



## D. PRACTICE

### PART 1. PHONETICS

**Exercise 1. Find the word which has a different sound in the underlined part.**

1. A. cousin	B. <u>inter</u> esting	C. <u>link</u>	D. <u>fon</u> d
2. A. <u>lan</u> tern	B. <u>import</u> ant	C. <u>money</u>	D. <u>thank</u>
3. A. <u>many</u>	B. <u>take</u>	C. <u>place</u>	D. <u>wake</u>
4. A. <u>car</u> p	B. <u>artic</u> le	C. <u>party</u>	D. <u>trad</u> ition
5. A. <u>connect</u>	B. <u>coo</u> k	C. <u>danc</u> e	D. <u>contro</u> l

**Exercise 2. Find the word which has different stress from the others.**

1. A. <u>fest</u> ival	B. <u>contes</u> tant	C. <u>atmos</u> phere	D. <u>family</u>
2. A. <u>vill</u> age	B. <u>bambo</u> o	C. <u>away</u>	D. <u>obey</u>
3. A. <u>custo</u> m	B. <u>worsh</u> ip	C. <u>maintain</u>	D. <u>midnight</u>
4. A. <u>holida</u> y	B. <u>decora</u> tive	C. <u>offer</u> ing	D. <u>addi</u> tion
5. A. <u>laugh</u> ter	B. <u>prepar</u> e	C. <u>chopstick</u>	D. <u>heave</u> n

### PART 2. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

#### I. VOCABULARY

**Exercise 1. Look at the pictures and fill in the blanks.**

Unicorn dance	Bamboo pole	Decorative items	Lanterns	Peach blossoms
Food offerings	Family reunion	Acrobats	Ornamental trees	Kitchen Gods



1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_



5. \_\_\_\_\_



7. \_\_\_\_\_



9. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_



6. \_\_\_\_\_



8. \_\_\_\_\_



10. \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 2. Circle the odd one out.**

1. A. pray	B. worship	C. reunion	D. wish
2. A. tradition	B. custom	C. habit	D. practise
3. A. lantern	B. bells	C. bloom	D. envelop
4. A. decorative	B. blossoms	C. trees	D. flowers
5. A. pagoda	B. temple	C. luck	D. church
6. A. some	B. a	C. an	D. the

7. A. ceremony	B. important	C. festival	D. anniversary
8. A. meat	B. soup	C. meal	D. rice
9. A. drum	B. flute	C. gong	D. dance
10. A. pole	B. chase	C. bring	D. admire

**Exercise 3.** Reorder the letters to make correct words, then match them with their meanings.

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
1. H-R-O-W-S-I-P → _____	A. to add something to an object or place, especially in order to make it more attractive
2. F-O-R-E-F-I-G-N-S → _____	B. a formal event held on special occasions
3. U-R-N-I-O-N-E → _____	C. to make something continue at the same level or standard
4. T-D-C-O-E-A-R-E → _____	D. to honor or respect (someone or something) as a god
5. M-C-T-O-U-S → _____	E. a belief, principle, or way of acting that people in a particular society or group have continued to follow for a long time
6. Y-C-N-E-R-M-O-E → _____	F. to hope for something very much
7. N-T-O-D-I-R-A-I-T → _____	G. something that a person gives, often during a religious ceremony
8. N-M-T-A-I-N-I-A → _____	H. to live for a long time
9. G-E-V-T-L-O-N-Y-I → _____	I. a party attended by members of the same family, school, or other group who have not seen each other for a long time.
10. Y-P-A-R → _____	J. a way of behaving or a belief that has been established for a long time

**Your answer:**

1. \_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_

## Exercise 4. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

preserve	bonds	offerings	culture	ornamental
chase	communal	tradition	worshipped	values

1. The Vietnamese often prepare \_\_\_\_\_ to worship their ancestors during Tet holiday.
2. This year, we are going to break with the \_\_\_\_\_ and spend the first two weeks of the new year in Singapore.
3. Tet is a great time to show the good Vietnamese \_\_\_\_\_ through traditional activities such as decorating houses with kumquat trees and peach blossoms.
4. Some people usually put up tall bamboo poles to \_\_\_\_\_ away bad luck.
5. Teaching children to cook is a good way to \_\_\_\_\_ family recipes.
6. Village festivals help us strengthen our family \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Ancient Egyptians \_\_\_\_\_ the Sun.
8. We can see many flowers and \_\_\_\_\_ trees everywhere before Tet holiday.
9. In the Central Highlands, the biggest and tallest house in the village is the \_\_\_\_\_ house.
10. Language, religion, food and art are just some features of the various aspects of \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. GRAMMAR

## Exercise 1. Circle the correct answers.

1. In many cultures, knocking on wood is **a / an** way to chase away bad spirits.
2. American people often watch **a / an** ball drop at midnight in Times Square.
3. There is at least **a / an** ornamental tree in my house every Tet holiday.
4. I have to go. I'm in **a / an** hurry.
5. Mr. Lu goes hunting in the forests twice **a / an** month.
6. Do you have **a / an** milk jug?
7. The Prime Minister will give **a / an** speech this afternoon.
8. There is **a / an** custom of doing morning exercises in my family.
9. I haven't been to **a / an** open-air theatre before.
10. Here is **a / an** thousand pounds I borrowed from you last month.

