

UNIT 8

Lesson 1

Traditions of Ethnic Groups in Vietnam



LESSON SUMMARY

Vocabulary



Word/Phrase	Meaning	Example
embroidery (n) /ɪm'brɔɪdəri/	a decorative pattern, image or text on fabric	This towel is a beautiful piece of embroidery .
basket (n) /'bæskət/	a container with a handle for carrying or keeping things in	The Ê-đê people often use a basket to carry things.
cloth (n) /klɔ:θ/	a piece of material people use to make clothes	Chăm women can make beautiful cloth with their hands.
pottery (n) /'pɒ:təri/	objects that people make out of clay	They make and sell pottery and other handmade goods.
headscarf (n) /'hedskɑ:rf/	a piece of fabric used to cover one's head	Chăm men usually wear a white headscarf .
silver (n) /'sɪlvə/	a bright, white metal often used for making jewelry or coins or a lot more	Like gold, silver is a valuable metal.
ethnic (adj) /'eθnɪk/	relating to a certain country's or tribe's customs and traditions	There are different ethnic groups across the country.
pattern (n) /'pætən/	a set of repeated lines, shapes or colors	Flowers are a common pattern on their casual clothes.
product (n) /'prɒ:dʌkt/	something that people make for sale	It takes time to make a pottery product , such as a bowl or vase.

Grammar

Articles

Definite the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for specific things or people that both the speaker and listener/reader know The cloth that the Chăm in southern Vietnam make are colorful. for the only thing of that kind The Kinh have the largest population in Vietnam.
Indefinite a/an	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for one thing or one member of a group of things The Tây has a traditional musical instrument called <i>dàn tính</i>.
Zero article ø	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for names, villages, towns, countries or things in general (ø) Sapa is a well-known tourist attraction in (ø) Vietnam.

Pronunciation

Stress in two-syllable adjectives



Stress on the first syllable

angry /'æŋgri/

crazy /'kreɪzi/

busy /'bɪzi/

tiny /'taɪni/

little /'lɪtl/

Stress on the second syllable

alone /ə'loʊn/

alive /ə'laɪv/

alike /ə'laɪk/

alert /ə'lɜ:t/

direct /dɪ'rekt/



Pronunciation

Circle the word that has a stress pattern pronounced differently from the others.

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|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1 A pretty | B central | C simple | D alone |
| 2 A common | B special | C alike | D handsome |
| 3 A direct | B ethnic | C perfect | D famous |
| 4 A healthy | B unclear | C sticky | D scary |
| 5 A boring | B funny | C happy | D alive |

Vocabulary

a. Match the descriptions to the words in the box.

- 1 ☐ items made of clay
- 2 ☐ clothing material
- 3 ☐ a piece of cloth used to cover one's head
- 4 ☐ a carrying or storage container with a handle
- 5 ☐ ornamental designs, pictures or texts on cloth



- A cloth
B pottery
C basket
D headscarf
E embroidery

b. Complete the sentences using the words in the box.

silver (x2) ethnic pattern product

- 6 A(n) _____ group has their own language, culture and traditions.
- 7 Normally, a craft _____ takes a lot of time and effort to make.
- 8 The _____ of the flowers on the pottery vase really holds my attention.
- 9 Young people seem to prefer _____ jewelry to gold jewelry.
- 10 This restaurant serves its food with forks, knives and spoons made of _____.

Grammar

a. Complete the sentences with **the**, **a/an** or **zero article (ø)**.

- 1 There is a number of *Khmer* people in _____ France and in the United States.
- 2 _____ Central Highlands is home to many different ethnic groups in Vietnam.
- 3 The *Mường* are _____ ethnic group that live mainly in northern Vietnam.
- 4 The *Phù Lã* in Lào Cai play _____ *ma nứi*, a musical instrument, for their big events.
- 5 _____ *Chăm* use pottery objects, such as pots, vase and glasses in their everyday life.

b. Circle ONE mistake in each sentence.

- 6 She plans to study law at a university in United States.
A B C D
- 7 They traveled to the Sweden for their last summer break.
A B C D
- 8 The Lake Louise in Canada is a wonderful destination for visitors.
A B C D
- 9 The Republic of Ireland is the country in north-western Europe.
A B C D
- 10 The film festival takes place in a August of every year in the country.
A B C D



Reading

a. Read the text about the **Mường** people. Circle the best options.

