



## LISTENING

**Task 1: Listen to a woman sharing her thoughts about seasons in the countryside. Answer the questions below:**



1. What does she think about the seasons in the countryside?  
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2. Where does she think city dwellers spend half their lives?  
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3. Are there a lot of changes from day to day in the countryside?  
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4. When do the farmers harvest the crops?  
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5. What does she say about the seasonal food?  
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**Task 2: Listen and decide if the statements are True (T) or False (F)**

1. City people are also interested in season changes in the countryside. ....
2. City people spend half their lives indoors or underground. ....
3. The crops developed the fastest in spring and summer. ....
4. Not everything changes when a new season comes. ....
5. One wonderful thing about seasons is the seasonal food. ....



## SPEAKING

**Task 1. Match the questions and answers. Then practice.**

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|---|----|------------------------------|
| 1. Which is better, city life or rural life?      | 1- | a. Yes, there are some.      |
| 2. From whom did you learn to make kites?         | 2- | b. At harvest time           |
| 3. Where can you fly a kite in your village?      | 3- | c. My father.                |
| 4. Why do you store the hay?                      | 4- | d. Its peacefulness.         |
| 5. Do you think country people are friendlier?    | 5- | e. Both have pros and cons.  |
| 6. When would you like to visit the countryside?  | 6- | f. To feed our cattle        |
| 7. Are there any street markets in your hometown? | 7- | g. In dry paddy fields.      |
| 8. What do you love most about countryside?       | 8- | h. Yes. They're also happier |

**Task 2. Complete the conversation using the sentences in the box. There is one extra sentence.**

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| A. I think so  |
| B. It is jump rope. I sometimes meet my classmate for it.        |
| C. Yes, I do. Tug of war is my favorite game.                    |
| D. No, I am not. What about you, Ben?                            |
| E. Interesting! I usually watch my brothers play it in the yard. |
| F. I play it after school.                                       |

Ben: Do you like to play any folk games?

**Mia: 1)**

Ben: What other games do you like to play?

**Mia: 2)**

Ben: Are you good at jump rope?

**Mia: 3)**

Ben: No, I rarely play jump rope, but I prefer spinning tops.

**Mia: 4)**

Ben Boys always love to play spinning tops.

**Mia: 5)-**



## READING

### Task 1. Read and answer the questions.

1. Where does the writer come from?

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2. Does he like living in a big city?

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3. Why does he prefer village life?

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4. How does he think about the people in his village?

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5. According to the writer, what is the disadvantage of living in the village?

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Many people enjoy living in a big city because they think life is more exciting there. However, I come from a small village and in my view, there are lots of benefits. The main reason I prefer village life is because it's very quiet, so I always feel calm when I'm here. Another reason is that the air is so fresh and clean. We have more green spaces and bigger gardens, too. In addition, I think the people here are friendlier. Personally, I'm interested in wildlife photography, so the countryside is perfect for me. The only downside is transport. I have an early start for a long Journey to school in Faro and the school bus is always stopping to pick up more people. Also, it's boring sometimes, but I enjoy chatting to my friends. Fortunately, I'm learning to ride a moped. On balance, I disagree that city life is better, as I think my village lifestyle is healthier and more relaxing. In spite of that, some of my friends couldn't cope with life in the country, so it comes down to personal opinion

### Task 2. Read the text about folk games. Write T (true), F (false) or DS (doesn't say).

Folk games are traditional games that people of all ages appear to enjoy playing. They can take many forms and differ from culture to culture. Tug of war is one of the most popular folk games. Two teams pull on a rope in opposite directions until one of them crosses the centerline. Hopscotch is another popular game in which players jump on one foot while throwing a small object into a numbered pattern on the ground. Sack races, in which participants race while



jumping inside a sack, and blind man's bluff, in which one player gets blindfolded and then tries to catch the other players, are two other folk games. There's also the game of marbles, in which players shoot marbles into a circle in the hopes of knocking out the marbles of their opponents. Folk games are a great way to learn about our culture. These games also assist people in making new friends and working as a team. They can teach important values and encourage physical fitness. Participating in a folk game can be a fun and memorable way to bring people together.

