

●●● A very special occasion

A. VOCABULARY: Talking about customs and traditions

Circle the correct words to complete the story.

Every year, my family gets together to ¹*honor / observe* the holiday of *Chuseok*, a Korean harvest celebration. The ²*festivities / practices* take place during the eighth month of the lunar year when there's a full moon.

We always prepare a lot of delicious foods for *Chuseok*. The abundance of food ³*signifies / honors* a good harvest. One of these foods is *seongpyeon*, a type of rice cake. It is white, shaped like a half circle, and filled with things like sesame seeds or pine nuts. Because of its shape, it ⁴*marks / symbolizes* the moon.

Ancestors are also an important part of *Chuseok*. First, we have a memorial service at home. This ⁵*significance / ritual* usually takes place in the morning. Then we visit our ancestors' graves later in the day to *observe / honor* them.

My family and I participate in *Chuseok* because we really enjoy it, but more importantly, we do it because we want to help ⁶*keep / mark* these traditions ⁷*significant / alive*.



B. GRAMMAR: Fronting adverbials

Complete the sentences. Match 1–5 with a–e.

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| 1 On the table | <u>d</u> | a people are talking and having fun. |
| 2 From the kitchen | ___ | b float sounds of raindrops falling. |
| 3 Around the house | ___ | c is bread baking to a golden-brown color. |
| 4 Through the window | ___ | d lay plates full of traditional foods. |
| 5 In the oven | ___ | e come sounds of cooking and laughing. |

Bring the adverbials in bold to the front of each sentence. Make any changes to word order that are needed.

- 1 The sound of a fire crackling comes **from the fireplace**.

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- 2 Adults and children are hanging decorations **around the house**.

- 3 Sounds of music and chatter come **from the kitchen**.

- 4 Delicious scents of cooking waft **throughout the house**.

- 5 Traditional dishes are **in the oven** roasting.

- 6 A beautiful vase of flowers sits **on the table**.