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The Mường are 1) _____ ethnic group in Vietnam. Their population is about 1,452,095 people (2019). They mainly live in northern provinces such as Hoà Bình, Thanh Hoá, Phú Thọ and Sơn La. There 2) _____ different Mường groups, and they wear different clothing styles. Some wear similar clothing to the Thái, and others wear 3) _____ same clothing as the Kinh.

Mường women wear clothes with 4) _____ robe, headscarf and skirt. Mường women wear neck rings, and Mường men wear tunics and pants. 5) _____ the Kinh and other ethnic groups, the Mường celebrate Tết. During Tết, the Mường people pray to their ancestors and eat their traditional dishes.

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|----------|--------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 A ø | B a | C an | D the |
| 2 A is | B are | C was | D were |
| 3 A ø | B a | C an | D the |
| 4 A ø | B a | C an | D the |
| 5 A Like | B Same | C Similar | D Different |

b. Read the text about the **Tày** people. Answer each question with ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER.

With an estimated 1.7 million people, the *Tày* are among the largest minority groups in Vietnam. They mainly live in northern Vietnam, in provinces such as Cao Bằng, Lạng Sơn, Bắc Cạn, Thái Nguyên, Quảng Ninh and some parts of Bắc Ninh and Bắc Giang. The *Tày* are also well-known by another name, *Thổ*, which means *land* and *local*.

Like other ethnic groups, the *Tày* practice various beliefs and lifestyles. The *Kinh*'s culture and language also influence them. For example, they paint their teeth black, and thirty percent of their language is derived from Vietnamese. The *Tày* are famous for their traditional arts and crafts. They make beautiful brocade. The *Tày* often use this type of cloth to make blankets, pillows or costumes for special occasions. While their clothing is not as colorful as that of other ethnic minorities, it is made of cotton with indigo colors and has little embroidery or decoration. *Tày* men typically wear pants and a shirt or T-shirt while women wear skirts or pants, a polo shirt and a black scarf.



* *brocade* (n): a type of thick heavy cloth

- 6 What area of Vietnam do most of the *Tày* people live? _____
- 7 By what name the *Tày* people are also commonly called? _____
- 8 How much of the *Tày*'s language is from Vietnamese? _____
- 9 What material do the *Tày* people use to make blankets and special costumes? _____
- 10 What is the main color of the *Tày* people's clothing? _____

Speaking

Complete the conversation using the sentences in the box.

Aaron Did you enjoy your summer vacation?

Daniel 1) _____

Aaron Great! Where did you go?

Daniel 2) _____

Aaron Why did you travel there?

Daniel 3) _____

Aaron What could you discover?

Daniel 4) _____

Aaron What else did you find out?

Daniel 5) _____

Aaron That's great! Did you buy any?

Daniel No, we didn't.

A Yes, I did. It was enjoyable.

B They make beautiful pottery utensils.

C *Chăm* men wear hats, and *Chăm* women wear long belts over their shoulders.

D My family and I went to Ninh Thuận, a province of Vietnam.

E Because we were interested in studying the culture of the *Chăm*.

Writing

a. Put a tick (✓) next to the sentence that has the correct use of **the**, **a/an** or **zero article** (○).

If a sentence is incorrect, underline the mistake and correct it.

- ☐ 1 *Canh thut* is a traditional dish of the *M'Nông*. _____
- ☐ 2 The *Thái* are a ethnic group in northern Vietnam. _____
- ☐ 3 The *Mường* people have population of about 1.5 million. _____
- ☐ 4 The *Nùng* people have a large collection of the folk songs. _____
- ☐ 5 The *Hoa* people in Ho Chi Minh City live mainly in the Chợ Lớn. _____

b. Make questions for the underlined words

- 6 The *Chăm* mainly live in southern Vietnam.

- 7 They make pottery products by hand.

- 8 The *Chăm* women usually wear long shirts and belts.

- 9 A special piece of cloth can take up to 15 days to make.

- 10 A skilled *Chăm* woman can make enough cloth for a simple skirt each day.



Answer key



- Pronunciation ____/10 pts.
- Vocabulary ____/20 pts.
- Grammar ____/20 pts.
- Reading ____/20 pts.
- Speaking ____/10 pts.
- Writing ____/20 pts.



Total ____ / 100 pts.