

TA7. U9. Festivals around the world. Reading 2

Text 1: Mid-Autumn Festival in Vietnam

The Mid-Autumn Festival is one of the most important celebrations for children in Vietnam. Families gather to enjoy delicious food and share stories. The streets are beautifully (1) _____ with colorful lanterns, creating a joyful atmosphere. During the festival, children love to (2) _____ traditional lion dances, which symbolize luck and prosperity. They also (3) _____ beautiful lanterns in different shapes such as stars, rabbits, and fish. These lanterns light up the night and add to the excitement. One of the main highlights of the festival is the special (4) _____ featuring mooncakes and other delicious treats. These cakes, filled with lotus seeds or red bean paste, are a symbol of family unity. People also (5) _____ the festival by watching performances, enjoying folk dances, and telling traditional stories about the moon. Many children wear (6) _____ and take part in parades to celebrate. For many families, the Mid-Autumn Festival is not only a time for fun but also a chance to express their wishes for (7) _____ and happiness in the coming year.

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

1. A. decorated	B. carved	C. featured	D. disappointed
2. A. join	B. prepare	C. perform	D. discuss
3. A. take part in	B. make	C. bake	D. carry
4. A. float	B. feast	C. parade	D. candy
5. A. celebrate	B. throw	C. carve	D. act
6. A. traditional costumes	B. decorations	C. symbols	D. prizes
7. A. crops	B. prosperity	C. disappointment	D. performances

Text 2: The Unique Traditions of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time for families and friends to come together and share a delicious (1) _____. In the United States, this holiday is celebrated with a variety of traditional dishes such as roasted (2) _____ and cornbread.

People often start their day by watching the famous Macy's Thanksgiving (3) _____ in New York City, where giant balloons, marching bands, and beautifully decorated (4) _____ fill the streets. It is an exciting event that both children and adults enjoy.

Many families also (5) _____ their homes with autumn leaves, pumpkins, and candles to create a warm and (6) _____ atmosphere. Some people even take part in community events where they (7) _____ food to those in need.

Another popular tradition is watching football games or playing board games with loved ones. After the meal, people often express their gratitude and (8) _____ their appreciation for the good things in their lives.

Thanksgiving is not just about food; it's a time to remember and appreciate family, traditions, and the spirit of giving.

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

1. A. candy	B. performance	C. feast	D. costume
2. A. mooncakes	B. turkey	C. chocolate eggs	D. sweet potatoes
3. A. parade	B. decoration	C. disappointment	D. feature
4. A. floats	B. bands	C. costumes	D. twins

5. A. take photos	B. decorate	C. carve	D. bake
6. A. cozy	B. disappointing	C. crowded	D. hungry
7. A. gather	B. perform	C. throw	D. donate
8. A. carry	B. express	C. celebrate	D. discuss