

UNIT 6: OUR TET HOLIDAY

A. PHONETICS

a. Find the word which has a different sound in the part underlined. Read the words aloud

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| 1. A. <u>h</u> ome | B. pag <u>o</u> da | C. cl <u>o</u> thes | D. fl <u>o</u> wer |
| 2. A. <u>v</u> isit | B. <u>l</u> ike | C. <u>c</u> ity | D. <u>w</u> ish |
| 3. A. <u>r</u> elative | B. <u>d</u> ecorate | C. <u>p</u> resent | D. <u>p</u> repare |
| 4. A. <u>p</u> lant | B. <u>ch</u> at | C. <u>m</u> ake | D. <u>f</u> amily |
| 5. A. <u>c</u> elebrate | B. <u>c</u> ome | C. <u>c</u> ook | D. <u>c</u> ousin |

b. Practise saying the following sentences with a focus on the underlined words.

1. Can you show me the way to the city centre?
2. What should you do to celebrate Tet?
3. We should clean and decorate the house.
4. We shouldn't drink too much wine.
5. We should make a wish when Tet comes.

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

a. Circle A, B, C or D for each picture



1. A. banh chung
B. banh tet
C. banh day
D. banh bao



2. A. lucky money
B. balloons
C. firecrackers
D. plants



3. A. swimming pool
B. decorating house
C. cleaning house
D. painting house



4. A. visiting grandparents
B. sleeping with grandparents
C. shopping with grandparents
D. tidying up with grandparents



5. A. lucky money
B. new clothes
C. peach blossom
D. family gathering

b. Find a word to complete the following sentences

1. We always _____ our grandparents and our relatives on the first day of Tet.
2. I _____ our grandparents good health and a long life.
3. Our grandparents often give us good advice and _____ money when we visit them at Tet.
4. My sister and I always wear _____ clothes at Tet.
5. There are many beautiful _____ in our garden at Tet. They are really colourful.
6. My friend likes _____ banh chung and spring rolls (nem) at Tet.
7. I often go _____ with my mother before Tet.
8. When spring comes, the students in my school often plant a lot of _____ in our school garden.
9. At New Year's Eve, I usually go to Hoan Kiem Lake to _____ firecrackers with my parents.
10. I wish this New Year everyone will _____ a job and enough food.

c. What should/ shouldn't you do at Tet? Complete the sentences.

1. You _____ buy firecrackers.

2. You _____ clean and decorate your house.
3. You _____ eat too much sweets.
4. You _____ wish all the people you know “Happy New Year”.
5. You _____ help your mother with cooking.
6. You _____ quarrel with each other.
7. You _____ go to a pagoda to pray for good health and good luck.
8. You _____ play cards for money.
9. You _____ stay up late.
10. You _____ watch too much TV.

d. Choose the correct answer A,B,C or D to complete the sentences.

1. My mother is a good cook. She often _____ special food at Tet.
A. buys B. cooks C. takes D. brings
2. Did you like to _____ *banh chung* at Tet?
A. know B. eat C. help D. do
3. People often _____ red envelopes for lucky money at Tet.
A. bring B. take C. buy D. ask
4. Before Tet, people often give _____ to show their love and respect.
A. firecrackers B. plants C. food D. presents
5. