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## LỜI NÓI ĐẦU

**Tiếng Anh 8, Tập Một** được Nhà xuất bản Giáo dục Việt Nam tổ chức biên soạn theo Chương trình Giáo dục phổ thông môn Tiếng Anh thí điểm cấp Trung học cơ sở do Bộ Giáo dục và Đào tạo ban hành theo Quyết định số 01/QĐ-BGDĐT ngày 03 tháng 01 năm 2012, tiếp theo **Tiếng Anh 7**. Sách được biên soạn theo đường hướng giao tiếp, giúp học sinh sử dụng ngữ liệu (ngữ âm, từ vựng, ngữ pháp) để phát triển năng lực giao tiếp bằng tiếng Anh thông qua bốn kĩ năng nghe, nói, đọc và viết, trong đó, ưu tiên phát triển hai kĩ năng nghe và nói. Trong **Tiếng Anh 8, Tập Một**, việc học là trung tâm, học sinh là chủ thể của quá trình dạy học, trong đó tâm lí lứa tuổi của học sinh Trung học cơ sở, các đặc điểm văn hóa của Việt Nam và của các nước trên thế giới, đặc biệt là của các nước nói tiếng Anh, được đặc biệt coi trọng.

**Tiếng Anh 8, Tập Một** được biên soạn xoay quanh hai chủ điểm (Theme) gắn gũi với học sinh: *Our Communities* và *Our Heritage*. Mỗi chủ điểm được chia thành ba đơn vị bài học (Unit) tương ứng với ba chủ đề (Topic) của Chương trình. Sau mỗi chủ điểm là một bài ôn (Review) tập trung vào kiến thức ngôn ngữ và kĩ năng ngôn ngữ học sinh đã được học và rèn luyện.

**Tiếng Anh 8, Tập Một** được biên soạn trên cơ sở những kinh nghiệm thực tiễn của việc dạy tiếng Anh Trung học cơ sở ở Việt Nam với sự hợp tác chặt chẽ về chuyên môn và kĩ thuật của Tập đoàn Xuất bản Giáo dục Pearson.

Các tác giả rất mong nhận được những ý kiến đóng góp của các nhà giáo, học sinh, phụ huynh học sinh và đồng đạo bạn đọc quan tâm để sách được hoàn thiện hơn.

*Các tác giả*



	Reading	Listening
<b>Unit 1:</b> <b>Leisure activities</b>	- Reading for general and specific information about the possible effects of spending too much time on the computer	- Listening for specific information about ways of spending time with friends
<b>Unit 2:</b> <b>Life in the countryside</b>	- Reading for specific information about an unusual lifestyle in the countryside: Mongolian nomadic life	- Listening for specific information about changes in the countryside
<b>Unit 3:</b> <b>Peoples of Viet Nam</b>	- Reading for specific information about an ethnic group	- Listening for specific information about a traditional speciality
<b>REVIEW 1</b>		
<b>Unit 4:</b> <b>Our customs and traditions</b>	- Reading for specific information about family customs and traditions	- Listening for specific information about a traditional dance of an ethnic group in Viet Nam
<b>Unit 5:</b> <b>Festivals in Viet Nam</b>	- Reading for specific information about two festivals in Viet Nam	- Listening for general and specific information about a traditional festival
<b>Unit 6:</b> <b>Folk tales</b>	- Reading for specific information about a fairy tale	- Listening for specific information about a fairy tale
<b>REVIEW 2</b>		



## Speaking

- Talking about 'good' and 'bad' sides of leisure activities

- Talking about what you like or dislike about life in the countryside

- Talking about life of an ethnic group

- Talking about family customs and traditions

- Talking about the reasons for going to a festival and the things to take when attending a festival

- Talking about a legend/ folk tale/ fairy tale/ fable

## Writing

- Writing to discuss an opinion about leisure activities

- Writing about changes in the countryside.

- Writing about how to cook a traditional dish

- Writing about a traditional dance

- Writing about a festival

- Narrating a legend/ folk tale/ fairy tale/ fable

## Language Focus

- Verbs of liking + gerunds
- Verbs of liking + to-infinitives
- Clusters: /br/ and /pr/

- Comparative forms of adjectives: review
- Comparative forms of adverbs
- Clusters: /bl/ and /cl/

- Questions: review
- Articles (some uses)
- Clusters: /sk/, /sp/ and /st/

- *Should* and *shouldn't*: review
- *have to*
- Clusters: /spr/, /str/

- Simple sentences and compound sentences: review
- Complex sentences
- Stress of words ending in *-ion* and *-ian*

- Past simple: review
- Past continuous
- Intonation in exclamatory sentences



**3 Write the correct form of the verbs.**

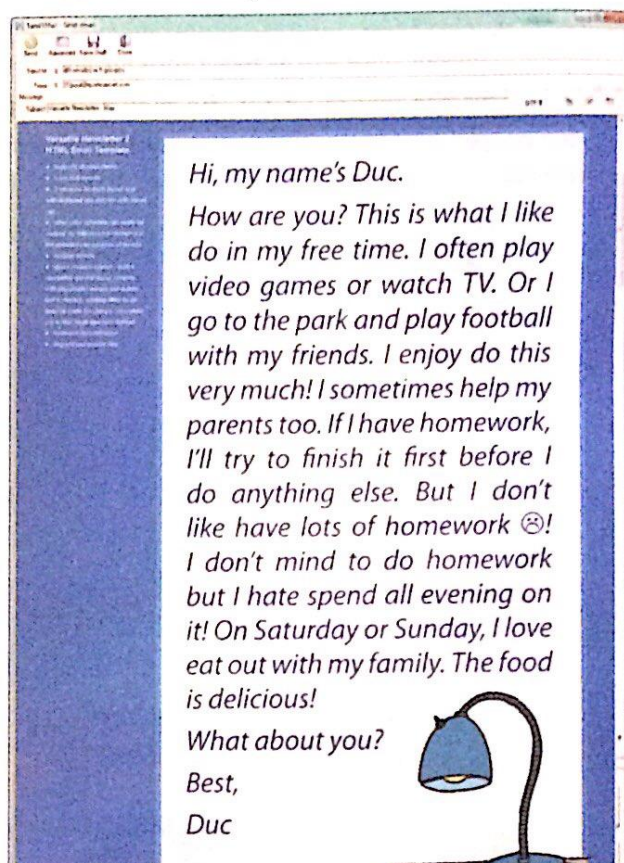


1. Mai enjoys \_\_\_\_\_ (make) crafts, especially bracelets.
2. People in Britain love \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV in their free time.
3. Do you fancy \_\_\_\_\_ (skateboard) in the park this Sunday?
4. Nick likes \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) Vietnamese.
5. Ngoc hates \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) at the computer for too long.

**4 Write sentences about what you like or don't like doing in your free time, beginning with the following. Then share what you have written with your partner.**

1. I adore \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I love \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I fancy \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I don't mind \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I don't like \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I detest \_\_\_\_\_.

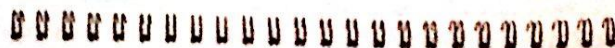
**5 Look at the following email that Minh Duc wrote to a new penfriend.**



**a There are six grammar mistakes in his email. Can you find and correct them?**

**b Answer the questions.**

1. How many activities does Duc mention in his email?
2. Which two activities do you think he enjoys the most?
- 6 Write a similar email to tell your friend about your free time, using the verbs of liking + gerunds or verbs of liking + to-infinitives. Swap your work with a partner and check for mistakes.





# COMMUNICATION

## Extra vocabulary

window shopping

to be hooked on something

to sound weird

to be addicted to something

1 Read the following article on the magazine **4Teen** website.

This week 4Teen has opened a forum for friends around the world to share how they spend their free time.

I love hanging out w/ my best friend Helen in my spare time, like going 'window shopping'. J4F! We also work as volunteers for an animal protection organisation. 2moro we r going to a farm.

posted Tue 3.20 pm

This may sound weird, but I adore cloud watching. Find an open space, lie on ur back, n' look at the clouds. Use ur imagination. EZ! DYLI too?

posted Wed 8.04 pm

This year my city is the European Capital of Culture, so lots goin' on. At weekends my bro n' I go 2 our city community centre where we dance, paint, and do drama. I'm hooked on drama! <3 it!

posted Thu 6.26 pm

I like doing sports – I'm in my school's football team. But what I mostly do in my free time is help my aunt. She has cooking classes 4 small groups of tourists. It's WF 4 me!

posted Fri 7.19 pm

I've been kind of addicted to the net. I just love sitting in front of my computer for hours! But now my mum has said it's NUFF! I'll start my judo class this weekend. It's OK. WBU?

posted Fri 8.45 pm



Hang

(Phan Thiet, Viet Nam)



Minh

(Sa Pa, Viet Nam)



Emily

(Perth, Australia)



Linn

(Umeå, Sweden)



Manuel

(Buenos Aires, Argentina)

2 Can you understand the abbreviations in the text? Use this 'netlingo' dictionary if necessary.

2moro	tomorrow
4	for
<3	love
bro	brother
DYLI	Do you love it?
EZ	easy
J4F	just for fun
goin'	going
n'	and
NUFF	enough
r	are
ur	your
w/	with
WBU	What about you?
WF	way fun

Now add to the dictionary other abbreviations used for online chatting/texting that you know.

3 Find information in the text to complete the table.

Who?	What activity is mentioned?	What does he/she think of it?
Emily		

4 Work with your partner and put the activities in 3 in order from the most interesting to the most boring. Then compare your ideas with other pairs.



# SKILLS 1

## Reading



**1** What are the benefits of using computers or mobile phones for leisure activities? What are the harmful things it may bring us?

**2** Read the text and choose the correct answer.

### THE 'NET GENERATION'

Quang is watering his garden and can't wait to pick the ripe fruit. He spends most of his spare time looking after the garden. Sounds great, doesn't it? But his garden is a virtual one!

In today's world, teenagers rely on technology more than in the past. This can be a problem because using computers too much may have harmful effects on both their minds and bodies. They prefer watching TV and playing computer games to reading books, perhaps because they don't have to think and imagine as much. They don't join clubs or have hobbies and they don't play sports. They sit in front of the computer all the time. They don't get out of the house, even for a walk. They are in a world that doesn't exist.

While Quang now knows the names of many plants, and his English seems to be improving as he chats with his 'gaming friends' from all over the world, his parents are getting worried. They want him to get out more. They are even thinking of banning him from using the computer.



1. The text is about \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. teenagers' leisure time in the past
  - B. teenagers' leisure time in the present
  - C. adults' leisure time in the present

2. The text discusses \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. the positive side of using technology in your free time
  - B. the negative side of using technology in your free time
  - C. both A and B

**3** Write the questions for the answers based on information from the text.

1. \_\_\_\_\_?  
No, it isn't real. It is a computer game.
2. \_\_\_\_\_?  
It can harm both the mind and the body.
3. \_\_\_\_\_?  
They don't go out but just sit in front of the computer all the time.
4. \_\_\_\_\_?  
Quang knows the names of many plants, and his English seems to be improving.

## Speaking

### Language notes

*Giving an opinion:* I think that...; In my opinion...

*Asking for an opinion:* What do you think? How do you feel about that?

*Agreeing:* I agree with you.; That's so true.; Exactly.

*Disagreeing:* I'm afraid I don't agree.; I don't think so.

**4** Quang and his parents are talking about how he should spend his free time. Decide which statements are from Quang and which are from his parents.

Go out and play a sport. It's good for you!

Sitting for too long in front of the computer makes your eyes tired.

My English is much better because I surf the net.

I think computer games train my mind and my memory.

I've made lots of friends from the game network.

You see your real friends less and less.

**5** Role-play: **WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?**

Quang, his parents, and his teacher are discussing the impacts of his using the computer. Play the following roles.

You are Quang. You want to persuade your parents of the benefits of using the computer.

You are Quang's parents. You want to let Quang know that using the computer too much can be harmful. You are thinking of completely banning him from using it.

You are Quang's teacher. You see both the negative and positive sides of using the computer. You offer a solution that can make both Quang and his parents happy.



## SKILLS 2

### Listening

**1** What do you usually do with your friends in your free time?

**2** Listen to the radio programme and answer the questions.

1. What is the topic of this week's programme?
2. Which two main ways does the programme suggest you can hang out with your friends?

**3** Listen again and complete the table.

HANGING OUT WITH YOUR BEST FRIENDS	
What to do	Why
Watching _____ (1) at home, eating popcorn	comfortable feeling, better than a _____ (2)
Making _____ (3)	creative, feeling satisfied
Playing _____ (4)	good for your _____ (5)
Watching _____ (6) downtown	fun
Going to _____ (7)	educating yourself

### Writing

#### Writing to give an opinion

#### Organising your ideas

##### Introducing your opinion

*In my opinion,*

*I believe*

##### Explaining your opinion

*Firstly, secondly, thirdly, finally*

*besides, also, in addition*

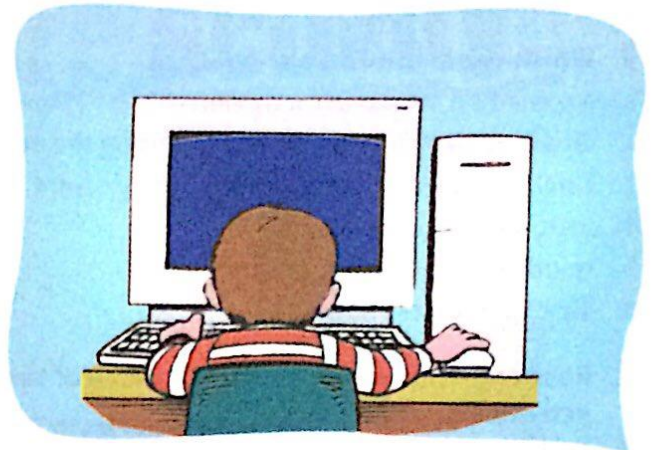
##### Concluding/Summarising your opinion

*For these reasons,*

*In short,*

*As I have noted,*

**4** Complete the following paragraph with the words in the "Organising your ideas" box.



(1) \_\_\_\_\_, using the computer as your hobby can be harmful to both your health and your social life. (2) \_\_\_\_\_, sitting all day in front of the computer can cause health problems such as eye-tiredness and obesity. (3) \_\_\_\_\_, you may get irritated easily. (4) \_\_\_\_\_, if you use the computer too much you won't have time for your family and friends. (5) \_\_\_\_\_, computers should only be used for a limited time.