**Exercise 2. Fill in the blanks with “a / an / Ø”.**

1. “Li xi” is \_\_\_\_\_ essential part of Vietnam’s customs of the Tet Festival.
2. Storytelling is \_\_\_\_\_ way to keep the local tradition alive.
3. There’ll always be \_\_\_\_\_ conflict between the old and the young.
4. Are you going away \_\_\_\_\_ next week?
5. There was \_\_\_\_\_ collision at the corner.
6. My mother thinks that this is \_\_\_\_\_ expensive shop.
7. Like many women, she loves \_\_\_\_\_ parties and \_\_\_\_\_ gifts.
8. She works seven days \_\_\_\_\_ week.
9. We were at \_\_\_\_\_ Sa Dec Flower Village yesterday.
10. We use plants and flowers for \_\_\_\_\_ decorations and \_\_\_\_\_ offerings.

**Exercise 3. Fill in the blanks with “a / an / the”.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Vietnamese are known to be polite, hospitable and sensitive.
2. In \_\_\_\_\_ countryside, parents often arrange their children’s marriages.
3. “Ao dai” is one of \_\_\_\_\_ most traditional costumes in Viet Nam.
4. My aunt made some spring rolls for \_\_\_\_\_ longevity party.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Ok Om Bok Festival takes place in October.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ tradition of worshipping whales is popular in Vietnamese coastal villages.
7. It’s \_\_\_\_\_ tradition for shops to have \_\_\_\_\_ lion dance performance at their opening ceremony.
8. Holding \_\_\_\_\_ party to wish our grandparents longevity is one of \_\_\_\_\_ customs we practice at Tet.
9. People place \_\_\_\_\_ bamboo pole in \_\_\_\_\_ yard of \_\_\_\_\_ communal house.
10. It’s \_\_\_\_\_ custom in my family to have dinner at home on Saturdays.

**Exercise 4. Underline “the” or “Ø” to complete the sentences.**

1. What’s **the** / Ø matter? Are you all right?
2. Kate has bought a new car since **the** / Ø yesterday.
3. Some people think that **the** / Ø Moon is man-made.
4. I’m collecting money for **the** / Ø poor.
5. **The** / Ø Brian hasn’t found a job yet.
6. Can you play **the** / Ø guitar?

7. Don't forget to turn off **the / Ø** television.
8. There's a knife in **the / Ø** second drawer.
9. **The / Ø** art museum is in **the / Ø** city center.
10. Many Asians go to **the / Ø** Buddhist temples to pray for good luck.

**Exercise 5. Fill in the blanks with “a / an / the / Ø”.**

1. We are looking for \_\_\_\_\_ place to spend \_\_\_\_\_ night.
2. Please turn off \_\_\_\_\_ lights when you leave \_\_\_\_\_ room.
3. We are looking for people with \_\_\_\_\_ lot of experience.
4. Would you pass me \_\_\_\_\_ salt, please?
5. Can you show me \_\_\_\_\_ way to \_\_\_\_\_ station?
6. She has read \_\_\_\_\_ interesting book.
7. You'll get \_\_\_\_\_ shock if you touch \_\_\_\_\_ live wire with that screwdriver.
8. Mr. Smith is \_\_\_\_\_ old customer and \_\_\_\_\_ honest man.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ youngest boy has just started going to \_\_\_\_\_ school.
10. Did you go to \_\_\_\_\_ prison to visit him?

**Exercise 6. Put “a / an / the” in the correct position to complete the sentences.**

1. Traditionally, Vietnamese prepare offerings to worship their ancestors.

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2. Organising folk song club is one way for us to keep our traditions alive.

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3. We went to Nha Trang on plane.

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4. Worshipping Kitchen Gods is long-time tradition of Vietnamese.

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5. Our village festival is held on 10<sup>th</sup> of March.

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6. Don't hit bowl with your chopstick because this may bring bad luck to you.

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7. It's good idea to hand bowls with both hands.

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8. Remember to bring some food to party tomorrow, Jane!

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9. Did you put vase next to TV?

10. Offerings include set of flowers and fruits, paper clothes, and three carps.

**Exercise 7. Cross out the unnecessary articles in each sentence.**

1. The Ancient Egyptians worshipped the Sun.
2. What did you have for a breakfast this morning?
3. The lion dance is called *shishi-mai* in the Japanese.
4. People perform a lion dance to bring a good luck.
5. The first, there is a special boat race.
6. The village festivals help us maintain our the traditions.
7. You shouldn't refuse a young rice when the elderly offer it to you.
8. There are the lantern contests at the Ok Om Bok Festival.
9. It's becoming a custom for many families in the Viet Nam to celebrate Women's Day and the Family Day.
10. Dragon-snake (*Rong ran len may*) is a traditional Vietnamese game for the children.

