UNIT 2: LIFE IN THE COUNTRY

LESSON 3

LESSON SUMMARY

VOCABULARY

Word/Phrase	Meaning	Example
eve (n) /iːv/	the day or evening before a religious holiday such as Christmas or Tết	Christmas **Eve** is on December 24.
candied (adj) /ˈkændɪd/	cooked or kept in sugar	My mother usually makes **candied** fruit for Tết.
take place (v phr) /teɪk pleɪs/	to happen as planned or go according to plan	The Culture Festival will **take place** next year.
take part in (v phr) /teɪk pɑːrt ɪn/	to join an activity, event or sport with other people	We like to **take part in** a lantern parade at the festival.
announcement (n) /əˈnaʊnsmənt/	something that people say to give official information on something else	The **announcement** is for the Vietnamese Food Festival in May.

WRITING

An announcement about a festival

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1). Write a heading to tell what the event is.	**1) The Spring Festival**	**3).** Ask everyone to take part in the event.
	2) We are excited to announce that the spring Festival will take place on Nguyễn Huệ street.	**4)** Say the cost.
2). Tell what, where and when the event is.	The event starts on February 2 and ends on February 4. The festival aims to wish For health and success in the new year.	**5)** Tell everyone about things to do and see.
	3) Your Family and Friends are welcome to join us'For the celebration.	
	4) The event is Free For everyone.	
	5) There are diFFerent exciting activities during the Festival, such as lion dances, a *bánh tét* making competition or Folk games. Visitors can win a special prize when they take part in those activities.	

PRACTICE

Vocabulary

a. Complete the sentences using the words or phrases in the boxes.

eve	candied	take part in	take place	People's Committee

1. The fireworks will _____ on New Year's Eve.

2. Tết holiday celebrations begin on the _____ of the lunar new year.

3. As usual, the _____ of my village hold a cultural event to celebrate the new year.

4. Everyone in my village makes *bánh tét, bánh Chung* or _____ fruit to celebrate Tết.

5. The children in my neighbourhood are excited to _____ a lantern parade next week.

b. Complete the conversation using the words or phrases in the box.

A. candied

B. take place

C. take part in

D. announcement

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E. People's Committee

An: There is an official **(6)** _____ about this year's festival.

Kim: That's great!

An: This year's event will **(7)** _____ at the Youth's Center.

Kim: How long does it last?

An: It lasts for two days.

Kim: Are there any exciting activities this year?

An: Definitely. You can enjoy lion dances or **(8)** _____ a poem- writing competition.

Kim: How interesting!

An: You can also enter a(n) **(9)** _____ fruit making competition.

Kim: Terrific! I love quick and easy sweet food, so I think the competition is good for me.

An: Like last year, the **(10)** _____ is the host of the upcoming event.

Kim: I can't wait for it any longer.

Listening

a. Listen to Andy and Ly talking about the Mid-Autumn Festival. Fill in each gap with ONE WORD

The Mid-Autumn Festival is coming in a **(1)** _____. This year, the festival is in the city **(2)** _____. On Main Road, there IS a **(3)** _____ where you can buy mooncakes, other food and even some **(4)** _____. During the festival, there are a lot of cultural activities such as children singing and playing musical instruments, **(5)** _____ and lion dances.

b. Listen to a talk about celebrations in Vietnam. Fill in each gap with ONE WORD.

The Moon Festival • with different names, e.g., the Mooncake Festival • a **(6)** _____ celebration in Vietnamese culture	**Hùng Kings' Festival** • a public holiday • in the **(9)** _____ lunar month (from the eighth to eleventh)
Vietnamese New Year or Tết • the largest and most important celebration in Vietnam	**International Workers' Day** • on May 1, with another name as May Day • having a **(10)** _____

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• celebrating the start of **(7)** _____ **Christmas** • a yearly event that takes place primarily on December 25 • with a lot of major **(8)** _____ celebrating it	

Reading

a. Read the text about the Vietnamese Food Festival. Circle the correct answers.

VIETNAMESE FOOD FESTIVAL

The Vietnamese Food Festival is an event on January 1 of every year. The event is an occasion when people celebrate the new year by participating in different activities. This year's festival is at the Youth Cultural House. Visitors can watch famous cooks on television preparing well-known dishes from different parts of the country. Visitors can have a chance to have some of the dishes. At the same time, there is a lion dance show. Usually, children and teenagers are excited about the performance because there are many exciting things to see in the show. There is a particular area for such traditional leisure activities as tug of war, shuttlecock or jump rope. These activities are mainly available for children and teenagers.

