

Read the text and decide T (true)/ F (false) for each statement.

FOOD OF TYPICAL WET RICE COUNTRY

Vietnamese sometime wonder how westerners can eat bread days after days but the vice-versa also holds water. Most tourists coming to Vietnam are amazed at the omni-presence of rice and rice-related dishes.



Rice is an object for worshipping in many temples of Vietnam. It is said to originate from the Mother Goddess Worshipping, the most long-standing belief in Vietnam. Yes rice is a big thing out here. The very first written characters constituting the word "Happiness" in ancient Vietnamese is the image of many rice plants and a square symbolizing a paddy field. Rice is not only happiness, it really forms Vietnamese.

Accordingly, many main dishes and snacks in Vietnam are made from rice: boiled rice in daily meal, rice porridge, steamed rice, glutinous rice cake, well-known Banh Chung (square cake) and uncountable made-from rice dishes from every region in Vietnam.

Even the universal Pho that you definitely hear about is made from rice as well. Rice is the center of everything, like a sun lying in the center of the whole solar planet.

Considering rice important, Vietnamese has been always developing their farming method and new rice genres. Many Vietnam rice varieties exported to all over the world are renowned for their distinctive flavor, yet only when coming to Vietnam and have boiled rice with soya sauce pickled egg-plants, your adventure to Vietnam is considered perfect.

No.	Statements	T	F
1.	Few tourists coming to Vietnam are amazed at the omni-presence of rice and rice-related dishes.	☐	☐
2.	Rice is an object for worshipping in many temples of Vietnam.	☐	☐
3.	Few main dishes and snacks in Vietnam are made from rice.	☐	☐
4.	<i>Pho</i> is one of the most popular dishes made from rice.	☐	☐
5.	Vietnamese rice is exported to lots of countries in the world.	☐	☐

Read the passage and answer the questions.

VIETNAMESE SNACKS

Vietnamese peasants used to have a lot of free time after the busy crop time past, and preparing some nosh to eat is a certain result of the circumstance. Sweet potato is a prime example for the case. It is considered the most popular nosh in the countryside. Ever experience Vietnam home-staying? You must realize boiled sweet potato, cassava and peanuts are the most typically Vietnamese snacks - of course without salt or sugar added.

And if you dare venture beyond the standard ones, there are surely bizarre things to try. The best place to taste purely Vietnamese snacks is to have them right in a family or on the sidewalks along every street. Tasting a fertilized egg at 4pm in a breezy afternoon may scare you, yet it is one of the most popular snacks out here and is considered extremely nutritious.

Besides varieties of wonderful noodle, made-of-rice cakes, bean sweet soups you may be too shy to eat a bowl of pig raw blood soups. Does it originate from Totem belief? Not many Vietnamese questions that when eating the dish. All they want to do is to choose a right restaurant and wait to be served the raw blood soups with Vietnamese spirit.

1. When do Vietnamese farmers used to have lots of free time?

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2. What is considered the most popular nosh in the countryside?

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3. What are the most typically Vietnamese snacks?

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4. Are blood soups can be served in restaurants?

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