

UNIT 8

Lesson 2

Festivals around the World



LESSON SUMMARY

Vocabulary



Word/Phrase	Meaning	Example
celebrate (v) /'selɪbreɪt/ → celebration (n)	to do something special or enjoyable on an important day or event	My parents are going to celebrate their 50 th anniversary next weekend.
midnight (n) /'mɪdnaɪt/	twelve o'clock at night	People start to celebrate the festival when they hear the clock strike midnight .
wish (v) /wɪʃ/ → wish (n)	a thing you want to have or take place	It is common to make a wish before blowing out the candles.
tradition (n) /trə'dɪʃn/ → traditional (adj) → traditionally (adv)	a very old practice or way of doing something	It is an old tradition to bite gold to test how real it is.
greeting (n) /'gri:tɪŋ/ → greet (v)	polite and friendly words from you to someone when you meet or welcome them	It is a lovely tradition to send your friends a greeting at Tết.
exchange (v) /ɪks'tʃeɪndʒ/ → exchange (n)	to give and get something from somebody	It's a tradition for the two teams to exchange shirts after the game.

Grammar

Different from and like

different from	like
- We use be + different from to say one thing is not the same as another or other things. Vietnamese Lunar New Year is different from other festivals in the world. - We can also use be + not the same as. I love exchanging cards, but my brother doesn't. He's not the same as me.	- We use like + noun to say two or more things are similar. Like my sister, I often get lucky money on New Year's Eve. - We can also use be + the same as. Nam has the same hobbies as Nga.

Pronunciation

Pronouncing /ɪ/ and /aɪ/



/ɪ/

- lip /lɪp/
- bring /brɪŋ/
- fill /fɪl/
- dinner /'dɪnər/
- milk /mɪlk/

/aɪ/

- like /laɪk/
- bright /braɪt/
- file /faɪl/
- dining /'daɪnɪŋ/
- Mike /maɪk/



PRACTICE



Pronunciation

a. Circle the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others.

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|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 A <u>i</u> ce | B w <u>i</u> sh | C f <u>i</u> ght | D bon <u>f</u> ire |
| 2 A h <u>i</u> t | B f <u>i</u> ll | C f <u>i</u> t | D l <u>i</u> ke |
| 3 A v <u>i</u> sit | B l <u>i</u> ght | C r <u>i</u> ght | D n <u>i</u> ght |
| 4 A w <u>i</u> nter | B l <u>i</u> ve | C art <u>i</u> st | D b <u>i</u> ke |
| 5 A f <u>i</u> ne | B sh <u>i</u> p | C g <u>i</u> ft | D m <u>i</u> dday |

Vocabulary

a. Complete the sentences using the words in the boxes.

- They welcome us with a warm _____ and some gifts.
- Unlike Vietnamese people, Thai people _____ the New Year in April.
- British people often eat pudding at the end of their Christmas dinner as a _____.
- We usually _____ gifts with our family and friends during the Mid-Autumn Festival.
- It is 11:00 p.m. now. I don't think the music festival will finish until _____.



tradition
greeting
midnight
exchange
celebrate

b. Give the correct forms of the words in brackets.

- She made a _____ before blowing out the candles. (WISH)
- Áo dài is a _____ dress of Vietnam. (TRADITION)
- My sister is preparing for her wedding _____ this December. (CELEBRATE)
- Cultural _____ will help to foster friendly relations between the two countries. (EXCHANGE)
- I became relaxed when she raised her hand to _____ me with a smile at the party. (GREETING)

Grammar

a. Circle the correct options.

- Jane is **like** / **different from** Henry. They both like puddings.
- Vietnamese people celebrate the Lunar New Year. That's **like** / **different from** Germans.
- Like** / **Different from** Japanese people, Vietnamese people also eat noodles.
- Like** / **Different from** the Americans, British people celebrate their birthdays with their families and friends.
- Traditional Vietnamese clothing is **like** / **different from** that of the UK. The British do not wear áo dài.

b. Complete the text using the words in the box.

like different the same (x2) different from

The Moon Festival is a traditional festival celebrated in 6) _____ countries in Asia. 7) _____ festival is celebrated in Japan, Korea, Vietnam, and other countries. It also takes place on 8) _____ day, 15th day of the 8th lunar month. Children from those countries, 9) _____ those in Vietnam, celebrate the festival with lanterns. However, the shapes of the lanterns are 10) _____ country to country.