The most exciting activity of the festival is a rice cooking competition. The winners can have an excellent opportunity to visit Hạ Long for four days. Last year's winners received a three-day trip to Sapa. This year's event starts on September 16, and the tickets to the entrance are free of charge, visitors can go to the webpage and get tickets for free. The information is available on the website.

1. When does the event take place?

A. every year B. on January 1

C. in January D. on the first day of each month

2. Why do people celebrate the event?

A. to celebrate a birthday B. to mark a new year

C. to start a cooking contest D. to give an award

3. Who is the lion dance performance mainly for?

A children and teenagers B. older people

C. all people D. foreign visitors

4. What is the prize for the competition winners?

A. a trip to Sapa B. a free ticket

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C. free entrance D. a vacation to Hạ Long

5. Where can people buy their tickets?

A. from the website B. at the entrance

C. at the gate D. at the door

b. Read the text about Christmas celebration in Vietnam. Circle the best answers.

Christmas is not an official holiday in Vietnam, but it doesn't stop people from celebrating it.

People in big cities like Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi go out for Christmas. Department stores, hotels and streets are full of Christmas decorations like dazzling lights, trees, candy canes, snowflakes and many more. You can also hear Christmas carols from shops or restaurants. It's fantastic to learn that local people know many different Christmas carols. If you are in Ho Chi Minh City, go to Nguyễn Huệ Walking Street for the biggest and brightest displays.

Like many other countries that celebrate Christmas, it is all about dinners. Many Vietnamese restaurants offer Christmas buffets with traditional meals such as roasted turkey and Christmas pudding. You may also get delicious Vietnamese food on Christmas Day such as noodle soup.

It can't be Christmas without Santa Claus. He still wears his classic red suit, even when the weather is hot in Vietnam. You can find Santa clothes in stores and see " hundreds of children dressing up as little Santa Clauses and walking on streets in the big cities. Like every other country, children in Vietnam believe in Santa Claus. They call him *Ông già* Noel (Christmas older man).

6. What is the best title of the text?

A. Vietnamese Santa Claus B. Christmas Decorations in Vietnam

C. Christmas Carols and Food in Vietnam D. Christmas Celebration in Vietnam

7. What is the second paragraph about?

A. Christmas carols B. Christmas decorations

C. People walking on streets D. Shops and restaurants at Christmas

8. What is the main idea of the third paragraph?

A. Restaurants at Christmas B. Roast turkey as a classic meal

C. Different types of food at Christmas D. Vietnamese food on Christmas Day

9. Which has the CLOSEST meaning to the word *traditional* in paragraph 4?

A. current B. modern C. fashionable D. classic

10. What does the word *They* in paragraph 4 refer to?

A. Children in Vietnam B. *Ông già* Noel

C. Santa Clauses D. every other country

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Speaking

Put the sentences in the correct order to make a complete conversation.

① Hey Rita. There is a special event at our school this Saturday. Would you like to join in?

Yes, there are. You can play shuttlecock, tug of war, jump rope and many more.

Shuttlecock is exciting. I see lots of people in my neighborhood play it every morning.

That sounds interesting! What occasion is it?

I didn't know that! Are there any activities to celebrate the holiday?

It's Hùng Kings' Festival. It's a national holiday in my country.

Writing

a. Read the announcement about a festival. Match the headings to the parts of the announcement.

A. Heading

B. Invitation

C. Entrance Free

D. Things to do and see

E. Time, location and purpose

(1) The Lantern Festival

(2) We are pleased to announce that this year's Lantern Festival will take place on Hoa Đăng Street on January 15 of the lunar calendar. The Lantern Festival aims to wish for peace and forgiveness. **(3)** Come and celebrate the festival next weekend. **(4)** This is a free event for everyone to join. **(5)** There are exciting activities, such as lion, dragon dances and a lantern parade. During the festival, people often eat rice balls with fruits or nuts inside them.

b. Write an announcement about a festival in your hometown. Write 80-100 words or more.

In my writing, I use correct …

- vocabulary
- grammar
- spelling
- punctuation
- linking words

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