

UNIT 8

Lesson 3

Festivals around the World



LESSON SUMMARY

Vocabulary

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Word/Phrase	Meaning	Example
mud (n) /mʌd/	wet and sticky earth, often very dirty	Some people can use bare hand to catch fish in the mud .
muddy (adj) /'mʌdi/	covered with mud	The wrestling at Khánh Hạ Festival takes place in a muddy field.
defeat (v) /dɪ'fi:t/ → defeat (n)	to win a game against a person or a group of people	It's fun to watch and guess who will defeat the other in a game.
demon (n) /'di:mən/	an evil spirit	Demons are believed to be against angels.
wrestling (n) /'reslɪŋ/	a sport where two people, usually men, try to throw the other to the ground	Wrestling competitions are very popular in Vietnam.

Writing

A blog post about your favorite festival

Vu Lan Festival

1) Begin with the name of the festival and the location

2) Say when it happens

3) Explain the history

4) Add extra details

5) Give an opinion

1) Vu Lan Festival is an important celebration in Vietnam. 2) It takes place on the 15th of the 7th lunar month. 3) As a long tradition, people celebrate this festival every year in memory of their deceased relatives. This is the day for people to show their gratitude to their parents and ancestors. 4) They go to temples to pray for and bring flowers, sticky rice cakes or fruits to offer to the ancestors. During the ceremony, people burn fake paper money or clothes in the hope that their ancestors will receive them in the underworld. 5) This is a very meaningful festival.



PRACTICE



Vocabulary

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

- 1 The wheels began to slip into the _____.
- 2 Leave your boots outside if they're _____.
- 3 To win the game, one team must _____ the other one.
- 4 After the _____ match, Keith got some injuries on his wrists.
- 5 The villagers believe that _____ masks can help keep bad things away.



- A muddy
- B mud
- C demon
- D defeat
- E wrestling

b. Write a synonym for the underlined words or phrases. Use the words in the box.

- 6 My boots are all wet and sticky with earth. _____
- 7 Who will beat the other in the wrestling? _____
- 8 Many countries believe that evil spirits are real. _____
- 9 Nora won the first prize in the running competition. _____
- 10 Be careful! That's water mixed with earth. _____



mud
defeat
demons
muddy
race

Listening

a. Listen to Tom and Mary. Write T (true) or F (false).



- 1 Mary is visiting her cousins. _____
- 2 There is also a bullfighting festival in Spain. _____
- 3 The festival takes place for two days. _____
- 4 In each fight, there are more than two buffaloes fighting against each other. _____
- 5 Tom asks Mary to buy him some gifts from the trip. _____



b. Listen again. Complete each answer with NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER.



- 6 Where is Mary now? _____
- 7 When is Mary going to the festival? _____
- 8 When did the festival first start? _____
- 9 What do people do before the fights? beat drums and _____ with flags
- 10 What do people pray for at this festival? good crops, _____ and wealth



Reading

a. Read the text about Ban Flower Festival. Match the headings to the paragraphs.

BAN FLOWER FESTIVAL

[A] When the Ban flowers bloom in the mountains, the Thái people in the mountainous northwest region come alive with the Ban Flower Festival. Every year, the event takes place in Điện Biên Phủ City in the second month of the lunar year.

[B] People believe that the festival arose from a couple's sad love story. The man became ill and died, leaving the woman heartbroken. She did not want to marry anyone else. Then she ran away from her family into the woods. She started to feel tired and could not go any farther. She fell to the ground and died. A tree with white flowers grew right where she was. The flowers from the tree had a pleasant smell. Since then, it has been called the Ban flower.

[C] The festival is a wonderful opportunity for young Thái men and women to meet. The event begins with an opening ceremony, an outstanding art performance, and a beauty contest. People will gather to play traditional games, sing love songs, and exchange objects under the light of the moon.

[D] The Ban Flower Festival is not only an occasion for young people to show their love and happiness but also a chance for Thái people to honor their ancestors. In the festival, they pray for wealth, good weather, and healthy crops. Ban Flower Festival is a very important celebration in the Thái culture.

- 1 The meanings of Ban Flower Festival ☐
- 2 The history of Ban Flower Festival ☐
- 3 Where and when Ban Flower Festival takes place ☐
- 4 The activities at Ban Flower Festival ☐

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b. Read the text again. Write T (true) or F (false).

- 5 Ban Flower Festival starts in the second lunar month every year. _____
- 6 The couple from the love story for Ban Flower Festival died at the same time. _____
- 7 The place where the woman died had white flowers called Ban. _____
- 8 You can join the games and enjoy good music at Ban Flower Festival. _____
- 9 Thái people only remember their dead relatives during Ban Flower Festival. _____
- 10 People wish for a good crop during Ban Flower Festival. _____

Speaking

Match the questions to the answers.



- 1 ☐ What's the name of the festival?
- 2 ☐ Where and when does it take place?
- 3 ☐ Who is Saint Gióng?
- 4 ☐ What do people do at the festival?
- 5 ☐ Why does it happen?



- A The Gióng Festival lasts from 7th to 9th of the fourth lunar month every year in Gia Lâm District, Hanoi.
- B They celebrate the festival to worship Saint Gióng.
- C It's Gióng Festival.
- D Saint Gióng is a mythical hero. He grew from a three-year-old child into a giant overnight.
- E There are many activities like folk games and singing performances.

Writing

a. Match the headings with the sentences.

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Ok Om Bok Festival

- 1) ☐ Ok Om Bok is a special festival of the Khmer.
- 2) ☐ The festival takes place in Mekong Delta in southern Vietnam.
- 3) ☐ The Khmer celebrate the festival during the tenth lunar month when there is a full moon.
- 4) ☐ The festival is an occasion for the Khmer to express their thanks to the gods and make a wish for a good life. A boat race takes place at the festival. Several teams compete in the race. It attracts a lot of visitors.
- 5) ☐ Ok Om Bok is an exciting event to attend.

A Time
B Place
C Opinion
D Name
E Details

b. Write a blog post about a festival or celebration. Write 60–80 words or more.

In my writing,
I use correct...

- vocabulary ☐
- grammar ☐
- spelling ☐
- punctuation ☐
- linking words ☐



Answer key



• Vocabulary ___/20 pts.
• Listening ___/20 pts.
• Reading ___/20 pts.

• Speaking ___/10 pts.
• Writing ___/20 pts.

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Total ___ / 100 pts.