

UNIT 4. CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

Task 1. Before you read the article, read the definitions below. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in bold.

belief (n) an idea that you are sure is true

ceremony (n) a formal event with special traditions, activities or words such as a wedding

endangered (adj) (of customs and traditions) in danger of being lost

generation (n) all the people in a society or family who are approximately the same age

preserve (v) to keep something the same or prevent it from being damaged or destroyed

protection (n) the act of keeping someone or something safe from injury, damage or loss

tradition (n) a belief or way of acting that people in a particular society or group have continued to follow for a long time

1 In Mexican culture, a quinceanera is a special _____ to celebrate a girl's 15th birthday.

2 In some cultures, several _____ live together in the same house - parents, grandparents and children.

3 Children tend to have the same _____ as their parents when they are young, but this may change when they become adults.

4 Although most Japanese cities are very modern, they still try to _____ some of their old buildings.

5 In Chinese culture, there is a _____ to give money in red envelopes at New Year.

6 Modern technology has brought many benefits, but it has also meant that some traditional customs have become _____.

7 Places which are listed as UNESCO World Heritage sites have special _____ and cannot be destroyed.