

Name the activities for Tet







SUGGESTED ANSWERS





UNIT 4: OUR CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS





Lesson 1: Getting started

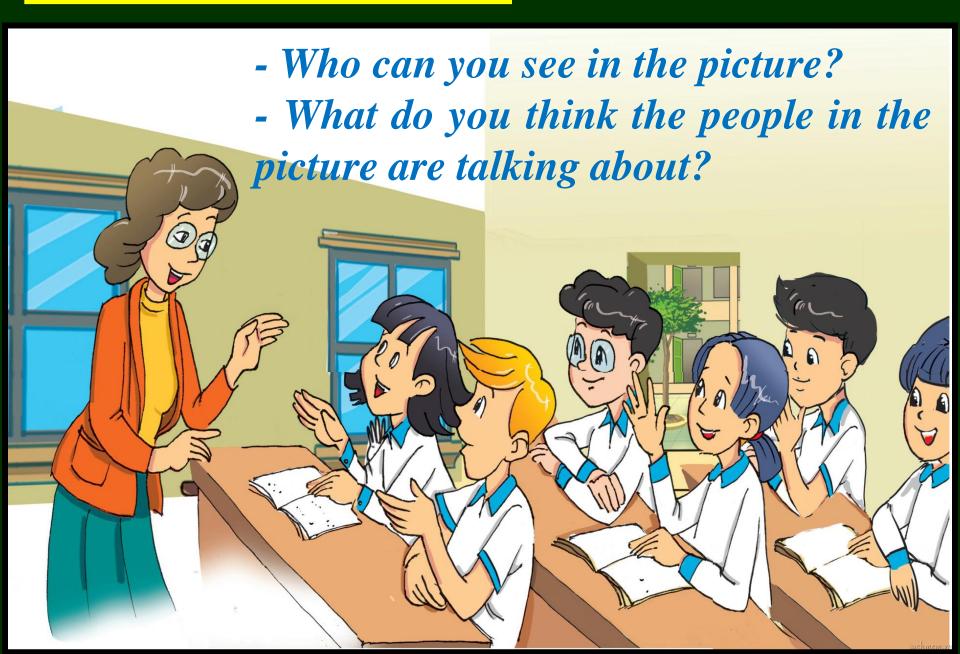


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Checking vocabulary:

- explain /ıks pleın/ (v) : giải thích
- accept / ə'sept / (v) : chấp nhận
- pass down /ˈpaːs daʊn/ (p.v) : truyền lại
- generation / dʒenəˈreɪʃn/ (n) : thế hệ
- spot on /spot on/(exp) = totally correct
- sharp / ʃɑːp / (adj) : đúng, chính xác
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II. Listen and read:



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A lesson on customs and traditions

Teacher: Today we're going to **Teacher:** Really? 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 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: 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.

Nick: You're kidding!

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

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

Ex1a. Find a word or phrase that means:



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?

You are joking!

You must be joking!

Ex1b: Tick (9) true (T) or false (F).

1. Nick's explanation of customs and traditions is correct.



2. Only families have customs and traditions. There are also social ones



3. In the UK there's a tradition of having afternoon tea.



4. There are a lot of customs for table manners in the UK.



Ex1c: Answer the following questions.

- 1. What is Mai's family custom?
 It's eating dinner at 7 p.m. sharp.
- 2. How does Nick feel when Phong talks about one of his family traditions?

 He's surprised.
- 3. What is the similarity between a custom and a tradition? They both refer to doing something that develops over time.
- 4. What is the difference between them?

 A custom is something accepted. A tradition is something special and is passed down through the generations.
- 5. What should the students do for homework?

 They should find information about a custom or tradition.

Ex1d: Find these sentences in the conversation and fill in the missing words.

What do you think these sentences mean?

1. We have to be at the dinner table on time.

It's an obligation - you have no choice

2. You should find information about a custom or tradition.

It's a suggestion or advice – it would be best to follow it

Ex2a: Match the pictures with the customs and traditions in the box.

1.	smiling to accept a compliment	A _t D _s A	E
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3. wrapping gifts in colourful paper





having lunch together on the second day of Tet





rice bowl when finishing a meal children in the family standing in **6.** a row to greet guests

placing the chopsticks on top of the





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giving children lucky money at Tet

Ex2b. Write C (custom) or T (tradition) under each picture in a. In pairs, compare your answers.



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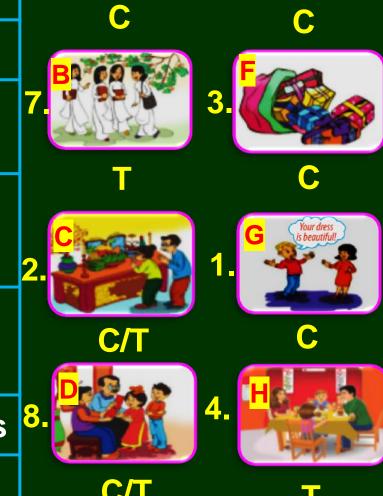
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placing the chopsticks on top of the rice bowl when finishing a meal

6. children in the family standing in a row to greet guests

7. wearing *ao dai* on special ocassions

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3.GAMES: 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!

SOME SUGGESTIONS

- Cow racing festival in Tri Ton district.
- The Regional Goddess festival at Sam Mountain in Chau Doc city.
- Living in stilt houses
- The Ghe Ngo racing festival.
- Traditional carpentry villages in Cho Moi district.









