Members return home to have happy _____ together after a full hard-working year.

Ben: So what do people often do before Tet? ...



III. Which sentences are FACTS about Tet? Tick.

1. Tet is my family's favorite festival in a year.
2. Tet is the longest public holiday in Vietnam.
3. People believe that giving lucky money in Tet is wishing somebody luck for the new year.
4. Lucky money is a little new cash put in a red envelope.
5. On 23rd of December in the Lunar calendar every year, people prepare a full tray of food to worship the Kitchen Gods and see them fly to heaven.
6. Millions of people move throughout the country, return to their home villages to share reunions with friends and family.



IV. Read about other countries' New year festival and Match.

In Japan, temples ring their bells 108 times at midnight on December 31. By doing so, people believe the bad things of the past year will leave.

In Spain, people try to put 12 grapes in their mouth at midnight for good luck.

In Switzerland, they drop ice cream on the floor to celebrate the New Year.

In Romania, they throw coins into a river for good luck.

In Thailand, they throw water on other people to wash away bad luck.

1. Japan

2. Spain

3. Switzerland

4. Romania

5. Thailand

a. put 12 grapes in the mouth

b. ring bells 108 times

c. throw coins into a river

d. throw water on other people

e. drop ice cream on the floor



V. Read and Tick the things which appear in the passages, and Cross the ones which don't.

A


Russ - the USA

I often go to Times Square with my parents to welcome the New Year. When the clock strikes midnight, colourful fireworks light up the sky. Everybody cheers and sings.

B


Wu - China

On New Year's Day, we dress beautifully and go to our grandparents' houses. We wish them Happy New Year and they give us lucky money. Then we go out and have a day full of fun.

C


Mai - Viet Nam

I learn some customs about Tet from my parents. People give rice to wish for enough food and buy salt to wish for good luck. Dogs are lucky animals but cats are not. A cat's cry sounds like "poor" in Vietnamese.

a. lucky money



b. a day full of fun



c. a cat's cry



d. decorating the house



e. fireworks



f. saying wishes



g. cheering and singing



h. visiting relatives



VI. Listen and write the words you hear.