Reading

a. Read the text. Write **T** (true), **F** (false) or **DS** (doesn't say).

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Halloween and Día de Los Muertos

It's fascinating to learn more about various celebrations of people all over the world. Let's talk about Halloween and Día de Los Muertos today, the two well-known celebrations in the United States and Mexico.

Although Halloween and Día de Los Muertos are celebrated around the same time, they are not the same. Halloween is celebrated on October 31st. On this day, Americans decorate their homes with scary decorations. Children dress up in various costumes and go around their neighborhood asking for candy. It's trick-or-treating, the children's favorite on Halloween evening.

Different from Halloween, people in Mexico celebrate Día de Los Muertos or The Day of the Dead on November 2nd every year. Mexican people believe that the dead people return to their homes on this day. They build an altar for their dead relatives and decorate it with candy, flowers, photographs, food and drinks, and fresh water. They also visit their relatives graves on this day.

- 1 Halloween and Día de Los Muertos take place on the same day. _____
- 2 In the US, people decorate their homes on Halloween. _____
- 3 Children in the US go trick-or-treating before Halloween. _____
- 4 Mexican people believe the dead can't return to their houses on Día de Los Muertos. _____
- 5 Mexican people decorate the graves of the dead with lights and trees on Día de Los Muertos. _____

b. Read the comments on Anna's blog post. Match the celebrations with their definitions.

Harry from Ireland

Like in the US, we dress up and spend the evening going trick-or-treating on Halloween evening. We also have bonfires and play different games. It's great fun! We eat Barmbrack, our traditional food on Halloween.



Yuko from Japan

We save a day to remember our dead relatives. It's Obon Festival. During this time, we light up candles every night. We float red lanterns into rivers and the ocean. They are very beautiful. Please come to Japan for Obon Festival.

Louisa from Germany

Different from the US, Halloween is not popular in my country. But people in Germany still celebrate a similar day by going to the Pumpkin Festival in Ludwigsburg. You can see lots of pumpkin lanterns and sculptures there. It's so cool!



Arun from Cambodia

People in my country celebrate a 15-day holiday called Pchum Ben every year. During this time, we wear white clothes and gather at pagodas to pray for our dead relatives. We also offer food and drink to the hungry ghosts.

A Halloween

B Obon Festival

C Pumpkin Festival

D Pchum Ben

- 6 This annual festival lasts for half of a month. _____
- 7 On this festival, people remember their deceased relatives. _____
- 8 Children participate in various activities during this celebration. _____
- 9 People use the same kind of vegetable as on Halloween at this festival. _____
- 10 In this celebration, people pray and offer food. _____

Speaking

Talk about a festival or celebration. You should say:



- When the festival/celebration is
- What people do at this festival/on the celebration
- Why you like the festival/celebration



Writing



a. Make sentences using the prompts. Add commas where necessary.

- 1 Like / people in Japan/ Korean people / play new year's games.

- 2 Lao New Year / take place / at the same time / Cambodian New Year.

- 3 Like / Vietnamese people / Japanese people / visit / relatives / New Year's Day.

- 4 Different / the Chinese / Japanese people / not eat dumplings / New Year's Day.

- 5 Different / Korean people / Japanese people / not celebrate / the lunar new year.

b. Rewrite the sentences using the words or phrases in brackets.

- 6 Germany's Christmas dessert is not the same as Japan's. (DIFFERENT FROM)

- 7 At Christmas, Australians eat cold meats or seafood. That's not the same as the Japanese. (DIFFERENT FROM)

- 8 Vietnamese people often visit temples. Korean people often visit temples, too. (LIKE)

- 9 Halloween in Mexico is not the same as Halloween in the United States. (DIFFERENT FROM)

- 10 At Christmas, Americans decorate their house with lights and trees. That's the same as Italians. (LIKE)

Answer key



- Pronunciation ____/10 pts.
- Vocabulary ____/20 pts.
- Grammar ____/20 pts.

- Reading ____/20 pts.
- Speaking ____/10 pts.
- Writing ____/20 pts.

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Total ____ / 100 pts.