

TA9. U6. A Vietnamese lifestyle: then and now – Reading 3

Text 1: Vietnamese Families: Then and Now

Vietnamese families have transitioned significantly over the decades. In the past, most people lived in (1) _____ families, where several generations shared the same (2) _____.

This setup fostered a (3) _____ lifestyle, with elders being highly respected and children expected to follow their guidance.

Today, nuclear families are more common, with young couples often living independently. This shift has created a (4) _____ between generations, as modern families value (5) _____ and personal freedom more than before.

Education also reflects this change. Traditional learning involved students having to (6) _____ information from textbooks, while today's schools encourage students to (7) _____ and actively participate in lessons. Modern education provides more (8) _____ for students to (9) _____ their ambitions.

However, some traditions persist. For example, Vietnamese (10) _____ are still popular for special occasions, reflecting the importance of cultural heritage.

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| 1. A. nuclear | B. extended | C. independent | D. professional |
| 2. A. gap | B. privacy | C. household | D. generation |
| 3. A. democratic | B. western | C. family-oriented | D. professional |
| 4. A. popularity | B. gap | C. household | D. opportunity |
| 5. A. privacy | B. independence | C. dependent | D. professional |
| 6. A. dye | B. take notes | C. memorise | D. replace |
| 7. A. play outdoors | B. ride a buffalo | C. leave school | D. take notes |
| 8. A. opportunities | B. gaps | C. promises | D. lifestyles |
| 9. A. replace | B. pursue | C. promise | D. support |
| 10. A. traditional costumes | B. oil lamps | C. household items | D. farming tools |

Text 2: Daily Life: Past and Present

The daily lifestyle of Vietnamese people has shifted from simplicity to modern convenience.

In the past, people relied on (1) _____ farming tools and used (2) _____ to light their homes. Today, these have been (3) _____ by hi-tech appliances and advanced designs.

Traditional professions, such as artisans and (4) _____, once played a vital role in creating clothes by (5) _____ natural materials. These skills have mostly disappeared due to (6) _____ manufacturing processes.

Family dynamics have also changed. Where (7) _____ families once emphasized close-knit relationships, nuclear families now prioritize (8) _____ and personal independence.

This reflects a more (9) _____ approach to living, influenced by (10) _____ trends.

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| 1. A. natural | B. hi-tech | C. professional | D. western |
| 2. A. hi-tech appliances | B. extended families | C. oil lamps | D. promises |
| 3. A. memorised | B. replaced | C. dependent | D. pursued |
| 4. A. monks | B. teachers | C. performers | D. students |
| 5. A. pursuing | B. designing | C. dyeing | D. replacing |

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| 6. A. democratic | B. industrial | C. professional | D. western |
| 7. A. dependent | B. privacy | C. democratic | D. extended |
| 8. A. independence | B. memorisation | C. dependent | D. gap |
| 9. A. western | B. democratic | C. independent | D. extended |
| 10. A. nuclear | B. democratic | C. traditional | D. western |

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