

1 Choose the correct answer A, B or C. (Giving opinions)

Tom: What do you think about life in the mountains?

Trang: I think it's very interesting. People in the mountains live close to nature.

Tom: What about you, Mai? What do you think?

Mai: To my way of thinking, there are better services in the city.



- What does Trang think about life in the mountains?
A. Boring. B. Interesting. C. Difficult.
- What does Mai think about the city?
A. There are better services.
B. There is a lot of nature.
C. There are more traditional games.
- Which phrase shows an opinion?
A. I think ... B. There are ... C. People live ...
- What are they mainly talking about?
A. Traditional games.
B. Life in the mountains.
C. Services in the city.

3 Fill in each blank with *a*, *much*, *many*, *a little*, or *a few*.

- There are _____ ethnic minority groups in Viet Nam.
- The Jrai grow _____ coffee in the Central Highlands.
- We have _____ information about the Jrai now.
- There are _____ buffaloes on my uncle's farm.
- She adds _____ salt to the soup. It's enough.



2 Match the words (1-6) with the pictures (A-F).

- traditional game
- stilt house
- buffalo
- weaving
- forest
- musical instrument



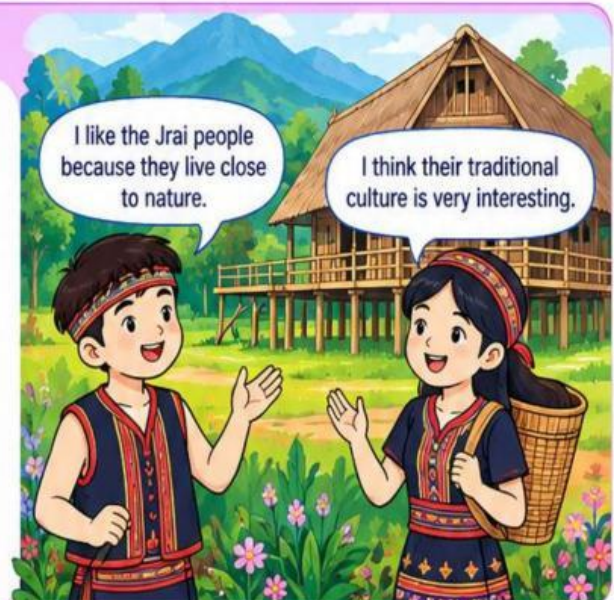
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- The Jrai decorate houses for the dead with a lot of _____.
A. wood statues B. flowers C. colourful pictures
- The Khmer mostly earn their living from weaving and _____.
A. farming B. hunting C. fishing
- Which picture shows a Thai woman's costume?



5 Choose the correct answer A, B or C.

- The Jrai is _____ ethnic group in the Central Highlands.
A. the largest B. a small C. a new
- They mainly live _____ Gia Lai.
A. on B. in C. at
- The Jrai mostly earn their living from _____.
A. industry B. tourism C. growing crops
- Traditional culture of the Jrai includes folk dances, songs, games and _____.
A. houses B. musical instruments C. cars
- _____ play an important role in the Jrai family.
A. Men B. Women C. Children
- I think life in the mountains is _____.
A. boring B. interesting C. difficult



6 Match the words and phrases with the correct pictures.

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Rong house terraced field ethnic minority musical instrument



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____

7 Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

- Stilt houses are made from natural _____.
A. metals B. wood C. plastic D. stone
- People build stilt houses _____ keep their family safe.
A. to B. for C. with D. on
- The most important place in the house is the _____.
A. kitchen B. bedroom C. field D. roof
- The Bahnar and Ede have a communal house called a _____.
A. stilt house B. bamboo house
C. Rong house D. terraced house
- The Tay and Nung's stilt houses usually overlook a _____.
A. forest B. river C. field D. city
- People climb a seven- or nine-step _____ to enter the house.
A. post B. staircase C. door D. pillar
- Family gatherings take place by the _____ in the middle of the house.
A. bed B. open fire C. table D. window
- The largest and tallest house in an Ede village is the _____ house.
A. stilt B. bamboo C. communal D. Rong

8 Read the passage and tick (✓) True (T) or False (F).

Stilt houses

Stilt houses are popular among different ethnic minority groups, from the Thai in the Northern Highlands to the Khmer in the Mekong Delta. The houses come in different sizes and styles, and show the traditional culture of their owners.

Stilt houses are made from natural materials like wood, bamboo, and leaves. They stand on strong posts, about two or three metres above the ground. This allows them to keep people safe from wild animals. People climb a seven- or nine-step staircase to enter the house. The most important place in the house is the kitchen. It has an open fire in the middle of the house. It is the place for family gatherings and receiving guests.

The stilt houses of the Tay and Nung usually overlook a field. The stilt houses of the Thai, however, face mountains or a forest. The Bahnar and Ede have a communal house (called a Rong house) as the heart of their village. These communal houses are the largest and tallest ones in the village.

	T	F
1. Stilt houses are popular only in the Northern Highlands.		
2. They are made from wood, bamboo and leaves.		
3. Stilt houses help keep people safe from wild animals.		
4. The most important place in the house is the bedroom.		
5. The Tay and Nung's stilt houses usually overlook a field.		
6. The Bahnar and Ede's Rong house is the largest and tallest house in the village.		

9 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

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- The house stands on strong _____ to keep it high and dry.
- People climb a seven- or nine-step _____ to enter the house.
- The most important place in the house is the kitchen with an _____.
- The Tay and Nung's stilt houses usually overlook a _____.
- The Bahnar and Ede have a communal house called a _____.
- Stilt houses are popular among different _____ groups.
- Many people in the village live in a _____.



10 Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

- Which ethnic group usually lives in stilt houses in the Northern Highlands?
A. H'mong B. Thai C. Cham D. Khmer
- What are stilt houses made from?
A. Wood, bamboo and leaves. B. Bricks and metal.
C. Plastic and stone. D. Cement and glass.
- Why do people build stilt houses?
A. To keep cool in summer. B. To keep people safe from wild animals.
C. To grow rice on the roof. D. To make the houses more expensive.
- What does the open fire in the middle of the house usually serve for?
A. Cooking and family gatherings. B. Keeping the house warm.
C. Lighting the house at night. D. Storing food.
- Which of the following is TRUE about the Rong house?
A. It is smaller than a stilt house. B. It is the heart of an Ede village.
C. It is made of bricks. D. It faces the sea.
- The Tay and Nung's stilt houses usually overlook _____.
A. a river B. a field C. a forest D. a city