6 Tug of war is the only popular folk game.

7 Hopscotch is a game where players hop on two feet.

8 The game of marbles involves shooting marbles into a basket.

9 Folk games can teach important values.

10 Playing folk games can help people memorize things better.

### Task 3. Read the text and circle the correct answers.

#### VIETNAMESE FOOD FESTIVAL

The Vietnamese Food Festival is an event on January 1 of every year. The event is an occasion when people celebrate the new year by participating in different activities. This year's festival is at the Youth Cultural House. Visitors can watch famous cooks on television preparing well-known dishes from different parts of the country. Visitors can have a chance to have some of the dishes. At the same time, there is a lion dance show. Usually, children and teenagers are excited about the performance because there are many exciting things to see in the show. There is a particular area for such traditional leisure activities as tug of war, shuttlecock or jump rope. These activities are mainly available for children and teenagers. The most exciting activity of the Festival is a rice cooking competition. The winners can have an excellent opportunity to visit Ha Long for four days. Last year's winners received a three-day trip to Sapa. This year's event starts on September 16, and the tickets to the entrance are free of charge. Visitors can go to the webpage and get tickets for free. The information is available on the website.

1 When does the event take place?

A. every year

B. on January 1

C. in January

D. on the first day of each month

2 Why do people celebrate the event?

A. to celebrate a birthday

B. to mark a new year

C. to start a cooking contest

D. to give an award

3 Who is the lion dance performance mainly for?

A. children and teenagers

B. older people

C. all people

D. foreign visitors

4 What is the prize for the competition winners?

A. a trip to Sapa

B. a free ticket

- C. free entrance                      D. a vacation to Ha Long

5 Where can people buy their tickets?

- A. from the website                      B. at the entrance  
C. at the gate                              D. at the door

**Task 4. Read the passage. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).**

If you had your own apple orchard, it means you have a busy, year-around job. Apple growers schedule tasks all year long in order to have a good harvest in the fall and to get the apples to your grocery store while they are still fresh. Early in the spring, you will be out in the orchard fertilizing the trees and planting new trees. Maybe you are just replacing a few old trees that no longer produce many apples, or maybe you are adding rows of trees to enlarge your orchard or to try a new variety of apples. Soon the trees begin to show their pink and white blooms. Don't spend too much time admiring the flowers! You need to rent some bee hives to pollinate all of your trees. You don't want your trees to grow lots of tiny apples. You want to grow nice big ones, so after the blooms fade you start checking your trees to see if the buds need to be thinned. Maybe you will thin them by hand, or maybe you will use chemicals to do the job.

1. Apple growers always have things to do with their apple orchard. ....
2. Apples are harvested in the fall and brought to the stores after that season. ....
3. Apple growers use fertilizers for apples trees. ....
4. After each harvest season, all apple trees are replaced with new ones. ....
5. Thinning the buds will bring about big apple trees. ....



**WRITING**

**Task 1. Make sentences using the prompts.**

1 She/not/like/play jump rope / her cousins.

2 your parents/like/ go cycling / free time?

3 What sports/Ben and Ed / prefer/play/ weekend?

4 Where / Bill/prefer / play soccer/his friends /after school?

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5 Maya/like/play tug of war / her classmates / schoolyard.

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6 in/ Is/ the country/ living/ healthier/ living/ much/ in/ than/ the city?

\_\_\_\_\_

7. because/ the air/ People/ living/ fresh/ the villages/ enjoy/ is/ clean/ in/ and.

\_\_\_\_\_

8 We/ onto / load/ helped/ buffalo drawn carts/ the farmers/ the rice.

\_\_\_\_\_

9 changed/ in/ has/ a lot/ ten/ over/ Life/ the/ countryside/ past/ the/ years.

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10 In/ children/ the city/ play/ the countryside/ freely/ than/ more/ in.

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## Task 2. Answer the questions about yourself.

1. Do you like to play folk games?

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2. Who do you like to play a folk game with?

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3. When do you prefer to play sports?

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4. Where do you prefer to play sports?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. What folk games don't you like to play?

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6 What do you like doing in your free time?

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7 What sports do you like playing?

\_\_\_\_\_

8 Which do you prefer, talking face to face or chatting online?

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9 What does your mother like doing in the evening?

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10 What indoor activity does your father like doing in his free time?

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**Task 2. Write an announcement about a festival in your hometown.**

*You should base on the suggestions below:*

- Heading
- Time, location and purpose
- Invitation
- Entrance Free
- Things to do and see

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