

UNIT 5

FESTIVALS IN VIETNAM

A. PHONETICS

I. Look at the pictures and write the suffixes *-ion* or *-ian*.



1. music_____



2. reun_____



3. electric_____



4. confus_____



5. magic_____



6. tradit_____



7. compan_____



8. fash_____



9. pedestr_____



10. celebrat_____



11. librar_____



12. vegetar_____

II. Say these words aloud and underline the stressed syllable.

1. congratulation

2. procession

3. musician

4. vegetarian

5. magician

6. electrician

7. companion

8. confusion

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| 9. preservation | 10. competition | 11. politician | 12. historian |
| 13. production | 14. generation | 15. tradition | 16. Canadian |
| 17. physician | 18. pedestrian | 19. librarian | 20. communication |

III. Choose the word which is stressed differently from the rest.

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| 1. a. reunion | b. ceremony | c. performance | d. procession |
| 2. a. oriental | b. politician | c. celebration | d. questionable |
| 3. a. anniversary | b. explanation | c. traditional | d. electrician |
| 4. a. specialities | b. activities | c. impression | d. technician |
| 5. a. lantern | b. companion | c. Christian | d. incense |

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. Complete the sentences with the correct words. Use the pictures as a clue.

archway lantern reunion offerings ceremony anniversary
procession performance carnival ritual

1. Their wedding _____ was held in the county park.



2. This is the band's first live _____ since last year.



3. Buddhist monks perform a prayer _____ in the main hall of the pagoda.



4. We went through a stone _____ into the garden.



5. The _____ in Rio de Janeiro is a festival held every year and considered the biggest in the world.



6. Hoi An _____ Festival takes place monthly – on the 14th day of each lunar month.



7. Our grandparents celebrated their 50th wedding _____ last week.



8. We have a family _____ every New Year's Day.



9. Lots of people poured down the street to watch a colourful _____ of dragon dances, lion dances.



10. Many people visit the shrines to make _____ of fruit or rice to the gods.



II. Complete the sentences with the correct form or tense of the verbs from the box.

worship preserve cheer offer pray commemorate perform float

1. *Quan ho* singing is _____ in traditional festivals in Bac Ninh.
2. On Tet holiday, Vietnamese people _____ their ancestors a five-fruit tray.
3. I enjoy going to Huong Pagoda and _____ Buddha.
4. The book will be published in October to _____ the 100th anniversary of Morris's death.
5. The crowds are shouting and _____ to encourage their teams.
6. We should _____ our tradition and culture for future generations.
7. Lotus lanterns are _____ on the small river in the old town.
8. On the first day of the New Year, we visit the temples _____ for good fortune and health.

III. State whether the following sentences are simple, complex or compound.

1. The Elephant Racing Festival is the biggest cultural festival in Tay Nguyen.
2. You can either choose to ride in a cable car up to the pagoda or walk up.
3. We first learned to sing *quan ho* when we were between 15 and 17.
4. The oarsmen are encouraged by the sounds of drums and the cheering crowds while they are racing.
5. Maya doesn't follow the procession, but she supports the dancing team.
6. Hundreds of thousands of people gather on the two banks of the river to watch the Ngo

junk race.

7. Ngo junk race is a community sports which enhance unity among Khmer people from villages.
8. Even though many people come to Buon Don to ride the elephants, a lot of them fail to witness the Elephant Racing Festival.
9. Tet is the most important festival in Vietnam; therefore, most Vietnamese return home for Tet.
10. They played together as a team very well; however, they didn't win the race.
11. After taking a boat to the mountain, we can take a cable car up.
12. It was an exciting festival, so I felt very lucky to participate in it.
13. Last year, I went to Huong Pagoda with my family and friends.