**5** Now write a similar paragraph to answer one of the following questions.

1. What do you think is the best leisure activity for teenagers?
2. Should parents decide how teenagers spend their free time?






# LOOKING BACK

## Vocabulary


### 1 Which one is the odd one out?

1. a comedy, a movie, DIY, a thriller
2. emailing, hanging out, blogging, surfing the net
3. cinema, museum, hospital, community centre
4. love, fancy, like, enjoy, detest
5. good, boring, exciting, relaxing
6. ☺, <3, computer, how r u?


### 2 Rearrange the letters to find the name of the activities.




1. SOSINGCIALI  
with friends




2. REXINGLA




3. COMMUNICATINGMU  
with friends



4. DIONGDIY



5. USGIN computers



6. IGMANK crafts

## Grammar

### 3 Fill the gaps with the correct form of the verbs.

1. She adores \_\_\_\_\_ with young children. (work)
2. She likes \_\_\_\_\_ English with the new teacher. (learn)
3. They hate \_\_\_\_\_ their son texting his friends all day. (see)
4. He doesn't mind \_\_\_\_\_ homework. (do)
5. I enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ him last week in the library. (meet)
6. We prefer \_\_\_\_\_ outdoor games. (play)

### 4 Complete the following sentences with your own ideas.

1. My best friend doesn't mind \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Do you fancy \_\_\_\_\_?
3. My father used to hate \_\_\_\_\_, but now he likes doing it.
4. I love \_\_\_\_\_.
5. My cousin detests \_\_\_\_\_.

### 5 Read this paragraph from [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) by CEOP, the UK government agency that helps protect children from harm online and offline in the UK and internationally. Choose the most suitable words/ phrases to fill the gaps.

When you game online, be careful when you 'make friends' with strangers. What should you do? (1) \_\_\_\_\_, remember that it's easy to lie online and some of these 'online friends' may be adults who want to harm you. (2) \_\_\_\_\_, never give your personal information such as your full name or your hometown. (3) \_\_\_\_\_, only play online games when you have updated antivirus software. (4) \_\_\_\_\_, tell your parents what games you're playing and what you love about them. (5) \_\_\_\_\_, just like in the real world, you need to be careful when playing with strangers.

Because

Firstly

In short

Secondly

If

In addition

Thirdly

## Communication

### 6 Choose from the leisure activities in this unit:

- one activity you think is fun
- one activity you think is boring
- one activity you think is exciting
- one activity you think is good for physical health
- one activity you think is good for mental health

Explain why you think so. Then exchange your ideas with a partner.

Finished! Now I can ...	✓	✓✓	✓✓✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• talk about leisure activities</li> <li>• use verbs of liking+gerunds and to-infinitives</li> <li>• pronounce words containing the clusters /br/ and /pr/ correctly in isolation and in sentences</li> <li>• use signal words to write about my opinion in an organised way</li> </ul>			



# Join our leisure activity!



*In a small group decide on a leisure activity that you would like to organise. It could be a team sport, or a craft-making activity. Plan a poster advertising your activity. Include the following on your poster:*

- Explain the activity and include some pictures
  - Explain why this activity is fun/ exciting/ interesting
  - Give information about the meeting time and place
  - Tell classmates what they should bring to do the activity
- Use the poster to present the activity to the rest of the class. See how many classmates will sign up to your activity.





## Unit

## 2

## LIFE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

## GETTING STARTED

It's harvest time.

## THIS UNIT INCLUDES:

## VOCABULARY

Life in the countryside

## PRONUNCIATION

Clusters: /b/ and /c/

## GRAMMAR

Comparative forms of adjectives: review  
Comparative forms of adverbs

## COMMUNICATION

Talking about life in the countryside  
and the ways it has changed

## 1 Listen and read.

**Nguyen:** Nguyen speaking.**Nick:** Hi Nguyen, how's your stay there?**Nguyen:** Hi Nick! Well, it's more exciting than I expected.**Nick:** What are you doing?**Nguyen:** Lots of things. It's harvest time, so we help load the rice onto buffalo-drawn carts, ride it home and dry it. Have you ever ridden a cart?**Nick:** No, but I'd like to.**Nguyen:** And sometimes I go herding the buffaloes with the boys.**Nick:** You've made new friends?**Nguyen:** Yeah – right on my first day. They came and we went flying kites together.**Nick:** Where can you buy a kite in the countryside?**Nguyen:** The people here don't buy kites – they make them. My grandfather's made me the largest, most colourful kite I've ever had. It looks great up there in the sky.**Nick:** Oh, I'm so envious!**Nguyen:** Ha...ha... I guess. I live more happily here, and there's still a lot more to explore.**Nick:** Sounds great!**Nguyen:** And everything seems to move more slowly here than in the city.**Nick:** I wish I could join ...



**a Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?**

- |   | T                        | F                        |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Nguyen didn't think country life could be so interesting.              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Nguyen never joins the boys in herding the buffaloes.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Rice is transported home on trucks.                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Nick would like to visit the countryside at harvest time.              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Nguyen thinks life in the city is faster than that in the countryside. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**b Answer the following questions.**

- Where is Nguyen now?
- When was he able to make new friends?
- What is Nguyen's kite like?
- Who is Nguyen probably staying with?
- Does Nick want to be there with Nguyen?

**c Complete the sentences with the words in the box.**

buffalo-drawn cart	colourful
herding	move slowly
harvest time	paddy field

- When a thing has lots of bright colours, it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- When people are not in a hurry, they \_\_\_\_\_.
- A busy time when people collect their crops is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- A place where rice grows is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- My brother is taking his buffaloes out to feed them. He's \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- Rice is loaded onto a \_\_\_\_\_ to transport it home.

**d In groups, discuss and find how Nguyen feels about his stay in the countryside. Tick (✓) the appropriate box. Look for expressions from the conversation to support your ideas.**

- He likes it. ☐
- He doesn't mind it. ☐
- He doesn't like it. ☐

**2 Match the activities with the pictures.**

1. flying a kite



2. herding buffaloes



3. riding a horse



4. collecting water



5. drying the rice



6. loading the rice



**3 Can you think of some more things that children do in the countryside? Make a list.**

**Example:**

- They climb trees.
- They go swimming in the river.

**Share your list with the class.**

**4 GAME: COUNTRYSIDE CHARADES**

Play charades in two teams using the class list of countryside activities from 3. The teacher whispers an activity to one person from Team 1. This person mimes the activity for their team to guess. If their team guesses incorrectly, Team 2 can try. The teams take turns until all the activities have been mimed. The team with the most points wins.



# A CLOSER LOOK 1

## Vocabulary



**1** Listen and repeat the words.

1. slow

2. colourful

3. friendly

4. hard

5. brave

6. boring

7. inconvenient

8. vast

9. peaceful

10. nomadic

**2** Put the words in **1** into the appropriate category. Some words can be used in more than one category.

To describe...	Words
people	
life	
scenery	

**3** Match the nouns/ noun phrases in the box with each verb.

hay  
water  
a horse  
a tent

a pole  
a camel  
apples  
the cattle

wild flowers  
the buffaloes



**4** Use the words in **1** and **3** to complete the sentences. Remember to use the correct form of the verbs.

- When summer comes, we enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ blackberries.
- Our village has no running water, which is \_\_\_\_\_. We have to help our parents to \_\_\_\_\_ water from the river.
- In the countryside, children learn to \_\_\_\_\_ the cattle when they are small.
- Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ a horse? I think one has to be \_\_\_\_\_ to do it.
- You can relax in the countryside. It's so \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ life is hard because people have to move a lot.
- The sky is \_\_\_\_\_ here in the countryside. There are no buildings to block the view.
- We worked together to \_\_\_\_\_ this tent. It was \_\_\_\_\_ work.





## Pronunciation

Clusters: /bl/ and /cl/

- 5** Listen and repeat the words. Pay attention to the initial clusters.

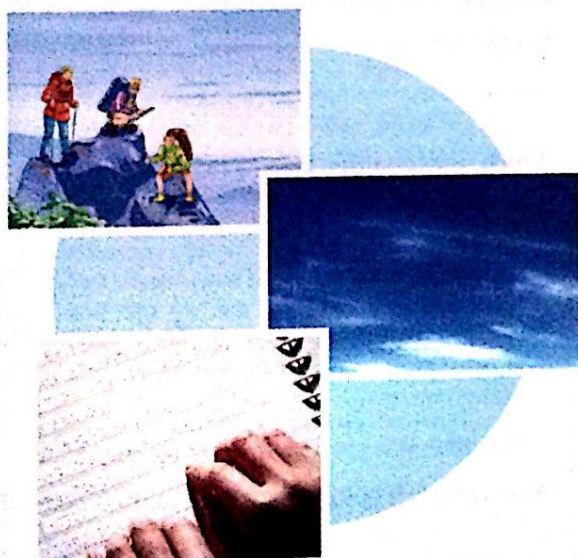
1. blackberry	2. clothing
3. climb	4. blind
5. click	6. clay
7. bloom	8. blossom
9. clock	10. clear

- 6** Listen and circle the words you hear.

1.	blame	claim
2.	class	blast
3.	clue	blue
4.	clock	block
5.	blow	close

- 7** Listen to the sentences and repeat.

- The wind is blowing so hard.
- These people have climbed to the top of the mountain.
- The tree is in full bloom.
- Look at the clear blue sky.
- Blind people can read with Braille.



## A CLOSER LOOK 2

### Grammar

Comparative forms of adjectives: review

- 1** Complete the passage below with a suitable comparative form of the adjectives provided.



Sometimes I hear adults around me say that it is (0. good) better for children to grow up in the city than in the countryside. They say that the city offers a child more opportunities for (1. high) \_\_\_\_\_ education, and (2. easy) \_\_\_\_\_ access to (3. good) \_\_\_\_\_ facilities. Life there is (4. exciting) \_\_\_\_\_ and (5. convenient) \_\_\_\_\_.

They may be right, but there's one thing they might not know. I feel (6. happy) \_\_\_\_\_ here than in a crowded and noisy city. Country folk are (7. friendly) \_\_\_\_\_ than city folk. I know every boy in my village. Life here is not as (8. fast) \_\_\_\_\_ as that in the city and I feel (9. safe) \_\_\_\_\_. Perhaps the (10. good) \_\_\_\_\_ place to grow up is the place where you feel at home.

### Comparative forms of adverbs

- 1.** *more/less + adverb + (than)* is the form of comparative for almost all adverbs of manner ending in *ly*.

**Examples:**

Can you walk *more slowly*? I can't catch up with you. Hanh acts *less responsibly than* anyone here.

- 2.** *adverb + er + (than)* is the form of comparative for adverbs of manner with the same form as adjectives.

fast → faster                      ealy → earlier  
hard → harder                      late → later

**Example:**

The rain is coming. Let's run *faster*.

- 3.** Some irregular forms of adverbs of manner:

well → better  
badly → worse

**Example:**

I believe you'll do *better* in the next test.



**2 Complete the sentences with suitable comparative forms of adverbs in the box.**

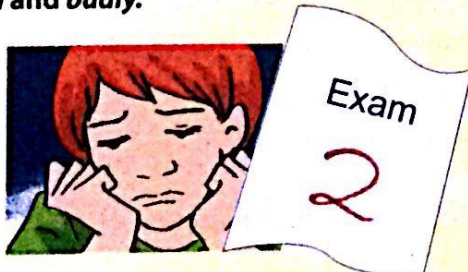


traditionally  
soundly  
generously  
slowly  
healthily



1. Can you speak \_\_\_\_\_? My English is not good.
2. After a hard working day, we usually sleep \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Nowadays, people dress \_\_\_\_\_, so it's difficult to say which country they are from.
4. It's not always true that rich people donate \_\_\_\_\_ than poor people.
5. If you want to stay slim, you have to eat \_\_\_\_\_.

**3 Finish the sentences below with a suitable comparative form of *hard, early, late, fast, well* and *badly*.**

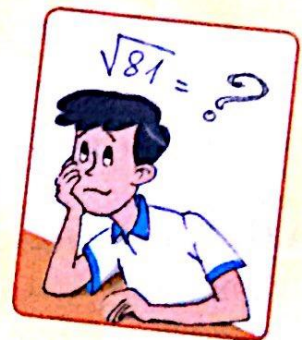
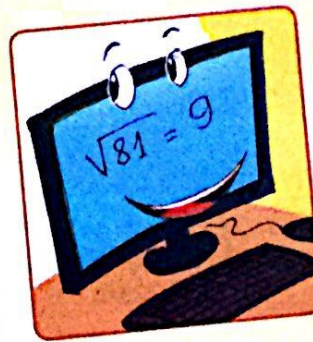


1. Your exam score is low. I am sure you can do \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We'll be late for the fair. Can you drive \_\_\_\_\_?
3. On Sunday, we can get up \_\_\_\_\_ than usual.
4. The farmers have to work \_\_\_\_\_ at harvest time.
5. You look tired. Are you feeling \_\_\_\_\_ than you did this morning?
6. My mother has to get up \_\_\_\_\_ than us to milk the cows.

