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Elena and Minh are talking about Minh's family. Choose A - E to complete their conversation. Then practise it with a friend.

**Elena:** Minh, does your family often spend time doing activities together?

**Minh:** (1) \_\_\_\_\_

**Elena:** Do you mean you watch them at the stadium?

**Minh:** That's right. (2) \_\_\_\_\_

**Elena:** Your family must love football very much.

**Minh:** (3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Elena:** Oh, and do any of your other relatives play football?

**Minh:** (4) \_\_\_\_\_

**Elena:** How about your dad?

**Minh:** (5) \_\_\_\_\_

**Elena:** You certainly have an interesting family, Minh.

**A.** Yes. We cheer our favourite football team whenever they play.

**B.** We do. My grandfather was a football player, so by tradition, we are all football fans.

**C.** He broke with tradition. He's now a businessman.

**D.** Sometimes we even go to the opponent's stadium with our team's fan club.

**E.** Well, my three uncles are football players too.

## D Reading

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Choose the correct answer A, B, or C to fill in each blank to complete the passage.

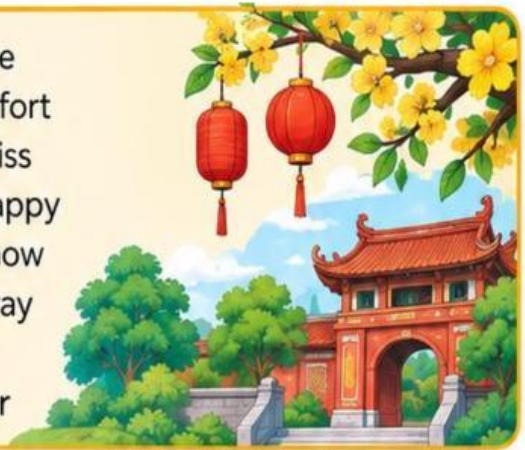
### The Kate Festival



The Kate Festival is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ most important festival of the Cham in Viet Nam. It is held for three days at the beginning of October. The main ceremony takes (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in Po Rume, Po Nugar, and Po Klong Garai\* towers in Ninh Thuan Province. The festival helps people remember Cham heroes and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ their ancestors. It is also a time for people to relax, visit each other, and wish others (4) \_\_\_\_\_ luck. For festival goers, it is a great opportunity to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the beauty in the Cham culture. The ceremony starts with people calling their ancestors and gods. Then, they (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for health and prosperity. The festival follows with (7) \_\_\_\_\_ traditional music and dance performances. The festival is full (8) \_\_\_\_\_ sounds and colours, and is a wonderful time for both the locals and visitors.

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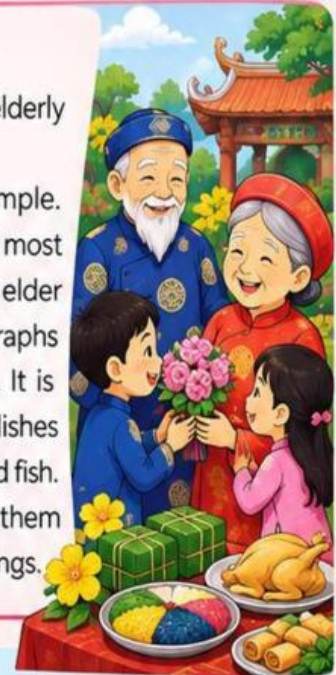
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|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1. A. Ø       | B. a          | C. the    |
| 2. A. place   | B. time       | C. effort |
| 3. A. worship | B. offer      | C. miss   |
| 4. A. nice    | B. good       | C. happy  |
| 5. A. look    | B. experience | C. show   |
| 6. A. search  | B. work       | C. pray   |
| 7. A. the     | B. Ø          | C. a      |
| 8. A. of      | B. with       | C. for    |

**2**

**Read the passage and choose the correct option A, B, or C for each question.**

### *A Longevity Celebration*

On the fifth day of Tet, Binh An Village holds a longevity celebration for elderly people over 70. This tradition has continued for centuries in the village. In the morning, everyone dresses nicely and walks to the village temple. According to tradition, the elderly wear traditional *ao dai*. They sit at the most honourable place. The village leaders congratulate them. They offer each elder a "longevity flag" and a bunch of flowers. Then, each family takes photographs with their elders. At noon, families hold a home party for their elders. It is customary for the family members to cook for their elders. The traditional dishes served are five-colour sticky rice, steamed chicken, spring rolls, and deep-fried fish. The longevity celebration is important to all villagers. It is an opportunity for them to show their respect to the elders. It is also a great time for family gatherings.

**1**

**1. What is the passage mainly about?**

- A. A celebration for the elderly.  
B. A spring festival.

**2**

**2. How do people go to the village temple?**

- A. By car.                      B. By motorbike.                      C. On foot.

**3**

**3. According to the passage, what do the elders NOT do during the official ceremony?**

- A. Sit at an honourable place.  
B. Take photographs of the event.  
C. Receive congratulations from other people.

**4**

**4. Who cooks at the home party?**

- A. The elderly.                      B. The nearby restaurant.                      C. The family members.

**5**

**5. The celebration is important to Binh An villagers because \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. it shows that they respect the elders  
B. it is an opportunity to admire their culture  
C. it is a great opportunity for them to gather

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Read the passage and do the tasks that follow.



