Reading

1 **Think** **Look at the pictures. How do you think life in Việt Nam today is different from life in the past?**







Việt Nam – Past and Present

Video

Life in Việt Nam today is different from life in the past and it is still changing.

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In the past, parents, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins often lived together in an extended family. Today, it is common that a nuclear family with parents and children live in a household.

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In the past, Vietnamese people mostly travelled on foot. They also got around by hand-drawn carts (rickshaws) or bicycle carts (cyclos). Today, motorcycles are popular, but there are also cars, buses, trains and planes.

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A long time ago, most Vietnamese people lived in cottages or small houses, but a lot of people live in tube houses today. Flats in skyscrapers are popular in big cities while there are lots of small brick houses in the countryside.

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In the old days, men worked outside the home while women stayed home to do the housework and raise children. Nowadays, both the husband and the wife work and make a good living to support the family.

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Long ago, many parents did not usually send girls to school. Nowadays, boys and girls have equal opportunity for education. Also, there are many schools and universities because the Vietnamese highly value education.







• *extended family* • *nuclear family* • *household* • *hand-drawn cart*
• *do the housework* • *raise children* • *make a living* • *support the family*

2 1.12 **Read the text quickly and guess the headings of the paragraphs. Listen and check, then fill in the text with the headings.**

3 **Read the text again and decide if the statements (1–5) are *R* (right), *W* (wrong) or *DS* (doesn't say).**

1 An extended family often includes parents, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. [ ]
2 Hand-drawn carts were more popular than bicycle carts in the past. [ ]
3 Many Vietnamese people in the countryside live in small brick houses nowadays. [ ]
4 Today in Việt Nam, only men work outside the home. [ ]
5 In the past, most Vietnamese girls received a good education. [ ]

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