**4 Underline the correct comparative forms to complete the sentences.**

1. People in rural areas of Britain talk *optimistically/ more optimistically* about the future than city people.
2. In India, rural areas are more *popularly/ popular* known as the 'countryside'.
3. A village is *less densely populated/ more densely populated* than a city.
4. City people seem to react *quickly/ more quickly* to changes than country people.
5. Medical help can be *less easily/ more easily* obtained in a city than in the countryside.
6. A buffalo ploughs *better/ more well* than a horse.

**5 Write the answers to the questions below.**



1. Which place is more peaceful, the city or the countryside?  
→ \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which works faster at calculus, a computer or a human being?  
→ \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which one is harder, life in a remote area or life in a modern town?  
→ \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which city is more expensive, Ho Chi Minh City or Hue?  
→ \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who can smell better, animals or human beings?  
→ \_\_\_\_\_



# COMMUNICATION

Extra vocabulary  
disturbing  
beehives



## THE COUNTRYSIDE THROUGH VISITORS' EYES

### 1 Read the posts on 'Holidays in the Countryside'.

There was so much space! We could run around the fields and shout out loud without disturbing anybody.

*Dennis from London*

Swimming in the river, picking blackberries, collecting honey from beehives ... I have never had a more interesting vacation.

*Julie from Paris*

No running water. No electricity. And the only entertainment centre is miles away. Can't stay here any longer!

*Phirun from Phnom Penh*

I love the vast open spaces, the fresh air and the feeling of freedom in the countryside. They are experiences I can never have in Seoul.

*Yumi from Seoul*

I don't mind visiting those street markets where the locals sell their home-made products. However, city life is more exciting.

*Emi from Tokyo*

Last week I went on a trip to the countryside and had my first experience of farm work: digging holes, planting vegetables and collecting tomatoes. Unforgettable!

*Lan from Ha Noi*

Country life doesn't excite me at all. So boring and inconvenient.

*Bob from Hong Kong*

### 2 What are the attitudes of these people towards their experiences? Tick (✓) the appropriate box.

	Positive 😊	Neutral 😐	Negative 😞
Dennis from London			
Julie from Paris			
Phirun from Phnom Penh			
Yumi from Seoul			
Emi from Tokyo			
Lan from Ha Noi			
Bob from Hong Kong			

### 3 Work in groups. Reply to the posts in 1. Write down your replies.

**Example:**

@ Bob: In my opinion, the countryside has benefits that a boring person would never discover.

*Helen from Devonshire*

@ Bob: I think this is one of the reasons for urbanisation.

*Vu from Da Nang*

**Discuss and share your replies with the class.**



## SKILLS 1

### Reading



**1** Quickly read the passage and choose the most suitable heading A, B, or C for each paragraph.

- A. Nomadic children's lives
- B. The importance of cattle to the nomads
- C. The nomads' home

## NOMADIC LIFE ON THE GOBI HIGHLANDS

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_

We don't live a normal life like many other people. We live a nomadic life. This means we move two or three times a year to look for new pastures - grasslands - for our cattle. The cattle provide most of our needs: dairy products, meat, and clothing.

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_

We live in a *ger*, our traditional circular tent. It keeps us cool in summer and warm in winter, even when the temperature drops to  $-50^{\circ}\text{C}$ . It can be put up then taken down and transported.

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_

For most of the year, we are surrounded by vast pastures, rivers and mountains. We see few people from the outside world. When we are small, we play on our land and with the animals. The horse is our best friend. Any nomadic child can ride a horse. We learn from an early age to help in the family, from household chores to heavier work like herding the cattle. We also learn to be brave.

**2** Match the descriptions with the words / phrases from the passage.

Words/ Phrases	Descriptions
1. a <i>ger</i>	a. a life on the move
2. dairy products	b. a circular tent in which Mongolian nomads live
3. cattle	c. grasslands
4. nomadic life	d. milk, butter, cheese
5. pastures	e. cows, goats, buffaloes...

**3** Read the passage again and choose the best answer A, B, C, or D.

1. We live \_\_\_\_\_ other people.
  - A. a different life to
  - B. similarly to
  - C. the same life as
  - D. in exactly the same way as
2. We have to move in order to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. change our lifestyle
  - B. look for better weather
  - C. look for food for our cattle
  - D. be closer to the city
3. Our cattle can provide us with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. most of our needs
  - B. food only
  - C. means of transport only
  - D. anything we want
4. When we move to a new place, we \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. have to make a new *ger*
  - B. put up the *ger*
  - C. buy a new *ger*
  - D. share a *ger* with our neighbours
5. Nomadic children \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. play the same games as other children in the world
  - B. use nature and their animals as playthings
  - C. do not like toys
  - D. spend all their time helping with housework
6. Mongolian children in the Gobi learn \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. to ride a goat
  - B. to live in the mountains
  - C. to be generous
  - D. to help with household chores



## Speaking

- 4** Work in pairs. Interview your partner to find out what he/ she likes/ doesn't like about the life of the nomads.

*Example:*

- A: What do you like about their nomadic life?  
 B: Well, the children learn to ride a horse.  
 A: And what don't you like about it?  
 B: They can't live permanently in one place.

- 5a** Work in pairs. Discuss and find:

- two things you like about life in the countryside
- two things you don't like about life in the countryside

Explain your choice.

- b** Report your findings to the class.

*Example:*

Both of us love picking fruit in the summer. It can be hard work but very satisfying.



## SKILLS 2

### Listening

- 1** Listen to a boy talking about changes in his village and tick (✓) the changes he mentions.



- A. \_\_\_\_\_ the roads in the village  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_ electrical appliances in the homes  
 C. \_\_\_\_\_ means of transport  
 D. \_\_\_\_\_ entertainment  
 E. \_\_\_\_\_ school  
 F. \_\_\_\_\_ visitors

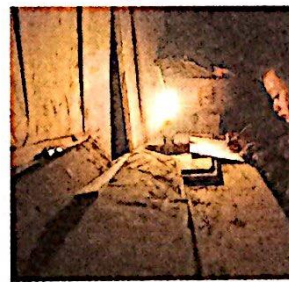
- 2** Listen again and say if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1. Nobody lives in an earthen house now.
2. The village has electricity now.
3. Horses are still the only means of transport in the village.
4. The children used to go a long way to school.
5. More visitors are coming to see them.

- 3** Listen again and answer the questions in no more than FOUR words.

1. Who often tells the boy stories about the past?
2. What do the villagers now know more about?
3. Where is the new school?
4. What do the visitors want to experience in the village?

### Writing



- 4** What do you think?

Which change(s) in the Listening do you see as positive? Which do you see as negative?

Support your opinion with a reason. Write it out.

*Example:*

It's good for the villagers to have TVs. They can now have more fun and learn more about different people and different places.

- 5** Work in groups. Discuss and find some changes in a rural area. Make notes of the changes.

- 6** Write a short paragraph about the changes.



# LOOKING BACK

## Vocabulary

1 Use the words and phrases in the box to describe the pictures. Some words/ phrases may be used for more than one picture.



colourful  
peaceful  
nomadic life  
vast  
quiet  
inconvenient  
ger  
pasture  
cattle  
rice  
horses  
paddy fields  
harvest time

2 Look at each picture and write a sentence describing what each person is doing. Use the verbs in brackets.



(ride) \_\_\_\_\_



(herd) \_\_\_\_\_



(pick) \_\_\_\_\_



(fly) \_\_\_\_\_



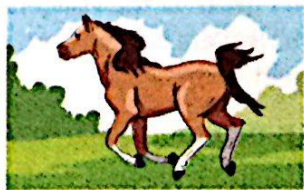
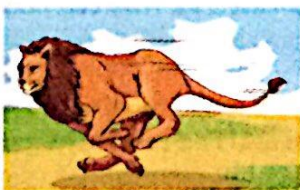
(run around) \_\_\_\_\_



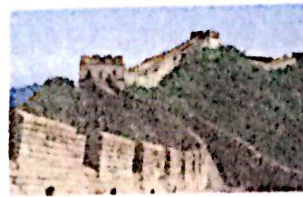
(collect) \_\_\_\_\_

## Grammar

3 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences, using suitable comparative forms of the adverbs in brackets.



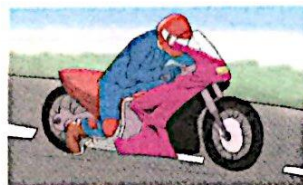
1. A lion runs \_\_\_\_\_ a horse. (fast)



2. The Great Wall was built \_\_\_\_\_ the White House. (early)



3. Homes in the city are often \_\_\_\_\_ furnished \_\_\_\_\_ those in the countryside. (well)



4. A racing driver drives \_\_\_\_\_ a normal motorist. (skillfully)



5. A house is \_\_\_\_\_ decorated at New Year \_\_\_\_\_ during the year. (beautifully)

4 Read the situations and complete the sentences with suitable forms of the adverbs in brackets.

1. A horse can run 80km/hr while a camel can only run 12km/hr. (fast)

→ A horse can run \_\_\_\_\_

2. According to a survey, 75% of the population in the countryside are happy with their life. This rate in the city is only 47%. (happily)

→ People in the countryside live \_\_\_\_\_

3. Unlike many other jobs, farmers depend heavily on the weather. (heavily)

→ Farmers depend \_\_\_\_\_

4. We are both bad at swimming but I'm better than my sister. (badly)

→ My sister swims \_\_\_\_\_



## Communication

### 5 Work in groups.

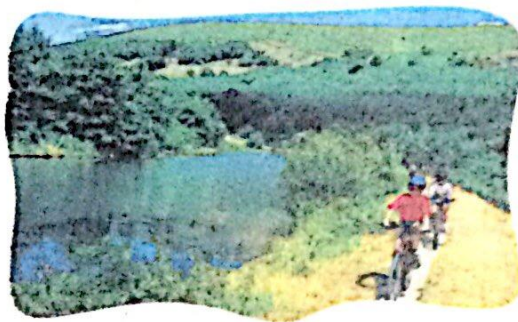
You are planning a trip to the countryside.  
Work together and answer the question:

*What will you do during the trip to the countryside?*

Write the answers in the table below.

Person's name	Activity
1	
2	
3	
4	

Report your findings to the class.



Finished! Now I can...	✓	✓✓	✓✓✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use words/ phrases to describe life in the countryside</li> <li>• use comparative forms of adverbs of manner</li> <li>• pronounce words containing clusters /bl/ and /cl/ correctly in isolation and in sentences</li> <li>• talk and write about life in the countryside and ways it has changed</li> </ul>			

## PROJECT

# I love the countryside

Work in groups of four or five. Take turns to draw a group picture of a place you would like to live in the countryside. Then make a list of:

1. the things you have in your picture
2. the activities you can do there

Show your drawing to the class and talk about it.

*Example:*



1.

- a wooden house
- a beautiful river
- a boat
- a field of wild flowers

2

- biking along the river
- picking wild flowers
- swimming in the river
- boating on the river

Our place in the countryside has...





## Unit

## 3

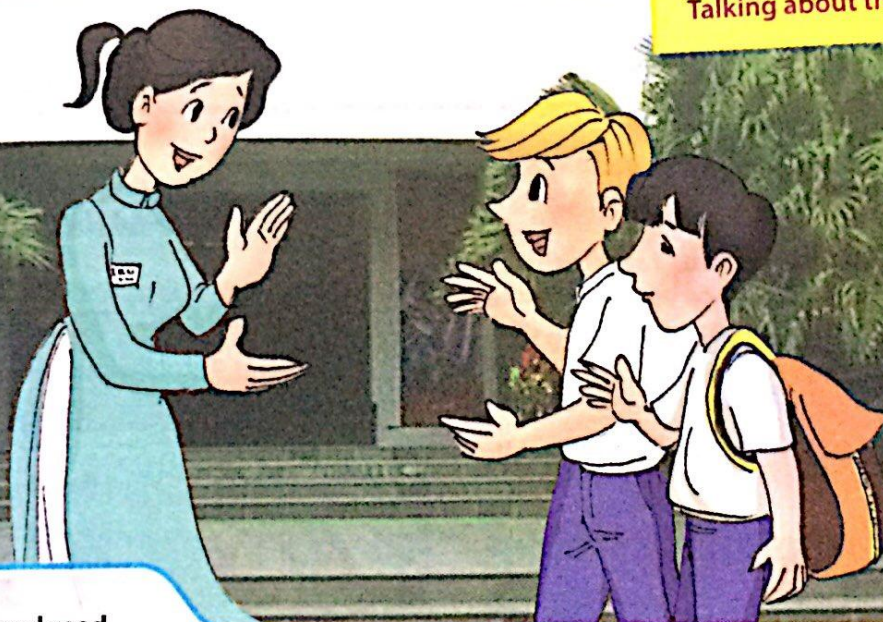
## PEOPLES OF VIET NAM

## GETTING STARTED

## At the Museum of Ethnology



**BẢO TÀNG DÂN TỘC HỌC VIỆT NAM**  
**VIETNAM MUSEUM OF ETHNOLOGY**  
**MUSÉE D'ETHNOGRAPHIE DU VIETNAM**



## Listen and read.

**Duong & Nick:** Good morning.

**Guide:** Good morning. Can I help you?

**Nick:** Yes, we'd like to know something about the cultural groups of Viet Nam.

**Duong:** Right. Is it true that there are 54 ethnic groups in our country?

**Guide:** Exactly.

**Nick:** How interesting! I'm curious about them now. Which group is the largest?

**Guide:** Well, the Viet (or Kinh) have the largest number of people, accounting for about 86% of the population. 53 others are called 'ethnic minority peoples'.

**Nick:** And where do they live?

**Guide:** All over the country. Some groups like the Tay, Hmong, Yao... live mostly in the mountainous regions in the north, and the Cham, Khmer, Ede... live in the Central Highlands and some southern provinces.

