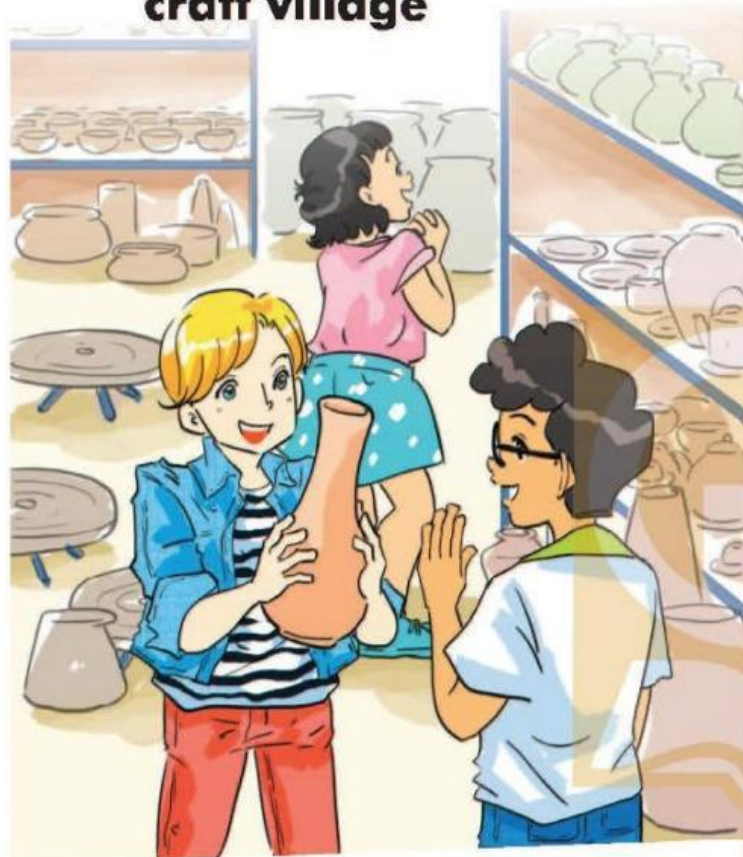


GETTING STARTED

A visit to a traditional craft village



1 Listen and read.

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Nick: There are so many pieces of pottery here, Phong. Do your grandparents make all of them?

Phong: They can't because we have lots of products. They make some and other people make the rest.

Nick: As far as I know, Bat Trang is one of the most famous traditional craft villages of Ha Noi, right?

Phong: Right. My grandmother says it's about 700 years old.

Mi: Wow! When did your grandparents set up this workshop?

THIS UNIT INCLUDES:

VOCABULARY

Traditional crafts
 Places of interest

PRONUNCIATION

Stress on content words in sentences

GRAMMAR

Complex sentences: review
 Phrasal verbs

SKILLS

- Reading for general and specific information about a traditional craft village
- Discussing local traditional crafts, their benefits and challenges
- Listening for specific information about places of interest in an area
- Writing an email to give information about places of interest in an area and things to do there

COMMUNICATION

Arranging a visit to a place of interest in the region

Phong: My great-grandparents started it, not my grandparents. Then my grandparents took over the business. All the artisans here are my aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Mi: I see. Your village is also a place of interest of Ha Noi, isn't it?

Phong: Yes. People come here to buy things for their house. Another attraction is they can make pottery themselves in workshops.

Nick: That must be a memorable experience.

Phong: In Viet Nam there are lots of craft villages like Bat Trang. Have you ever been to any others?

Mi: I've been to a conical hat making village in Hue!

Nick: Cool! This is my first one. Do you think that the various crafts remind people of a specific region?

Mi: Sure. It's the reason tourists often choose handicrafts as souvenirs.

Phong: Let's go outside and look round the village.

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a Can you find a word/phrase that means:

1. a thing which is skilfully made with your hands
2. start something (a business, an organisation, etc.)
3. take control of something (a business, an organisation, etc.)
4. people who do skilled work, making things with their hands
5. an interesting or enjoyable place to go or thing to do
6. a particular place
7. make someone remember or think about something
8. walk around a place to see what is there

Watch out!

'As far as I know' is an expression. It is used to say that you think you know something but you cannot be completely sure, especially because you do not know all the facts.



b Answer the following questions.

1. Where are Nick, Mi, and Phong?
2. How old is the village?
3. Who started Phong's family workshop?
4. Why is the village a place of interest in Ha Noi?
5. Where is the craft village that Mi visited?
6. Why do tourists like to buy handicrafts as souvenirs?

2 Write the name of each traditional handicraft in the box under the picture.

paintings pottery drums silk lanterns
conical hats lacquerware marble sculptures



A. _____



B. _____



C. _____



D. _____



E. _____



F. _____



G. _____



H. _____

3 Complete the sentences with the words/phrases from 2 to show where in Viet Nam the handicrafts are made. You do not have to use them all.

1. The birthplace of the famous *bai tho* _____ is Tay Ho village in Hue.
2. If you go to Hoi An on the 15th of each lunar month, you can enjoy the lights of many beautiful _____.
3. Van Phuc village in Ha Noi produces different types of _____ products such as cloth, scarves, ties, and dresses.
4. On the Tet holiday, many Hanoians go to Dong Ho village to buy folk _____.
5. _____ products of Bau Truc, such as pots and vases, have the natural colours typical of Champa culture in Ninh Thuan.
6. Going to Non Nuoc marble village in Da Nang, we're impressed by a wide variety of _____ from Buddha statues to bracelets.

4 QUIZ: WHAT IS THE PLACE OF INTEREST?

a Work in pairs to do the quiz.

1. People go to this area to walk, play, and relax.
2. It is a place where objects of artistic, cultural, historical, or scientific interest are kept and shown.
3. People go to this place to see animals.
4. It is an area of sand, or small stones, beside the sea or a lake.
5. It is a beautiful and famous place in the countryside.

b Work in groups. Write a similar quiz about places of interest. Ask another group to answer the quiz.