## Popular Traditions in Britain



When one thinks of the British, one often imagines people drinking tea and eating fish and chips. But there are many other traditions that British people have maintained for centuries.



### Pancake Day

Pancake Day is also called Shrove Tuesday, and it is a day people make pancakes. They hold a pancake race. Runners wear a traditional apron and scarf and carry a pan with a pancake in it. They have to flip the pancake as they run. The first person to reach the finish line with their pancake is the winner.



### Christmas

Christmas is on 25th December but people prepare for it long before the event. Christmas trees are everywhere. People decorate the trees and place gifts under them. They cook traditional foods, wear their best clothes, and have family reunions.



### New Year Countdown

On New Year's Eve, crowds gather at Trafalgar Square or Piccadilly Circus to wait for the start of the new year. At midnight, there is a huge fireworks celebration over the London Eye, followed by Big Ben ringing in the New Year and people singing Auld Lang Syne.



#### a. Tick (✓) T (True) or F (False).

|                                                                             | T | F |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. The British are famous for the tradition of coffee drinking.             |   |   |
| 2. Pancake Day always falls on a Wednesday.                                 |   |   |
| 3. Christmas is a time for family gatherings.                               |   |   |
| 4. Many British people go outdoors to count down for the new year.          |   |   |
| 5. At the turning of the new year, there is a fireworks display on Big Ben. |   |   |

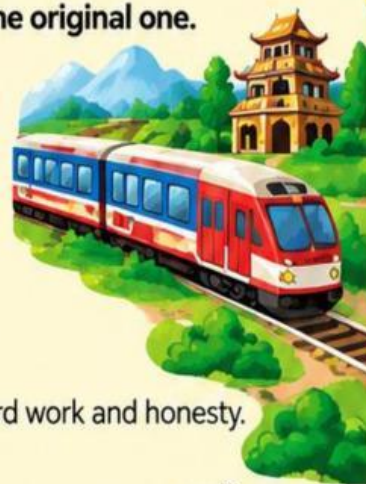
#### b. Match the information with the traditions. Some traditions can be used twice.

| Information                                         | Traditions                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. All participants sing a song at a specific time. | <b>A.</b> Pancake race<br><b>B.</b> Christmas<br><b>C.</b> New Year Countdown |
| 2. Lots of preparation happens before the event.    |                                                                               |
| 3. Participants have to wear a specific costume.    |                                                                               |
| 4. Piccadilly Circus is crowded at this time.       |                                                                               |
| 5. Participants race with a traditional food.       |                                                                               |

1

Rewrite each sentence so that it has the same meaning as the original one. Use the given words. Do NOT change the capitalised word.

1. We travelled to Hue on the train. (BY)  
→ We travelled to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We walked to the village temple. (FOOT)  
→ We went \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Canada's capital is Ottawa. (CANADA)  
→ Ottawa \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Vietnamese people value hard work and honesty. (THE)  
→ \_\_\_\_\_ value hard work and honesty.
5. My dad is not a coffee drinker. (DRINK)  
→ My dad \_\_\_\_\_ coffee.



2

Your penfriend asked you about the Thac Con Festival in Soc Trang Province. Write an email to your penfriend to tell him / her about the festival. Use the following information.

| Thac Con Festival   |                                                                                              |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Also called:</b> | Coconut Offering Festival                                                                    |
| <b>Where:</b>       | An Trach Village, Soc Trang Province                                                         |
| <b>When:</b>        | Middle of the third lunar month                                                              |
| <b>Purposes:</b>    | To wish for good luck and fortune<br>To remember ancestors                                   |
| <b>Activities:</b>  | Worshipping Buddha<br>Singing and dancing                                                    |
| <b>Dos:</b>         | Bring a pair of coconuts when visiting a family<br>Buy flower vases made from coconut shells |
| <b>Don'ts:</b>      | Litter the temple grounds<br>Take flowers without asking                                     |

To: penfriend@example.com

Subject: The Thac Con Festival

Hi there,  
You asked me about the Thac Con Festival in Soc Trang Province. Let me tell you about it.

The Thac Con Festival, also called the Coconut Offering Festival, is held in An Trach Village, Soc Trang Province in the middle of the third lunar month. The festival is to wish for good luck and fortune and to remember ancestors.

During the festival, people worship Buddha, sing and dance.

If you visit a family, you should bring a pair of coconuts. You can also buy flower vases made from coconut shells. However, you shouldn't litter the temple grounds or take flowers without asking.

It's a special and meaningful festival.

I hope you can visit it one day!

Best wishes,

[Your name]



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Write a short paragraph of about 80 words to provide information about the Boxing Day in the UK. Use the following information to help you.

| Boxing Day in the UK        |                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>When:</b>                | 26th December                                                                                       |
| <b>Type:</b>                | A public holiday                                                                                    |
| <b>Traditional meaning:</b> | The day to give Christmas boxes to the poor                                                         |
| <b>Activities:</b>          | Giving small gifts to others<br>Watching sports<br>Eating Christmas leftovers<br>Shopping at stores |

Boxing Day is a public holiday in the UK. It takes place on 26th December every year. Traditionally, it was a day when people gave Christmas boxes to the poor. Nowadays, people celebrate Boxing Day in different ways. They often give small gifts to others and watch sports. Many families enjoy eating Christmas leftovers together. Some people also go shopping at stores because there are many special sales. Boxing Day is a wonderful time for people to relax and enjoy the holiday.