**Nick:** I see. And do they speak their own languages?

**Guide:** Yes, and they have their own ways of life, and customs and traditions.

**Nick:** That's awesome! I'd like to find out more about them.

**Guide:** OK. I'll show you round and tell you some interesting...

## THIS UNIT INCLUDES:

## VOCABULARY

Different cultural groups of Viet Nam

## PRONUNCIATION

Clusters: /sk/, /sp/ and /st/

## GRAMMAR

Questions: review

Articles

## COMMUNICATION

Talking about ethnic groups

Talking about their ways of life



1. boring
2. smallest
3. majority
4. northern

**b** Read the conversation again and answer the questions.

1. Where are Duong and Nick?
2. What do they want to know?
3. How many ethnic groups are there in Viet Nam?
4. Which ethnic group has the largest population?
5. Do the ethnic minority peoples have their own customs and traditions?

**C** Can you find the following expressions in the conversation? Try to explain what they mean.

1. Exactly.
2. How interesting!
3. I see.
4. That's awesome!

**d** Work in pairs. Use facts from the conversation to make short role-plays using the expressions in **c**.

**Example:**

Some groups live in mountainous regions.

How interesting!

**Can you use *How* + other adjectives in your conversation?**

## Look out!

**Can you tell the difference  
between 'people' and 'peoples'?**



**2** Use the words and phrases in the box to label each picture.

costume	five-coloured	sticky rice
open-air market	stilt house	folk dance
musical instrument	festival	terraced fields



1.



2.



### 3.



4.



5.



6.



7.



8.

**3** Complete the following sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

heritage site member	stilt houses ethnic	terraced fields festivals
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1. In our country, it is against the law to discriminate against any \_\_\_\_\_ or religious group.
2. My Son in Quang Nam Province has been recognised by UNESCO as a world \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ have been popular among many of Viet Nam's ethnic groups for a long time.
4. Lunar January is the time for important \_\_\_\_\_ in the whole country, especially in the north.
5. The exhibition building of the Museum of Ethnology was designed by the architect Ha Duc Linh, a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tay ethnic group.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Sa Pa have entered in the Top 11 most beautiful terraces in the world, according to Touropia.

#### 4 GAME: QUICK QUIZ

**Work in pairs. Ask and answer, using these cues.**

1. - Which/ smallest population?  
- The Odu group
2. - The Hmong/ own language?  
- Yes
3. - Where/ the Coho/ live?  
- Lam Dong Province
4. - What colour/ the Nung's clothing?  
- Dark indigo
5. - Which/ larger population/ the Tay or the Thai?  
- The Tay
6. - Whose arts/ displayed/ a museum/ Da Nang?  
- The Cham's



## A CLOSER LOOK 1

### Vocabulary

1 Match the adjectives in A with their opposites in B.

A

1. major

2. simple

3. modern

4. spoken

5. rich

6. developed

7. important

B

a. written

b. insignificant

c. complicated

d. minor

e. basic

f. poor

g. traditional

2 Use some words from 1 to complete the sentences.

- Many ethnic groups have their own languages, and some even have \_\_\_\_\_ languages.
- People in some far-away mountainous regions still keep their \_\_\_\_\_ way of life.
- Gathering and hunting still play a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ role in the economy of the Laha.
- Ethnic peoples in the mountains have a \_\_\_\_\_ way of farming. They use \_\_\_\_\_ tools to do the farm work.
- The Muong in Hoa Binh and Thanh Hoa are well-known for their \_\_\_\_\_ folk literature and their traditional songs.

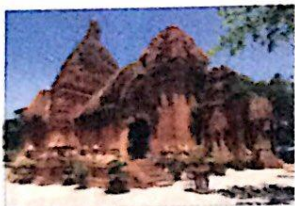
3 Work in pairs. Discuss what the word is for each picture. The first and last letters of each word are given.



1. c \_\_\_\_\_ y



2. p \_\_\_\_\_ a



3. t \_\_\_\_\_ e



4. 4. w \_\_\_\_\_ l



5. s \_\_\_\_\_ l (khan pieu)



6. b \_\_\_\_\_ t

### Pronunciation

Clusters: /sk/, /sp/ and /st/

4 Listen and repeat the following words.

skateboard

display

instead

basket

stamp

first

crisp

space

speech

station

school

task

5 Listen again and put them in the right column according to their sounds.

/sk/	/sp/	/st/

6 Listen and read the following sentences. Then underline the words with the sounds /sk/, /sp/, or /st/.

- The Hmong people I met in Sa Pa speak English very well.
- You should go out to play instead of staying here.
- This local speciality is not very spicy.
- Many ethnic minority students are studying at boarding schools.
- Most children in far-away villages can get some schooling.



## A CLOSER LOOK 2

### Grammar

Questions: review

1 Read the passage.



In a small village in the north, there is a stilt house. In the house, a Tay family are living together: the grandparents called Dinh and Pu, the parents called Lai and Pha, and three children called Vang, Pao and Phong. Every day the grandparents stay at home to look after the house. Mr Lai and Mrs Pha work in the fields. They grow rice and other plants. Mrs Pha goes to the market twice a week to buy food for the family. Mr Lai sometimes goes hunting or cutting wood in the forests. Pao and Phong go to the primary school in the village, but Vang studies at the boarding school in the town about 15 kilometres away. He goes home at the weekend.

The family live simply and they enjoy their way of life. There are a few difficulties of course. But they say they live more happily in their stilt house than in a modern flat in the city.

2 Now write questions for these answers.

**Example:** Answer → In the north.  
Question → Where is the small village?

Answers:

1. A Tay family.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Three children.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Yes, they stay at home to look after the house.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Twice a week.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_?
5. It is about 15 kilometres.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_?
6. At the weekend.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_?
7. They live happily.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_?
8. No. They like living in their stilt house.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_?

### Look out!

Which is used instead of what or who to ask somebody to be exact about one or more people or things from a limited number:

- Which way leads to the town? This one.
- Which of you has to cook dinner? I do.



3 Complete the questions using the right question words.

1. A: \_\_\_\_\_ is the class monitor?  
B: Dan is.
2. A: \_\_\_\_\_ is the biggest house in this village?  
B: The communal house (nha rong) is.
3. A: \_\_\_\_\_ do you think is the most interesting museum in Ha Noi?  
B: The Museum of Ethnology.
4. A: \_\_\_\_\_ is more colourful, the Nung's or the Hoa's costume?  
B: The Hoa's, of course.
5. A: \_\_\_\_\_ is the waterwheel used for?  
B: It is used to get water to the fields.

4 Work in pairs. Make questions and answer them.

1. Who/ do/ shopping/ your family?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Who/ principal/ our school?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Which subject/ like better/ English/ Maths?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What/ most important festival/ Viet Nam?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Which ethnic group/ larger population/ Khmer/ Cham?  
\_\_\_\_\_





### Articles: *a, an, and the*

**a:** - used before a countable singular noun:

*Pao needs a costume for the festival.*

- used to mean 'any, every':

*A lion lives in the jungle.*

**an:** used instead of **a** before a noun beginning with a vowel sound:

*There is an exhibition of Cham arts in the city.*

**the:** - used before a noun that has already been mentioned or is easily understood:

*There's a festival in my village. The festival is very old.*

- used to refer to a noun that is the only, or obvious one of their kind:

*The Kinh speak Vietnamese.*

- used before superlative comparison of adjectives and adverbs:

*The Odu have the smallest number of people.*

### Look out!

Whether we use *a* or *an* depends on the sound, not the spelling. Be careful with the following:

*an hour/ an honest person  
a uniform/ a university*



### 5 Underline the correct article to finish the sentences.



*The Lolo women's dress*

1. Viet Nam is (a/ an/ the) multicultural country with 54 ethnic groups.
2. Among the ethnic minorities, (a/ an/ the) Tay have the largest population.
3. (A/ An/ The) ethnic minority people in the village are very friendly.
4. The Lao are one of (a/ an/ the) many Thai-speaking peoples.
5. The Lolo women's dress is among (a/ an/ the) most striking styles of clothing worn by ethnic peoples.
6. The Yao have (a/ an/ the) rich culture of folk literature and art, with tales, songs, and poems.

### 6 Insert *a, an* or *the* in each gap to finish the passage.



When you travel to a north-west mountainous region and you want to have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ great time, you can go to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ local open-air market. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ sight there is beautiful. Local people in colourful clothing are smiling as they sell or buy their local products. The goods there are diverse. You can buy all kinds of fruit and vegetables, which are fresh and cheap. You can also buy a nice costume of (4) \_\_\_\_\_ ethnic group you like. If you don't want to buy anything, just go round and enjoy looking. You can also taste some specialities of (5) \_\_\_\_\_ local people sold right there at the market. I am sure you will have (6) \_\_\_\_\_ unforgettable time.



## COMMUNICATION

**1 Quiz:** What do you know about the ethnic groups of Viet Nam? Work in pairs to answer the questions.

- What do most ethnic peoples in Viet Nam live on?
  - Hunting
  - Rice farming
  - Fishing
- Which ethnic groups live in the southern provinces?
  - The Khmer
  - The Thai
  - The Sedang
- Which group has the smallest population?
  - The Brau
  - The Chut
  - The Odu
- Where can we find terraced fields?
  - In the Central Highlands
  - In the northern mountainous regions
  - In the Mekong Delta
- Where do the Laha mostly live?
  - In Kon Tum
  - In Soc Trang
  - In Son La
- Which of the following groups has the most colourful clothing?
  - The Hoa
  - The Nung
  - The Tay

**2** Where do these ethnic groups mainly live? Work in groups. Write down the names of the ethnic groups in the correct boxes. Can you add more?

■ Bahnar  
■ Brau  
■ Cham  
■ Ede

■ Nung  
■ Hmong  
■ Khmer  
■ Lao

■ Giarai  
■ Sedang  
■ Tay  
■ Viet

### Northwest region

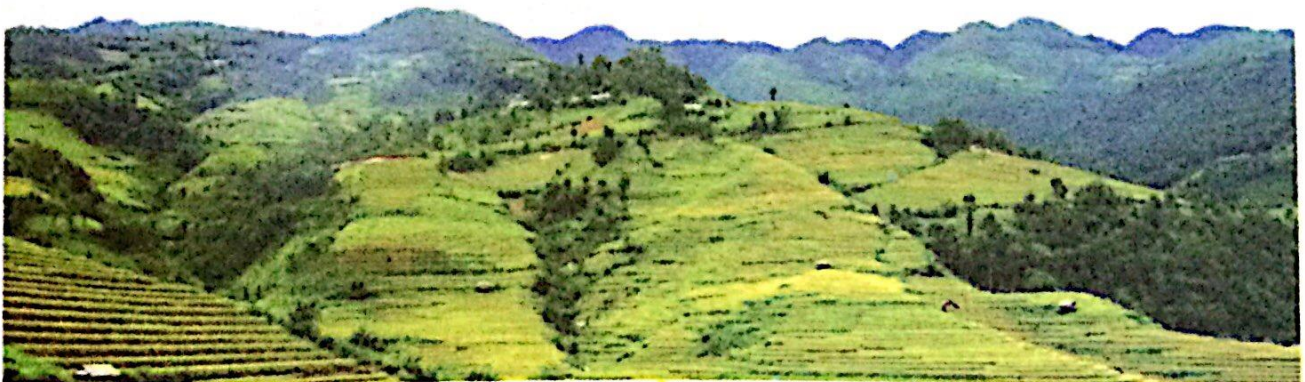
### Northeast region

### Red River Delta

### The Central Highlands

### Mekong River Delta

**3** Choose one group and talk about them.





## SKILLS 1

### Reading

#### 1 Work in pairs. Answer the questions.

1. Where do the Thai people live?
2. What is their population?

Now read the text and check your answers.



The Thai have a population of about one and a half million people living in the provinces of Lai Chau, Son La, Yen Bai, Hoa Binh, Thanh Hoa, and Nghe An. The Thai language belongs to the Tay - Thai group.

The Thai are experienced farmers. They dig canals to bring water to their fields. Their main food is rice, especially sticky rice. The Thai also grow other crops on burnt-out land. They raise cattle and poultry for their own use. They also make bamboo items, and weave cloth. Thai cloth is well-known for being unique, colourful and strong.

Recently, Thai men prefer to wear the Kinh's style of dress, while Thai women keep their traditional costumes including short blouses, long skirts, scarves and ornaments. The Thai live in houses on stilts. Their villages comprise 40 to 50 houses, usually built side by side.

The Thai worship their ancestors. Every year they hold festivals and ceremonies with alternating songs between boys and girls, and many traditional games.

#### 2 Complete each sentence, using a word from the text.

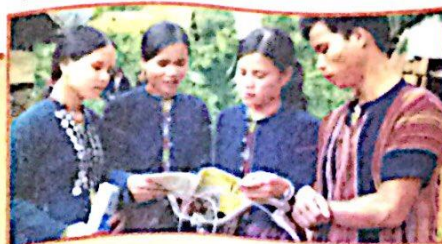
1. The Thai are good \_\_\_\_\_. They grow different crops.
2. They can make household items from the \_\_\_\_\_ tree.
3. The Thai live in \_\_\_\_\_ houses.
4. They have a rich culture including folk \_\_\_\_\_ and games.
5. Many festivals and \_\_\_\_\_ are held by the Thai people every year.

#### 3 Answer the questions.

1. Do the Thai people have their own language?
2. What is the main food of the Thai people?
3. What is the Thai cloth well-known for?
4. Which still wear their traditional costumes, Thai men or Thai women?
5. Who do the Thai worship?

