

GRADE 7 – UNIT 4 – READING 1

I. Fill in each blank with a word from the box.



leaves

long

north

artists

printed

decoration

layer

talk

Dong Ho Painting is a kind of Vietnamese (1) _____ painting originating in Dong Ho Village, Bac Ninh Province. Dong Ho paintings have about 300 years of history in the (2) _____ of Vietnam.

Dong Ho pictures are (3) _____ on a special kind of Dzo paper. The printing paper is made of bark of a tree called “Dzo”. Colours of the painting are refined from various kinds of tree (4) _____, which people can easily find in Vietnam. Traditional (5) _____ use all-natural colours for their pictures: burnt bamboo leaves for black, cajuput leaves for green, copper rust for blue, etc. The painting is covered by a (6) _____ of sticky rice paste to protect the painting and their colours. They are so (7) _____ lasting, so that it is very difficult to make them dimmer even time or daylight.

Vietnamese people used to buy Dong Ho pictures for (8) _____ during Tet.