**Exercise 8. Complete sentences with a suitable preposition.**

1. Vietnamese people lay flowers or sometimes fruits \_\_\_\_\_ the altar for the belief that their ancestors will enjoy them.
2. We are going to prepare five-coloured sticky rice served \_\_\_\_\_ grilled chicken \_\_\_\_\_ the celebration.
3. A tradition is something special that is passed \_\_\_\_\_ through the generations.
4. You should find more information \_\_\_\_\_ a custom or a tradition in your hometown.
5. It's a tradition \_\_\_\_\_ children to wake up early \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Day.
6. Children usually wish longevity \_\_\_\_\_ their grandparents and parents.
7. Thai people throw water \_\_\_\_\_ one another as part of the cleansing ritual to welcome the Songkran New Year.
8. We broke \_\_\_\_\_ family tradition \_\_\_\_\_ travelling to New Zealand last Tet holiday.
9. Traditionally, children in the U.S. go from house to house to ask \_\_\_\_\_ sweets \_\_\_\_\_ Halloween.
10. We have a tradition \_\_\_\_\_ holding a family reunion \_\_\_\_\_ the first day of Tet.

## Exercise 9. Circle the best answers.

- Five-coloured sticky rice is \_\_\_\_\_ important traditional dish.  
A. a      B. an      C. the      D. Ø
- \_\_\_\_\_ Thai have \_\_\_\_\_ population of about 1.500.000 people.  
A. A - a      B. The - an      C. The - a      D. Ø - a
- \_\_\_\_\_ Thai women wear short blouses, long skirts, scarves and ornaments.  
A. a      B. an      C. the      D. Ø
- Which group has \_\_\_\_\_ smallest population?  
A. a      B. an      C. the      D. Ø
- There was \_\_\_\_\_ exhibition of Ethnic Minorities Opens on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Ly Thai To Flower Garden.  
A. a      B. an      C. the      D. Ø
- I have \_\_\_\_\_ shawl. \_\_\_\_\_ shawl is unique and strong.  
A. a - A      B. an - A      C. a - Ø      D. a - The
- We can find terraced fields in \_\_\_\_\_ northern mountainous regions.  
A. a      B. an      C. the      D. Ø
- Look! \_\_\_\_\_ flowers my mother bought from \_\_\_\_\_ market yesterday are blooming.  
A. A - a      B. The - the      C. A - Ø      D. The - Ø
- Is Lien \_\_\_\_\_ shop assistant?  
A. a      B. an      C. the      D. Ø
- My mother does \_\_\_\_\_ shopping in my family.  
A. a      B. an      C. the      D. Ø
- How many people were there at the family \_\_\_\_\_ last weekend?  
A. unit      B. united      C. union      D. reunion
- We should \_\_\_\_\_ children's awareness of our customs and traditions.  
A. rise      B. raise      C. boost      D. improve
- Joe broke with \_\_\_\_\_ when he went to an art college.  
A. culture      B. habit      C. tradition      D. custom
- We \_\_\_\_\_ the Spring Festival on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January in the lunar calendar.  
A. happen      B. occur      C. hold      D. take place
- Tourists \_\_\_\_\_ wear shorts and tank tops when attending the worshipping ceremony.  
A. need      B. must      C. mustn't      D. should

16. Festivals are important because they keep some village traditions \_\_\_\_\_.

A. alive      B. live      C. living      D. lively

17. It's the \_\_\_\_\_ in that country for women to get married in white.

A. hobby      B. habit      C. custom      D. costume

18. Many young people don't \_\_\_\_\_ the tradition of living with their parents when they are eighteen.

A. try      B. follow      C. obey      D. take

19. \_\_\_\_\_ to the tradition, we have a fireworks display on New Year's Eve.

A. In addition      B. According      C. Owing      D. Thanks

20. A: "Thank you for the enjoyable party tonight!" – B: "\_\_\_\_\_"

A. It's my pleasure.      B. I'm sorry.  
C. I don't mind.      D. That's a great idea!

#### Exercise 10. Find and correct the mistakes.

1. They go to the school five days a week. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Viet Nam is the country of many religions and beliefs. \_\_\_\_\_
3. My son started to play the baseball when he was ten. \_\_\_\_\_
4. How often is festival celebrated? – Every year. \_\_\_\_\_
5. There is a LG television in my room. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Emily comes from the France. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Today, we are going to discuss necessity of traditions. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Woman of the house looks after her parents, husband and children. \_\_\_\_\_
9. You don't should litter the temple ground. \_\_\_\_\_
10. We should show respect for the monks and the elders. \_\_\_\_\_

### III. READING

#### Exercise 1. Read the passage and choose the best answers.

The Tet holiday is celebrated (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the first day of the Lunar New Year in Viet Nam. Several weeks before the New Year, the Vietnamese clean their houses and paint the walls. New clothes are bought for the occasion. One or two days before the festival, people make Banh Chung, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ is the traditional cake, and kinds of jam. On New Year's Eve, the whole family gets together for a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ dinner. Every member of the family should be present during the dinner in which many different kinds of dishes are served. On New Year morning, the young members of the family pay their