### Speaking

#### 4 Read some facts about the Bru-Van Kieu people and the Khmer people.



##### The Bru-Van Kieu people

- ❖ Population: about 74,500
- ❖ Regions: Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Thua Thien - Hue
- ❖ Language: Mon-Khmer group
- ❖ Production activities: growing rice, terraced fields, raising cattle and poultry
- ❖ Festivals: ceremony held before sowing seeds



##### The Khmer people

- ❖ Population: about 1,260,600
- ❖ Regions: provinces of Mekong Delta
- ❖ Language: Mon-Khmer group, writing system
- ❖ Production activities: growing rice, raising cattle and poultry, making sugar
- ❖ Festivals: two main holidays: Chaul Chnam Thmey (New Year) and Greeting-the-Moon festival

Work in groups. Choose one of the two ethnic groups and talk about it.

#### 5 Talk about YOUR own ethnic group.



## SKILLS 2

### Listening

#### 1 Answer the questions.

1. Do you like sticky rice?
2. When do we traditionally have sticky rice?



#### 2 Listen to the passage and tick (✓) true (T) or false (F).

Statements	T	F
1. Five-coloured sticky rice is a traditional dish.		
2. Five-coloured sticky rice is made with chemicals.		
3. The colours represent the elements of life.		
4. These elements create harmony between people.		
5. This rice is only made when there are guests.		

#### 3 Listen again and complete the sentences.

1. Five-coloured sticky rice is made by ethnic minorities in the northern \_\_\_\_\_ regions.
2. The dish has five colours: red, yellow, green, \_\_\_\_\_ and white.
3. It is made using \_\_\_\_\_ roots and leaves.
4. The green colour symbolises \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Five-coloured sticky rice is made on special occasions, for festivals and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Writing

#### How to make yellow sticky rice

#### 4 Read the notes on how to make yellow sticky rice.

##### Ingredients:

- Sticky rice: 500g
- Turmeric: three tbsp extract
- Shredded coconut: one cup
- Salt: 1/4 tsp

##### Notes:

1. Soak sticky rice – water – five hours +
2. Rinse rice – drain
3. Mix well w/ turmeric extract, wait – 10 mins.
4. Add coconut + salt – mix well
5. Steam – 30 mins – check cooked
6. Serve

#### 5 Change the notes into cooking steps to show a foreign visitor how to make yellow sticky rice.

##### Organising your ideas

##### Introducing your dish

*This is a very easy dish to make*

*Try this delicious recipe*

##### Signposting the cooking steps

*First, Then, Next, After that, Finally*

*Once the (rice is rinsed), (add) the (salt)*

##### Giving advice

*Remember to...*

*Don't forget to...*

*Try to...*

##### Concluding

*Serve this dish with...*

*This dish is delicious with...*



##### Example:

This delicious dish is very easy to make.

First, you need to soak the sticky rice for at least five hours...



# LOOKING BACK

## Vocabulary

**1** Complete the sentences with the words/phrases from the box.

costumes      activities      ethnic      diverse  
unique      communal      cultural groups

- At the Museum of Ethnology, you can see many ways of life of different \_\_\_\_\_ in our country.
- In each village of the Bahnar there is a \_\_\_\_\_ house, where public \_\_\_\_\_ are held.
- Young women of each ethnic group in Viet Nam have their own characteristics and \_\_\_\_\_, making the beauty of the 54 ethnic groups more \_\_\_\_\_ and attractive.
- Many special schools have been built to improve the education standards of \_\_\_\_\_ people.
- Although ethnic groups have their own \_\_\_\_\_ culture, they have established good relations and cooperation with each other.

**2** Use the correct form of the words in brackets to finish the sentences.

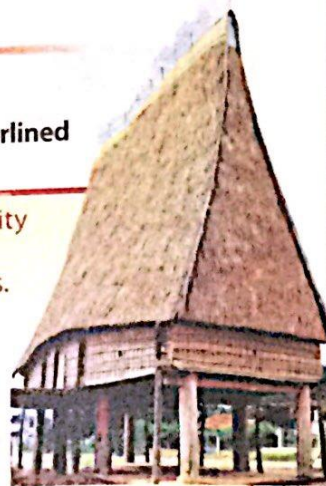


- Everywhere in our country we can find elements of the (culture) \_\_\_\_\_ values of different ethnic groups.
- The peoples of Viet Nam are diverse but very (peace) \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Muong in Hoa Binh are well-known for the (rich) \_\_\_\_\_ of their folk literature and traditional songs.
- The exhibition in the museum shows the (diverse) \_\_\_\_\_ of different cultural groups.
- The Raglai people have a (tradition) \_\_\_\_\_ musical instrument made of bamboo called the *chapi*.

## Grammar

**3** Make questions for the underlined parts in the passage.

Most of the ethnic minority peoples in the Central Highlands live in stilt houses. These houses are built on columns and beams. They have two or four roofs, and some have decorations on the peaks and the sides. The entrance is on the side.



The communal house is usually the largest, tallest and most elaborate building in the village. It is used for village meetings, receiving guests, or as a place of worship, and village festivities. Single men can sleep in this house.

- \_\_\_\_\_?
- \_\_\_\_\_?
- \_\_\_\_\_?
- \_\_\_\_\_?
- \_\_\_\_\_?

**4** Each sentence has an error. Find and correct it.

- They travel to a nearest town to go shopping.
- Some ethnic minority children of this region are studying at the boarding school in a city.
- Although they speak different languages, an ethnic groups in this region live near to one another.
- In the past, some ethnic groups lived the semi-nomadic life.
- All an ethnic peoples of Viet Nam have equality in every field.

**5** Fill each gap with *a*, *an*, or *the* to complete the passage.

If you are in Ha Noi and you want to have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ overview of the ethnic groups of Viet Nam, you should visit the Museum of Ethnology. It is situated in Nguyen Van Huyen Street, Cau Giay District. The Museum is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ valuable centre for the exhibition and preservation of the cultural heritage of (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 54 ethnic groups in the whole country. There are thousands of objects and photographs representing ways of life and creative activities of these peoples. Moreover, typical houses have been taken from their original sites and rebuilt in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ museum gardens. These houses model (5) \_\_\_\_\_ traditional architecture of ethnic minorities. The museum also has a lot of information about all (6) \_\_\_\_\_ different ethnic peoples in Viet Nam.



## Communication

### 6 GAME: CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE CHALLENGE

Work in pairs. See how much you can remember about the cultural groups of Viet Nam. Take turns to ask each other questions about the topic. The person asking can look at the book. The first person to get five correct answers is the winner.

**Example:**

- A: Are you ready?  
B: Yes.  
A: What is the population of the largest ethnic group?  
B: About 74 million. It's the Viet or Kinh.  
A: Very good! Your turn.  
B: OK. What is the population of the smallest group?  
A: I think it's the Odu group.  
B: Exactly!



Finished! Now I can ...

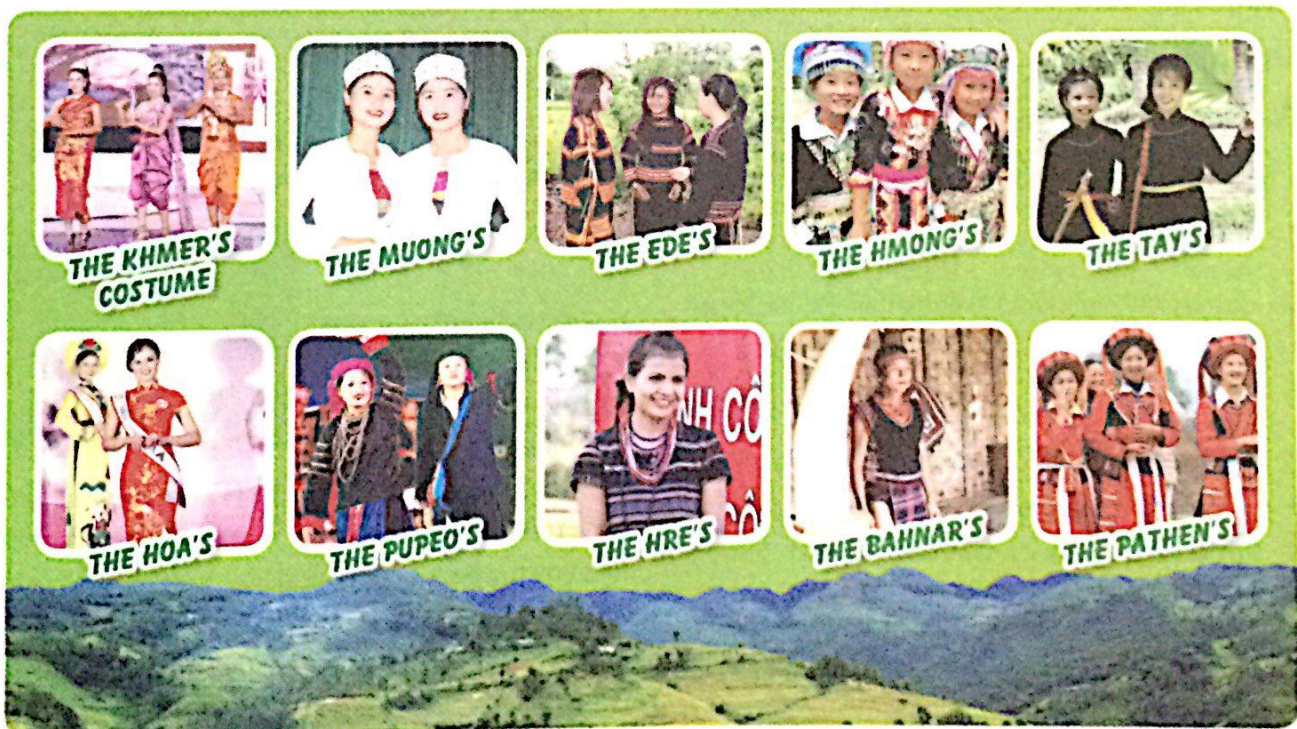
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- talk about different ethnic groups
- ask and answer different question types
- use articles: *a*, *an*, and *the*
- pronounce words containing clusters /sk/, /sp/, and /st/ correctly in isolation and in sentences
- write a paragraph about how to cook a traditional dish

## PROJECT

### Ethnic Fashion Show!

**1** Look at the different costumes of some ethnic groups. Which costume do you like best? Why?



**2** Design a costume based on an ethnic style you like, using cardboard, paper or cloth, and colours.

**3** Organise an exhibition of the costume designs you have made among your group or class members. Talk about them.



# REVIEW 1 (UNITS 1 - 2 - 3)

## LANGUAGE

### Pronunciation

- 1** Listen and repeat the following words and phrases.

spaceship	colourful clothing
toothbrush	risky
English practice	bloom
blow	Brau people
presence	stamp collecting

- 2** Listen to the sentences and underline the words with /sk/, /sp/, /st/, /br/, /pr/, /bl/, and /cl/ in the following sentences. Then read the sentences aloud.



- I used to climb trees when I was small.
- How can we improve our speaking skills?
- How annoying, the stadium has closed!
- I want to buy a blue skirt for my mother.
- 'On a dark day, I saw a witch riding a broom in the sky ...'

### Vocabulary

- 3** Organise these words and phrases into pairs of opposites and write them in the blanks.

peaceful	hard	boring	forget
traditional	easy	love	modern
noisy	city life	majority	hate
country life	minority	remember	exciting

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 4** Put a verb in the correct form in each gap to complete the sentences.

- Duong doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ playing football. He enjoys \_\_\_\_\_ to music or \_\_\_\_\_ museums more.
- Don't \_\_\_\_\_ to lock the door before you go to bed, Quan.
- Children in this village love \_\_\_\_\_ kites on summer afternoons.

- My sister doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ cooking, but she hates \_\_\_\_\_ the washing up after meals.
- The Hmong boys like \_\_\_\_\_ the game *danh quay* in spring.



### Grammar

- 5** Complete the sentences with the correct comparative form of adverbs from the adjectives in brackets.

- On Saturday night we may stay up \_\_\_\_\_ than usual. (**late**)
- In his free time, Linh enjoys doing jigsaw puzzles \_\_\_\_\_ than anything else. (**much**)
- We speak English \_\_\_\_\_ now than last year. (**fluent**)
- You should buy the blue sweater. It suits you \_\_\_\_\_ than the red one. (**good**)
- Ethnic people in the mountainous regions live \_\_\_\_\_ than people in the city. (**simple**)
- Everyone in the race ran fast, but John ran \_\_\_\_\_ than all the others. (**fast**)
- If you write \_\_\_\_\_, you will make fewer mistakes. (**careful**)

- 6** Fill each blank with an article (*a, an, or the*) to complete the passage.

If you are tired of your busy and noisy city life, at the weekend you can go to (1) \_\_\_\_\_

green and peaceful place with friendly people in

the Mekong region. Most of Viet Nam's rice is grown here. You will have (2) \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity to enjoy the beauty of typical Southern Vietnamese countryside and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ view of immense rice paddies, coconut plantations and beautiful rivers. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Mekong Delta is also famous for its fascinating floating markets and fruit orchards where you can taste delicious local fruits especially (5) \_\_\_\_\_ dragon fruit. It will be (6) \_\_\_\_\_ special treat for you!





## 7 Everyday English

Match the sentences in A with those in B. Then practise with a friend.

- A**
- Small children in my village often climb that hill and swim in this river.
  - Is it true that there are busy floating markets on the rivers in the Mekong region?
  - I'm sure you will love this new cartoon.
  - Flying kites is very exciting, but we can never do this in the city.
  - My dad enjoys doing DIY. He made this dining table set.

- B**
- Yes, it's right up my street.
  - How interesting!
  - No, we can't.
  - That's awesome!
  - Exactly.

### SKILLS

#### Reading

- 1** Read the following letter from Kim to her pen friend, Jon.



Dear Jon,

Thank you for the letter and all your news. Well, in this letter I'll tell you what I often do in my leisure time.

