

READING PRACTICE

Exercise 1: Choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D to complete Trang's email to her friend, Elena.

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To: elena@fastmail.com

Subject: Places of interest in my community

How are you? In your last email, you asked me about places of interest in my community. Now I'll tell you about them.

I live (1) _____ a suburb of Ha Noi. (2) _____ it's a small community, there are enough places of interest. Near my house there are two parks with a lot of trees and (3) _____ facilities. People of all ages go there to (4) _____ the fresh air, do exercise, and play badminton or basketball. I also go to these parks to play badminton with my brother. (5) _____ place which people like in our community is the local library. It has many new books of all kinds. In addition, it holds (6) _____ activities for book lovers, such as book review competitions or meetings with famous authors. Therefore, it attracts a lot of readers each weekend. When you visit Ha Noi, I'll (7) _____ you to these places.

Tell me about the places of interest in your area in your (8) _____ email.

Cheers,

Trang

Exercise 2: Fill in each blank with a suitable word from the box to complete a passage about a community helper

shares	deliver	told	before
uniform	remember	giving	leave

Nowadays delivery people are commonly seen in our city. Of all the delivery people who (1) _____ us products, our family likes Mr Nam the most. Mr Nam is about 40 years old and usually wears a yellow (2) _____. He is a kind, friendly, and responsible person. (3) _____ he brings a product to our house, he always calls to check if we are at home. I still (4) _____ one day when we were in Ho Chi Minh City, Mr Nam called my father several times until my father answered his call. He (5) _____ us that we had a parcel. As we were not at home, my father asked him to (6) _____ the parcel with our neighbour. Mr Nam found our neighbour and called us before (7) _____ the parcel to her. He also allowed us to transfer money to him by online banking. My father sometimes talks to him and he happily (8) _____ about his life and work.

Exercise 3: Read a passage about Sardinia and do the exercises that follow.

Sardinia is the second largest island in Italy. It is famous for its beautiful nature and a variety of ancient crafts. One of the crafts that makes the island well-known is basket weaving. This is considered one of the most remarkable handicrafts on the island because it combines manual skills and natural resources.

Baskets are usually woven by Sardinian women. They have handed down the techniques from generation to generation. The shapes and dimensions of the baskets are different according to the technique, the area of production, and the kind of material used. They use various natural materials such as willow, palm, straw, and hay.

In the past, people hung the baskets on the walls of their houses or displayed them on shelves like artwork. Today the baskets are used in homes or used for decorative purposes. People really appreciate the craft because nowadays it is increasingly rare to

find good quality baskets like these. Sardinian people believe that basket weaving is a dying skill and they hope to preserve it in the future.

a. Match the words with their definitions.

1. remarkable	a. not done, seen, happening, etc. very often
2. manual	b. measurements of something in a particular direction, especially its height, length, or width
3. dimensions	c. made to look attractive
4. decorative	d. unusual or surprising in a way that causes people to take notice
5. rare	e. involving using the hands or physical strength

b. Tick (V) T (True) or F (False).

	T	F
1. Sardina is smaller than only one other island in Italy.		
2. Basket weaving is the only ancient craft on the island.		
3. Weaving techniques have been passed down through generations.		
4. People use natural materials to make the baskets.		
5. Today people use the baskets only for decorating their homes.		