

Unit 5

BEING PART OF ASEAN

WRITING

ASEAN member states: brief introductions

1 Read the following information about Viet Nam. Fill the gaps with the correct words or phrases in the box.

family values
land area

Heritage Sites
income

Vovinam

The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

- a. shape of elongated S, (1) _____ : 331,212 km²; population: about 93,000,000, most speak Vietnamese; capital: Ha Noi
- b. economy: develops rapidly; leading agricultural exporter: main export products – crude oil, marine products, rice and coffee; lower-middle (2) _____ country
- c. sports: football, cycling, boxing, swimming, badminton, tennis, aerobics, (3) _____ ; athletes compete regionally, internationally, hold high ranks in many sports
- d. one of the oldest cultures, known for ancestor worship; appreciate (4) _____ and education; home to 54 ethnic groups with their own languages, lifestyles, customs
- e. visitors from around the world; attractions: World (5) _____ (Ha Long Bay, Hoi An); beautiful sights: Sa Pa, Mui Ne, Ha Noi, contribute to country's magic charm



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2 Read the extract from a short brochure introducing Viet Nam. Match the subheadings (1-5) with the paragraphs (a-e).

The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

<p>a. Shaped like an elongated S, Viet Nam covers a land area of 331,212 km². Its population is about 93,000,000 million people, most of whom speak Vietnamese. The capital is Ha Noi.</p>	<p>1. Tourist attractions</p>	<p>d. Being one of the oldest cultures in the region, Viet Nam is known for ancestor worship. The Vietnamese appreciate family values and education. Viet Nam is home to 54 ethnic groups with their own languages, lifestyles, and customs.</p>	<p>4. Area and Population</p>
<p>b. Viet Nam's economy has developed rapidly. Becoming a leading agricultural exporter, its main export products include crude oil, marine products, rice, and coffee. Currently, Viet Nam is a lower-middle income country.</p>	<p>2. Sports</p>	<p>e. Viet Nam attracts millions of visitors from around the world. Tourist attractions include not only World Heritage Sites like Ha Long Bay and Hoi An Ancient Town. The beautiful sights in Sa Pa, Mui Ne and Ha Noi all contribute to the country's magic charm.</p>	<p>5. Economy</p>
<p>c. Popular sports in Viet Nam are football, cycling, boxing, swimming, badminton, tennis, aerobics and <i>Vovinam</i>. Vietnamese athletes compete regionally and internationally and hold high ranks in many sports.</p>	<p>3. Culture</p>		



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Use the information of an ASEAN country that you've found in the Speaking Preparation (or a new one if you want) to complete the table below. Make it brief (use words/phrases, NOT sentences) like Activity 1 in the Writing Preparation.

<i>Country</i>	
<i>Culture</i>	
<i>Sports</i>	
<i>Area and Population</i>	
<i>Tourist Attractions</i>	
<i>Economy</i>	

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Communication

Singapore Scholarships and ASEAN Scholarships



1 Read the school notice about the *Singapore Scholarship* and the *ASEAN Scholarships*. Use the words or phrases to fill the gaps. Check with a partner.

- a. air ticket
- b. bad behaviour
- c. or four years
- d. English skills
- e. academic results
- f. renewed annually



The school board would like to inform students that applications for the *Singapore Scholarship* and the *ASEAN Scholarships* for Viet Nam are now open.

The Scholarships are offered by the Singapore Government to students from nine ASEAN member countries (except Singapore). The length of the Scholarship is three (1) _____, depending on the programmes.

SINGAPORE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship winners will study in selected universities in Singapore. Applicants are chosen based on their (2) _____ and performance in school activities. In addition, candidates must have excellent English skills. The scholarship is renewed every year and may be stopped if the students have poor academic records or (3) _____.

ASEAN SCHOLARSHIPS

The *ASEAN Scholarships* provide opportunities for studies in selected Singapore schools and are (4) _____. Scholarship holders who have satisfactory academic performance are awarded the *Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education 'Advanced' (GCE A-Level)* certificate. Applicants for the scholarship must have very good grades and excellent (5) _____.

The scholarships cover full tuition fees, living expenses and accommodation fees. The students are provided with one return (6) _____ from their home country to Singapore for the duration of studies.

Please contact Ms Van Anh, Rm. 314, Building B during office hours for more information.

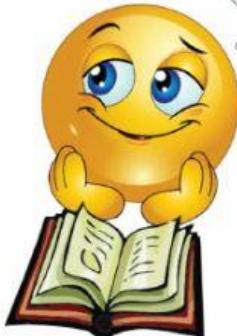
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Pronunciation

Listen and practise saying the following sentences. Mark the intonation: rising (↗) or falling (↘).

1. The Constitution of ASEAN is the ASEAN Charter.
2. Did the Charter come into force on December 15th, 2008?
3. The Charter is a legal agreement among the ten ASEAN member states.
4. Does the Charter set out the basic guiding principles for its member states?
5. One of the Charter's principles is the 'Right to live without external interference'.

Vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the words (a-f).

a. charter	b. bloc	c. member
d. association	e. stability	f. maintain

1. ASEAN aims to promote peace, security and _____ in the region.
2. We try our best to attract new members to our _____ every year.
3. An agreement between China and ASEAN created the third largest trading _____ in the world.
4. An ASEAN Scholarship holder has to _____ good academic performance to keep the scholarship.
5. Viet Nam received assistance from ASEAN _____ states even before the country joined the bloc.
6. The ASEAN _____ entered into force after the ten members signed it.

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Grammar

1 Choose the correct verb form in brackets to complete each sentence.

1. Nam expects (to win / winning / win) in the coming competition on ASEAN and the ASEAN Charter.
2. The authorities in Cambodia do not permit (to enter / entering / enter) the country's eco-regions without an official guide.
3. Doctors and nurses risk (to catch / catching / catch) infectious diseases from patients.
4. My parents promised (to take / taking / take) us to Angkor Wat.
5. I recommend (to visit / visiting / visit) the Royal Regalia Museum in the capital city of Brunei.

2 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box. Use the correct forms.

complete speak find dance swim

1. Tim dreams of _____ in the beautiful waters of Ha Long Bay in Viet Nam.
2. I suggest _____ Lamvong if you are in Laos because it is a good way to relax and make friends.
3. Our English teacher encourages _____ about places of interest in ASEAN countries.
4. Quang practised _____ in front of his parents so he can prepare for his presentation on ASEAN sports activities.
5. Tuan concentrated on _____ his project on ASEAN last week and was able to submit it on time.



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Grammar

3 Choose the correct verb form to complete each of the sentences.

1. I (feel / am feeling) I should go to Ha Long Bay to relax. I'm too stressed.
2. Can you hear the music? His class (has / is having) a rehearsal for tomorrow's meeting with the ASEAN Youth Delegation.
3. I (look / am looking) out of the window, but can't see him in the street.
4. I can see him at the market. He (smells / is smelling) the fish now.
5. The doctor (feels / is feeling) the boy's leg to see if it is broken.



4 Use the simple or continuous form of the verbs in brackets to complete the sentences.

1. Many Vietnamese parents believe that their children study English because they _____ (recognise) its importance.
2. I _____ (know) that the beaches in Bali, Indonesia, are always full of tourists who are attracted by their beauty.
3. Ven Keo, my pen pal in Laos, changed his mind again. Now he _____ (think) of studying at a university in Viet Nam, not in Singapore.
4. _____ you _____ (remember) visiting the Chocolate Hills, one of the top tourist attractions in the Philippines?
5. 'How _____ you _____ (feel) now, Mai?'
'Oh, much better. Thanks a lot, Dr Lam.'