One thing I like to do is visiting museums. On Saturday afternoons I love to visit Da Nang Museum of Cham Sculpture. You know, this museum preserves sculptures featuring the cultural and spiritual life of the Cham people. About 300 clay and stone objects are on display at the museum. This museum has the world's largest collection of Cham artifacts. Sometimes I also visit Da Nang Museum. This is a new museum with about 2,500 pictures, documents and objects. You can learn about history and people's life here. Next time you come, I'll take you to these museums. I'm sure you will like them, and you will learn a lot of interesting things.

Bye for now,

Kim

- a** Tick (✓) true (T) or false (F).

	T	F
1. Kim likes to visit museums at the weekend.		
2. The Museum of Cham Sculpture has the largest collection of Cham artifacts.		
3. The Museum of Cham Sculpture has about 2,500 items.		
4. Da Nang Museum is a new museum.		
5. Jon thinks it is a good thing to visit museums.		

- b** Write questions for the underlined phrases in the letter.

- \_\_\_\_\_?
- \_\_\_\_\_?
- \_\_\_\_\_?

## Speaking

- 2** Work in pairs. Talk about what your family members like to do in their free time.

Example:

- My dad likes to play chess with his neighbours.
- My mum likes making special food and cakes for us. She hates sitting around.

## Listening

- 3** Listen to the passage and choose the correct answer.

- What percentage of Britain's population dream of living in the country?  
A. 18%      B. 80%      C. 20%
- English village communities are often small and \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. close      B. poor      C. unknown
- Which is village life good for, according to Maggie?  
A. Children  
B. People who have money  
C. People who don't have money
- People in English villages use private transport \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. a little      B. less      C. more
- The environment of English villages is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. spoil      B. not spoilt much      C. not safe

## Writing

- 4** Giving your opinion

Write a paragraph giving your opinion about life in the countryside. You may begin like this:

In my opinion/ I think life in the countryside has many good points. Firstly, ...

you may use the following cues:

- people (friendly ...)
- life (peaceful, simple, slow ...)
- food (fresh, cheap ...)
- traditional activities



## GETTING STARTED

A lesson on customs  
and traditions

 Listen and read.

**Teacher:** Today we're going to learn about customs and traditions. Do you think they're the same?

**Mi:** I think they're different, but it's hard to explain how.

**Nick:** In my opinion, a custom is something that has become an *accepted* way of doing things. And a tradition is something we do that is *special* and is passed down through the generations.

**Teacher:** Yes, spot on! Give me an example of a custom.

**Mai:** My family has this custom of eating dinner at 7 p.m. sharp.

**Teacher:** Really?

**Mai:** Yes, we have to be at the dinner table on time.

**Teacher:** That's interesting! How about a tradition, Phong?

**Phong:** We have a family tradition of visiting the pagoda on the first day of every lunar month.

## THIS UNIT INCLUDES:

## VOCABULARY

Types of customs and traditions

Expressions with 'custom' and 'tradition'

## PRONUNCIATION

Clusters: /spr/ and /str/

## GRAMMAR

Should and shouldn't: review

Have to

## COMMUNICATION

Describing customs and traditions

Giving advice and expressing obligation about customs and traditions

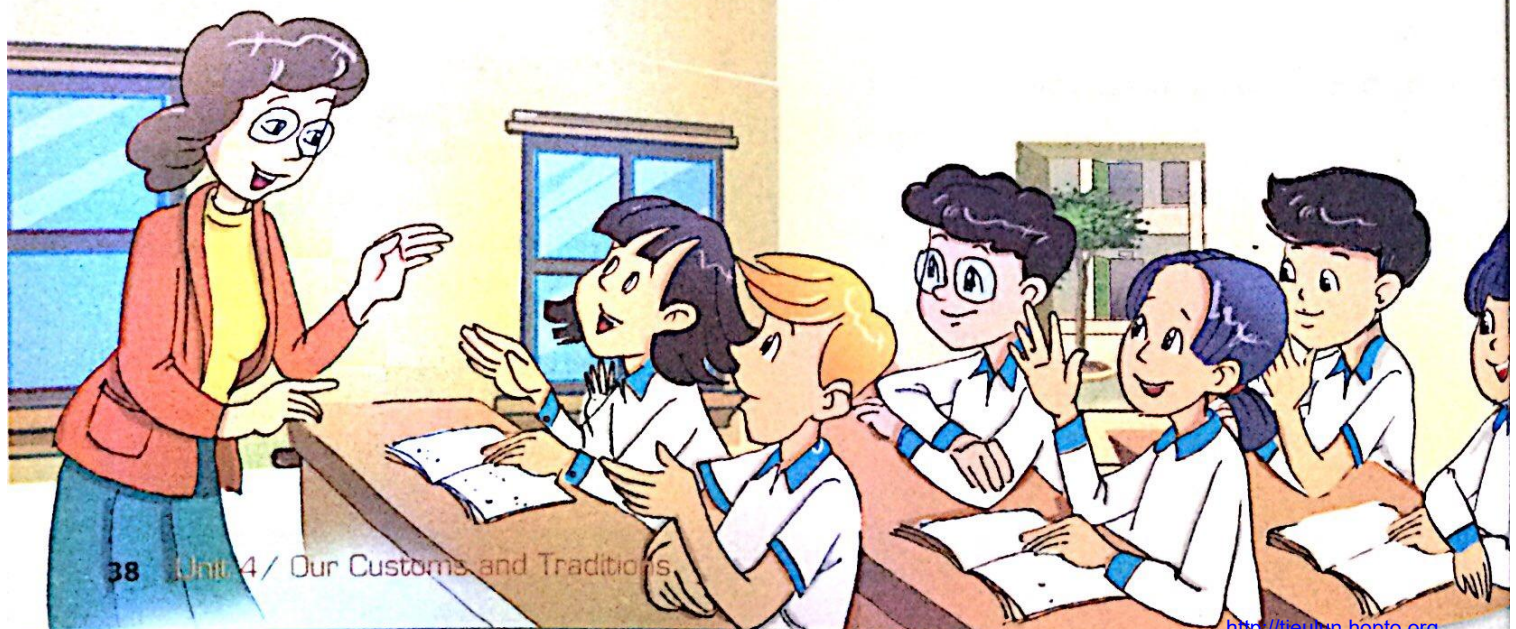
**Nick:** You're kidding!

**Phong:** No, no. We've followed this tradition for generations.

**Teacher:** You've mentioned family, but what about social customs and traditions, Nick?

**Nick:** Well, in the UK there are lots of customs for table manners. For example, we have to use a knife and fork at dinner. Then, there's a British tradition of having afternoon tea at 4 p.m.

**Teacher:** Sounds lovely! Now, for homework, you should find information about a custom or tradition. You're doing mini presentations next week...





**a Find a word/ phrase that means:**

1. agreed
2. grandparents, parents, and children
3. totally correct
4. exactly on time
5. relating to human society
6. a polite way of eating at the dinner table

**Watch out!**

- 'You're kidding!' is a common expression. It's used to show you are surprised at something that somebody has just said.
- Do you know another expression that has the same meaning?



**b Tick (✓) true (T) or false (F).**

- |  | T                        | F                        |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Nick's explanation of customs and traditions is correct.            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Only families have customs and traditions.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. In the UK there's a tradition of having afternoon tea.              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. In the UK there is no accepted way of behaving at the dinner table. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**c Answer the following questions.**

1. What is Mai's family custom?
2. How does Nick feel when Phong talks about one of his family traditions?
3. What is the similarity between a custom and a tradition?
4. What is the difference between them?
5. What should the students do for homework?

**d Find these sentences in the conversation and fill in the missing words.**

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ be at the dinner table on time.
2. You \_\_\_\_\_ find information about a custom or tradition.

**What do you think these sentences mean?**

**2 a Match the pictures with the customs and traditions in the box.**



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b. \_\_\_\_\_

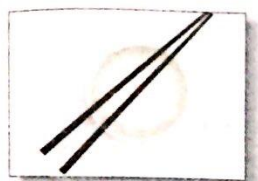
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| 1. | smiling to accept a compliment                                       |
| 2. | worshipping ancestors  |
| 3. | wrapping gifts in colourful paper                                    |
| 4. | having lunch together on the second day of Tet                       |
| 5. | placing the chopsticks on top of the rice bowl when finishing a meal |
| 6. | children in the family standing in a row to greet guests             |
| 7. | wearing <i>ao dai</i> on special occasions                           |
| 8. | giving children lucky money at Tet                                   |



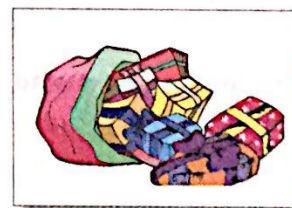
c. \_\_\_\_\_



d. \_\_\_\_\_



e. \_\_\_\_\_



f. \_\_\_\_\_



g. \_\_\_\_\_



h. \_\_\_\_\_

**b Write C (custom) or T (tradition) under each picture in a. In pairs, compare your answers.**

**3 GAME: CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS EXPERTS**

1. Work in small groups.
2. Take five minutes to write down as many local customs and traditions as you can think of.
3. Present your list to the other groups.
4. The group with the most ideas are the experts!



# A CLOSER LOOK 1

## Vocabulary

### Watch out!

The words 'custom' and 'tradition' can be countable or uncountable.



1 Match the first halves of the sentences (A) with the second halves (B).

A	B
1. Although they are not Christian,	a. the first person to step into your house in the new year should be a man.
2. It's the custom	b. making sponge cakes for the Mid-Autumn Festival instead of mooncakes.
3. According to tradition,	c. the tradition of living with their parents.
4. There is a tradition in our school that	d. in that country for women to get married in white.
5. They broke with tradition by	e. the family has the custom of giving presents at Christmas.
6. Many young people do not follow	f. morning exercise at 5 a.m.
7. In my family there is a custom of doing	g. girls should wear <i>ao dai</i> on the first day of school.

2 Read the full sentences in 1 again and complete the expressions below.

- it's the \_\_\_\_\_ for somebody to do something
- there's a \_\_\_\_\_ that + clause
- \_\_\_\_\_ to tradition, + clause
- follow the \_\_\_\_\_ of doing something
- break \_\_\_\_\_ tradition by doing something
- have the custom \_\_\_\_\_ doing something
- there is a custom of \_\_\_\_\_ something

3 Read the following customs and traditions. Make sentences to say if you have these in your province or area, using any of the expressions in 2. Remember to change the verb tense if necessary.

According to tradition, we have fireworks on New Year's Eve.

My area broke with tradition by not having firecrackers on New Year's Eve.

There's a tradition in our province of having fireworks on New Year's Eve.

- having fireworks on New Year's Eve
- waiting until the guests finish eating before leaving the dinner table
- touching children's heads
- decorating the house on special occasions
- women shaking strangers' hands

4 Now complete the following sentences with your own ideas.

- It's the custom in my country that \_\_\_\_\_.
- We broke with tradition by \_\_\_\_\_.
- There's a tradition in my family that \_\_\_\_\_.
- We have the custom of \_\_\_\_\_.
- According to tradition, \_\_\_\_\_.

## Pronunciation

Clusters: /spr/ and /str/

5 Complete the words under the pictures with *spr* or *str*. Then listen and repeat.



1. \_\_\_\_\_ aw



2. \_\_\_\_\_ eet



3. \_\_\_\_\_ ing



4. \_\_\_\_\_ ay



5. a \_\_\_\_\_ onaut



6. fru \_\_\_\_\_ ated



7. e \_\_\_\_\_ esso



8. new \_\_\_\_\_ int

6 Listen and circle the words with /spr/ and underline the words with /str/. Then say the sentences.

- In my family, all the traditions of our ancestors are strictly followed.
- The custom of saying hello to strangers has spread through our community.
- In our district, it's the custom for residents to sweep the streets on Saturday mornings.
- That filmstrip really highlighted our customs and traditions.
- Parents usually want their offspring to follow the family traditions.



## A CLOSER LOOK 2

### Grammar

*Should* and *shouldn't* to express advice: review

1 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with *should* or *shouldn't*.



1. You \_\_\_\_\_ respect old people.

2. According to tradition, you \_\_\_\_\_ sweep the floor on the first day of Tet.



3. Children \_\_\_\_\_ take things from adults with both hands.

4. You \_\_\_\_\_ wear shorts when going to the pagoda.



5. You \_\_\_\_\_ bring a gift when you visit someone's house.

2 Match the situations in A and the advice in B.

A

B

1. Your sister is chewing and talking at the same time.

a. You should arrive on time.

2. Your brother is noisy at the pagoda.

b. You shouldn't do that. It's not very polite.

3. Your foreign friend has been invited to dinner in a Vietnamese house.

c. Shhhh! You should be quiet in here.

4. You don't know what to do when going into a Japanese house.

d. You should take off your shoes at the entrance.

5. You have been invited to dinner with a British family.

e. After taking food from the plate, you should put it into your bowl before eating.

**Have to** to express obligation or necessity

*have to* is used to express obligation or necessity. It shows external obligation, i.e., someone else makes a decision about what you must do.

(+) *have to* / *has to* + infinitive

Example: We *have to* clean the house carefully before Tet.

(-) *don't* / *doesn't have to* + infinitive

Example: She *doesn't have to* wear a company uniform.

(?) *Do* / *Does* + subject + *have to* + infinitive

Example: Do we *have to* follow the tradition of cleaning the house before Tet?

### Remember!

*Don't have to* is used when it is not necessary to do something.

Example: My mother *doesn't have to* work on Saturdays.

If you want to tell somebody not to do something as an obligation, use *must not* / *mustn't* instead.

Example: You *mustn't* wear short skirts in here.





**3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of have to.**

1. My mother says that I \_\_\_\_\_ be home by 9 p.m. sharp.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ go now because our dad is waiting for us.
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ wear that costume because it's the family tradition.
4. In the past, men \_\_\_\_\_ wear *ao dai*, but today they \_\_\_\_\_ wear it.
5. Before leaving the dinner table, \_\_\_\_\_ your son \_\_\_\_\_ ask for permission?
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ go to school today because it was raining heavily.

**4 Choose A or B to convey the meaning of the first sentence.**

1. You have to take your hat off when going inside the main worship area of the temple.  
A. You can take your hat off if you want to.  
B. You're not allowed to wear your hat.
2. You don't have to tip in Viet Nam.  
A. It's not necessary to tip in Viet Nam.  
B. You're not allowed to tip in Viet Nam.
3. Students mustn't run or be noisy in the school building.  
A. Running and being noisy aren't allowed in the school building.  
B. They can run and be noisy if they want to.
4. In the past, Vietnamese people had to live with their parents even after they got married.  
A. They could live with their parents after they got married.  
B. They were obliged to live with their parents after they got married.

**5 Mi is going to visit her friend Eri in Japan. Read Eri's email. There are six mistakes in it. Can you find and correct them?**

From: eri@fastmail.com

To: mi@quickmail.com

Hello Mi.

I'm so excited about your trip. It's going to be amazing!

I shouldn't give you some advice, so you can prepare for Japan. We have lots of customs and it can get a bit confusing for visitors. 😊

Firstly you has to take off your shoes when you go inside. You shouldn't wear slippers in the house - but you didn't have to bring any, we have extra pairs for guests. Then you have use different slippers in the bathroom and in the garden, but you'll get used to it! You should worry - I'll be there to help you.

All for now, gotta go...

Eri x



**6 Work in pairs. Imagine that you both have a friend who is coming to Viet Nam this summer. List three pieces of advice and three obligations your friend should follow.**

Share your ideas with the whole class.



# COMMUNICATION

## Extra vocabulary

prong      cutlery      palm  
tray      mat      host/hostess

- 1** Look at the pictures below. In pairs, discuss the differences between them.



- 2** Read the following sentences about table manners in Britain. Work in pairs. Write T (true) or F (false).

- The knife is held in the left hand and the fork is held in the right hand. \_\_\_\_\_
- You shouldn't point the prongs of the fork upwards during the meal. \_\_\_\_\_
- People use the same cutlery to eat the main course and the dessert. \_\_\_\_\_
- When the meal is finished, you should place the knife and fork on the plate. \_\_\_\_\_
- You can use your fork to take more food from the serving dish. \_\_\_\_\_

- You should use your knife to cut the bread. \_\_\_\_\_
- Guests should start eating before the host starts eating. \_\_\_\_\_
- You should ask someone to pass you a dish. \_\_\_\_\_

- 3** Now listen to Nick giving a presentation on table manners in Britain and check your answers.



- 4** Work in pairs. Discuss if you follow these table manners in your family. Are there other table manners you follow?

- We sit around a tray on a mat to have meals.
- We use rice bowls and chopsticks.
- When chewing food, we shouldn't talk.
- The host/ hostess invites everybody to start eating.
- The host/ hostess offers to serve the food for the guests.
- When we have finished eating, we place our chopsticks on top of our rice bowl.

- 5** There is a British exchange student in your class. You invite her to dinner at your home. Play the following roles.

*You are Minh. You invite your British friend to come for dinner. She asks a lot of questions about Vietnamese table manners.*

*You are Jessica from Britain. You want to learn about Vietnamese table manners so you can feel comfortable at dinner. You compare these with British table manners.*

**Start the role-play like this:**

- Minh:** Hey Jessica! My family would like to invite you to dinner.
- Jessica:** Oh, that's nice but... I don't know anything about Vietnamese table manners.
- Minh:** Well, what do you want to know?
- Jessica:** Well, do you eat around the dinner table like in Britain?
- Minh:** No, actually we sit on a mat with the food in the middle.
- Jessica:** You're kidding!
- Minh:** ...



# SKILLS 1

## Reading

**1** Look at the pictures and answer the questions.

1. What are the people doing in each picture?
2. Does your family ever do the same things?



**2** Read Mi's presentation on customs and traditions. Is she writing about her family or her society?

In my opinion, customs and traditions are very important. Like other families, we have our own customs and traditions.

**A** Firstly, there's a tradition in our family of having lunch together on the second day of Tet. Everyone has to be there before 11 a.m. We have followed this tradition for three generations.



**B** Secondly, we have the custom of spending Sunday together. We usually go to the cinema or go for a picnic. We don't have to do it, but it makes us closer as a family.

**C** Thirdly, we celebrate our grandparents' wedding anniversary on the first Sunday of October because they don't remember the exact date. The custom is that we have to cook a new dish each year. Last year, my mum cooked lasagne, an Italian dish. This year, we prepared five-coloured sticky rice served with grilled chicken.



We all enjoy these customs and traditions because they provide our family with a sense of belonging.

**3** Now decide in which paragraph each detail below is mentioned. Write A, B, or C in the blank.

1. the name of an Italian dish \_\_\_\_\_
2. the time family members have to gather for lunch \_\_\_\_\_
3. the date of the wedding anniversary \_\_\_\_\_
4. an outdoor activity \_\_\_\_\_
5. the length of time a tradition has existed \_\_\_\_\_
6. the reason for spending time together \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Read the text again and answer the questions.

1. What are the three customs or traditions Mi mentions?
2. What does Mi's family usually do on Sundays?
3. What is the date of her grandparents' wedding anniversary?
4. What did they make for the grandparents' wedding anniversary this year?
5. Why do they love family customs and traditions?

## Speaking

**5** Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

1. What are the three customs and traditions you like most in your family? Describe them in detail.
2. How do you feel when you take part in these customs and traditions?
3. Why is it important to continue family customs and traditions?

**6** Interview another pair to get their answers to the questions in **5**. Note down their answers in the table below. Then present what you have found out to the class.

Names of interviewees	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3



## SKILLS 2

### Listening

- 1 Look at the picture. What tradition do you think this is? Share your ideas with a partner.



- 2 Listen to Mai's presentation and complete the table with no more than three words from the recording.

What is the tradition?	The xoe dance
What does the dance express?	Working life and wishes for a (1) _____ life
Where do people perform xoe?	Public and (2) _____
How many xoe dance forms are there?	More than (3) _____
What is the most popular form?	(4) _____
Why is it the most popular?	It expresses (5) _____ unity
How do people perform it?	Make a circle around the (6) _____ and dance to (7) _____
Why should they continue this tradition?	It reflects Thai (8) _____

- 3 Listen again and tick (✓) true (T) or false (F).

- |   | T                        | F                        |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The xoe dance is a spiritual tradition of Thai ethnic people.          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. There are 16 ancient forms of xoe.                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Only young people perform the circle dance.                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Dances with conical hats, paper fans or scarves are some forms of xoe. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. The importance of xoe is expressed in an old Thai song.                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Writing



- 4 Work in pairs. Read about a traditional Japanese dance. Make complete sentences, using the information given.

#### Example:

*The Obon dance is a traditional Japanese dance.*

What's the tradition?	The Obon dance
What does the dance express?	People honouring their ancestors
When do people perform the Obon dance?	Obon festival, in mid-August in many regions of Japan and in mid-July in other regions
How many Obon dance forms are there?	Different forms in different regions
What is the most typical form?	Circle dance
How do people perform it?	Make a circle around a <i>yagura</i> , a high wooden stage; some dancers move clockwise, and some counter-clockwise
Why should they continue this tradition?	One of the most important traditions; lots of people come back to reunite with their families during the Obon festival

- 5 Imagine that you are joining a writing contest about customs and traditions and have chosen to write about the Obon dance. Now write a description of this dance. Begin with the following sentence.

*There is a tradition in Japan that people perform the Obon dance during the Obon festival.* \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 When you have finished, swap your work with a partner. Did they add anything different? Can you spot any mistakes in their work? Share your ideas.



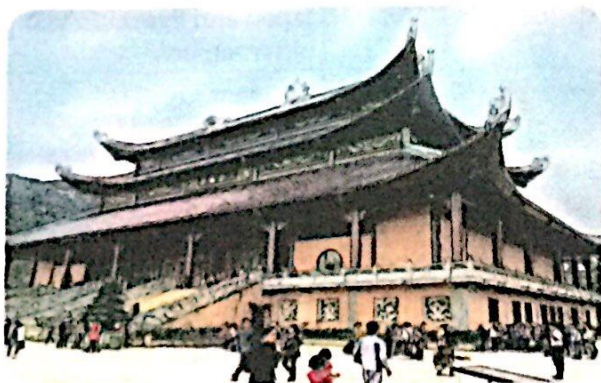
# LOOKING BACK

## Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

cutlery      generations      wrap  
worshipping      host      respect

1. We should \_\_\_\_\_ our customs and traditions.
2. A lot of countries in the world have the tradition of \_\_\_\_\_ their ancestors.
3. You shouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ a gift in black or white paper.
4. In a lot of countries, the \_\_\_\_\_ usually invites everybody to start eating.
5. In Viet Nam, the \_\_\_\_\_ we mostly use is chopsticks.
6. For \_\_\_\_\_, my family has visited this pagoda.



2 Write sentences with the following expressions.

there's a tradition that  
according to tradition  
follow the tradition of  
break with tradition by  
have the custom of

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Complete the following wordwebs with the customs and traditions you know or have learnt.



## Grammar

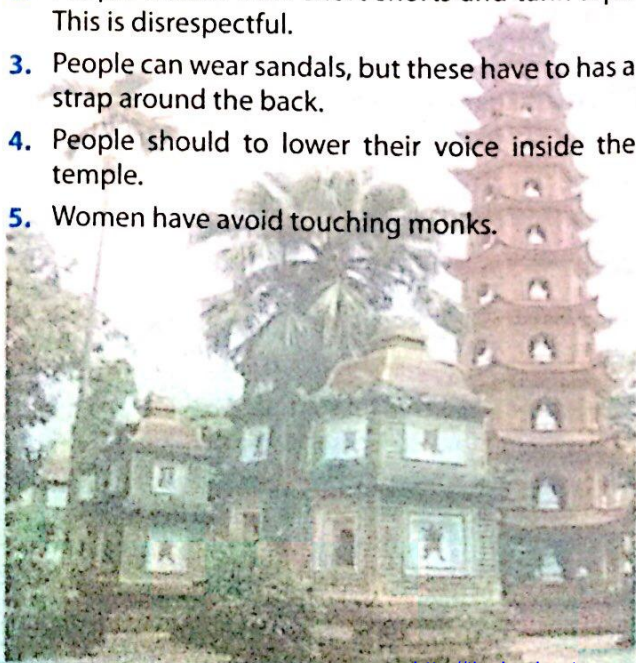
4 Complete the sentences, using *should* or *shouldn't* and a verb from the box.

use      break      wait      touch      follow

1. In Viet Nam you \_\_\_\_\_ for the eldest person to sit before you sit down.
2. In Viet Nam you \_\_\_\_\_ only the first name to address people older than you.
3. You \_\_\_\_\_ your promise to the children.
4. If you are Vietnamese, you \_\_\_\_\_ your customs and traditions.
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ another person's head because it's disrespectful.

5 Underline one mistake in each of the following sentences. Correct it.

1. When you visit a temple in Thailand, you has to follow some important customs.
2. People should wear short shorts and tank tops. This is disrespectful.
3. People can wear sandals, but these have to has a strap around the back.
4. People should to lower their voice inside the temple.
5. Women have avoid touching monks.





## Communication

### 6 GAME: WHAT SHOULD I DO?

In small groups, take turns to choose one of these scenarios for each other. Once everyone has had a turn at answering, vote for the person who gave the best advice.



I've been invited to dinner with a British family.



I'm going to visit a pagoda in Viet Nam.



I'm going to Japan to stay with my Japanese friend.



I'm going to visit a temple in Thailand.



I want to join in the Tet celebrations.



Finished! Now I can ...

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

- use different expressions to talk about customs and traditions
- use *should* and *have to* to express advice and obligation about customs and traditions
- pronounce words containing clusters /spr/ and /str/ correctly in isolation and in sentences
- write a description of a traditional dance

## PROJECT

Customs and traditions:

## How they have changed



1. Work in groups of three or four. Decide on a Vietnamese custom or tradition you want to research.
2. Individually, interview an older person (your grandmother or your neighbour) about this custom or tradition.
3. Then interview a younger person (your mother or your teacher) to see if this custom or tradition has changed today.
4. Back in your group, compare and combine your research results. Then together plan your presentation. Decide which of you will lead each part of the presentation.
5. Give your presentation to the rest of the class.



## GETTING STARTED

Which festival should I see?



1 Listen and read.

**Peter:** Hey, I'm visiting Viet Nam this spring. I really want to see a festival there.

**Duong:** Really? Well, how about the Hue Festival?

**Peter:** What's that? And when is it?

**Duong:** It's in April. There's lots to see – a grand opening ceremony, an *ao dai* fashion show, a *Uem Phuong Dong* or oriental night show, royal court music performances... and sporting activities like human chess, boat races...

**Peter:** Sounds great! How about festivals in February or March?

**Duong:** Well, there's the Tet holiday. Why don't you come for that?

**Peter:** Are you sure? But it's your family reunion.

**Duong:** Sure! Come and join the celebration. To welcome Tet, we prepare a five-fruit tray and make jam and *chung* cakes. It's hard to explain on the phone. Just come, you won't regret it.

**Peter:** Thanks, Duong!

## THIS UNIT INCLUDES:

## VOCABULARY

Festivals  
Festival activities

## PRONUNCIATION

Stress of words ending in *-ion* and *-ian*

## GRAMMAR

Simple and compound sentences: review  
Complex sentences

## COMMUNICATION

Talking about festivals in Viet Nam

**Duong:** Yes,... Then on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the first lunar month I'll take you to Bac Ninh Province, which is north of Ha Noi, to see the Lim Festival.

**Peter:** Slow down, Duong! The 'what' festival?

**Duong:** Lim – there's traditional *quan ho* singing which is performed on dragon boats, and folk games like swinging on huge bamboo swings, wrestling...





**a** Tick (✓) true (T) or false (F).

- |  | T                        | F                        |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Peter will come to Viet Nam in spring.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Peter wants Duong to recommend somewhere to go.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Duong says that Peter should come to Hue and Da Nang.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Peter doesn't want to come to the Hue Festival.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Duong recommends Peter to see the Hue Festival, the Lim Festival, and to celebrate the Tet holiday with his family. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**b** Read the conversation again and answer the questions.

- When is the Hue Festival held? What can visitors see there?
- What does Duong's family do to welcome Tet?
- Why does Duong say 'It's hard to explain on the phone'?
- Where and when is the Lim Festival held?
- Why do you think Duong recommends the Lim Festival?

**c** Can you find the following expressions in the conversation? Try to explain their meaning.

- Why don't you come for that?
- Sounds great!
- You won't regret it.
- Are you sure?

**d** Work in pairs. Make short conversations with the four expressions in **c**.

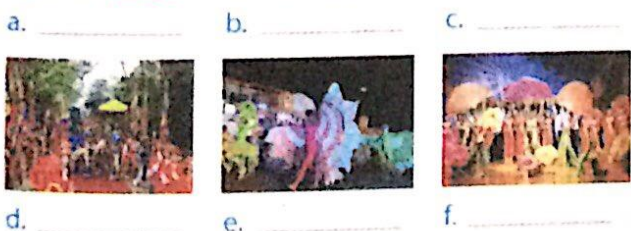
Example:

Why don't you come with us to the Lim Festival? You won't regret it.

Sounds great! / Are you sure?

**2** Use the words from the box to label the pictures.

ceremony    reunion    performance    carnival    procession    anniversary



**3** Match the words with the pictures of festivals.



- Do Son Buffalo-fighting Festival
- Cow Racing Festival
- Le Mat Snake Festival
- Whale Festival
- Elephant Race Festival



**4** Match the festivals in **3** with their descriptions.

Festival	Description
a.	This is held in Don Village, Dak Lak Province. Elephants and their riders race to the sound of drums, gongs and the cheering crowds.
b.	This is held in An Giang Province. Each race includes two pairs of cows, and they are controlled by two young men.
c.	This is a traditional, buffalo-fighting ceremony to worship the Water God in Do Son, Hai Phong City.
d.	This is a festival to worship the whale and pray for the good fortune of the fishermen in Quang Nam.
e.	This festival uses a bamboo snake performance to retell the story of Le Mat Village.



# A CLOSER LOOK 1

## Vocabulary

1 Match the words to their meanings.

1. to preserve	a. a show
2. to worship	b. an act of special meaning that you do in the same way each time
3. a performance	c. to keep a tradition alive
4. a ritual	d. to remember and celebrate something or someone
5. to commemorate	e. to show respect and love for something or someone

2 Complete the sentences using the words in 1.

- The Giong Festival is held every year to \_\_\_\_\_ Saint Giong, our traditional hero.
- At Huong Pagoda, we offer Buddha a tray of fruit to \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- Thanks to technology, we can now \_\_\_\_\_ our culture for future generations.
- In most festivals in Viet Nam, the \_\_\_\_\_ often begins with an offering of incense.
- The Le Mat Snake \_\_\_\_\_ is about the history of the village.



3 Match the nouns with each verb. A noun can go with more than one verb.

a ceremony	a show	a celebration
an anniversary	a hero	good fortune
a ritual	a god	a reunion

- WATCH \_\_\_\_\_
- HAVE \_\_\_\_\_
- WORSHIP \_\_\_\_\_
- PERFORM \_\_\_\_\_

## Pronunciation

Stress in words ending in *-ion* and *-ian*

4 a Look at the table below. What can you notice about these words?

competition	commemoration	procession
preservation	confusion	magician
musician	vegetarian	companion

### Remember!

With the words ending in the suffix *-ion* or *-ian*, stress the syllable **immediately before the suffix**.

Example:

commemo'ration  
vege'tarian



b Now listen and repeat the words.

5 Listen and stress the words below. Pay attention to the endings.

- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. procession  | 5. politician |
| 2. companion   | 6. musician   |
| 3. production  | 7. historian  |
| 4. competition | 8. librarian  |

6 Read the following sentences and mark (') the stressed syllable in the underlined words. Then listen and repeat.



- Elephants are good companions of the people in Don Village.
- The elephant races need the participation of young riders.
- The elephant races get the attention of the crowds.
- Vietnamese historians know a lot about festivals in Viet Nam.
- It's a tradition for us to burn incense when we go to the pagoda.



## A CLOSER LOOK 2

### Grammar

Simple and compound sentences: review

**1** Write S for simple sentences and C for compound sentences.

1. I enjoy playing tennis with my friends every weekend.
2. I like spring, but I don't like the spring rain.
3. I've been to Ha Long twice, and I joined the carnival there once.
4. My family and I went to the Nha Trang Sea Festival in 2011.
5. I like the Mid-Autumn Festival and look forward to it every year.

**2** Connect each pair of sentences with an appropriate conjunction in the box to make compound sentences.

and but or so yet

1. At the Mid-Autumn Festival children carry beautiful lanterns. It's a memorable childhood experience.
2. During Tet, Vietnamese people buy all kinds of sweets. They make *chung* cakes as well.
3. The Hung King's sons offered him many special foods. Lang Lieu just brought him a *chung* cake and a *day* cake.
4. To welcome Tet, we decorate our house with peach blossoms. We can buy a mandarin tree for a longer lasting display.
5. The Huong Pagoda Festival is always crowded. We like to go there to pray for good fortune and happiness.



**3** Connect each pair of sentences with an appropriate conjunctive adverb in the box to make compound sentences.

however nevertheless moreover  
therefore otherwise

1. Chu Dong Tu and Giong are both legendary saints. They are worshipped for different things.
2. Tet is the most important festival in Viet Nam. Most Vietnamese return home for Tet.
3. Tet is a time for us to worship our ancestors. It's also a time for family reunion.
4. The Khmer believe they have to float lanterns. They may not get good luck.
5. The Hung King Temple Festival was a local festival. It has become a public holiday in Viet Nam since 2007.

### Look out!

In formal language, conjunctive adverbs **however, nevertheless, moreover, therefore, otherwise** go after a semi colon (;) and before a comma (,).

Example:

I like reading; **therefore**, I spend a lot of money on books.



### Complex sentences

1. A **complex sentence** includes one independent clause, and one (or more) dependent clause. The dependent clause can go before or after the independent clause.
  - If the dependent clause goes before the independent clause, it is followed by a comma (,).

Example:

While the elephants are racing, people cheer to encourage them.  
**dependent clause** **independent clause**

- If the independent clause goes before the dependent clause, there is no comma.

Example:

People cheer to encourage the elephants while they are racing.

2. A dependent clause begins with a subordinator such as **when, while, because, although/ even though, or if**



**4 Match the dependent clauses with the independent ones to make complex sentences.**

Dependent clause	Independent clause
1. <b>When</b> the An invaders came to Viet Nam,	a. it is an essential part of the ceremony to worship the Water God.
2. <b>Because</b> <i>quan ho</i> is the traditional folk song of Bac Ninh,	b. the three-year-old boy grew up very fast and defeated them, legend says.
3. <b>Even though</b> Tien Dung was a daughter of the 18 <sup>th</sup> Hung King,	c. the crowds encourage them with drums and gongs.
4. <b>If</b> a pair of cows in the Cow Racing Festival go outside the line,	d. only this kind of singing is allowed at the Lim Festival.
5. <b>Although</b> the Buffalo-fighting Festival sounds frightening,	e. she married a poor man, Chu Dong Tu.
6. <b>While</b> the dragon boats at Ghe Ngo are racing,	f. they cannot continue the race.

**5 Fill each blank with one suitable subordinator when, while, even though/ although, because or if.**

## ELEPHANT RACE FESTIVAL



The Elephant Race Festival is held by the M'Nong people in spring in Don Village or in the forests near Srepok River, Dak Lak Province. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the space must be wide enough for around 10 elephants to race, villagers often choose a large, flat area. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the race is held in the forests, the area must be without too many big trees.

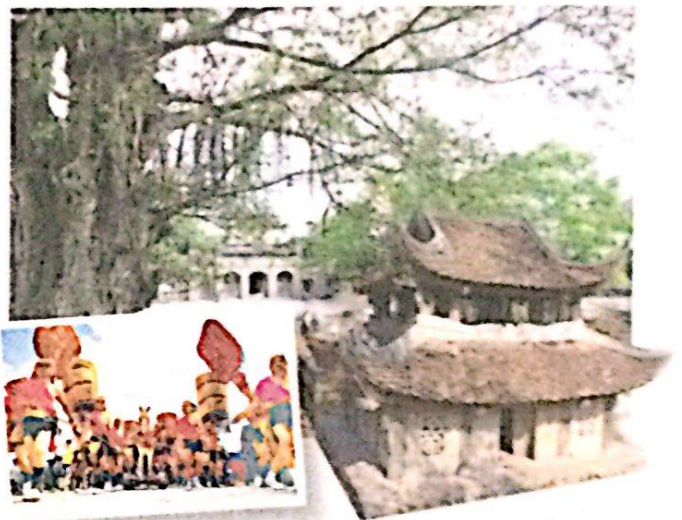
The elephants are led to the starting line, and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the horn command is given,

the race begins. The elephants are encouraged by the sounds of drums, gongs and the cheering crowds (4) \_\_\_\_\_ they are racing.

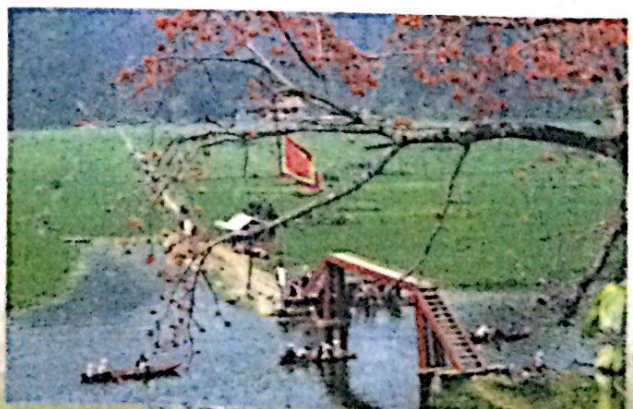
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ an elephant wins the race, it lifts its trunk above its head and waits for its prize. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the prize is small, every rider is proud to be the race winner.



**6 Use your own words/ ideas to complete the sentences below. Compare your sentences with a partner.**



- Although I like the Giong Festival, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Because it's one of the most famous festivals, \_\_\_\_\_.
- If you go to Soc Son, \_\_\_\_\_.
- When people go to Huong Pagoda, \_\_\_\_\_.
- While people are travelling along Yen Stream, \_\_\_\_\_.





# COMMUNICATION

## A Khmer Festival

### Extra vocabulary

bamboo archway green rice flakes  
coconut clasped hands floating lanterns

1 Look at the pictures. Discuss the following questions with a partner and then write the right words under the pictures.

- What are the things in the pictures?
- Do you know the festival at which they appear?



1. ....



2. ....



3. ....



4. ....



5. ....



6. ....

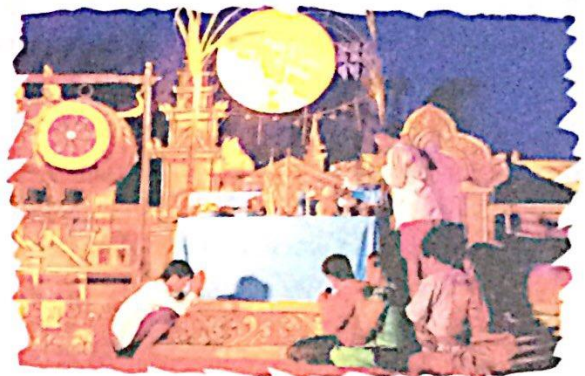


7. ....



8. ....

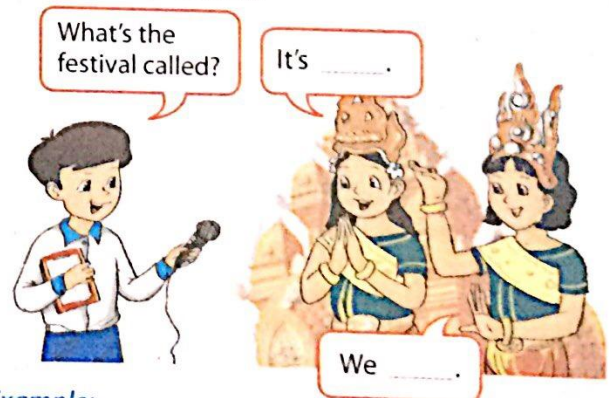
2 Now listen to an interview between a TV reporter and a man about a festival to check your answers.



3 Listen to the interview again and complete the table below with the answers to the suggested questions.

Where?	1. ....
When?	2. ....
Who is worshipped?	3. ....
What activities?	4. ....
	5. ....
	6. ....

4 Role-play in groups of three. One of you is a reporter; two of you are locals. Do an interview about a local festival. It can be a real or an imaginary festival.



Example:

- A: Good morning. Can I ask you some questions about this festival?  
B: Yes, of course.  
A: What is the festival called?  
B: It's .... It's held in ....  
A: Who do you worship at the festival?  
C: We worship .....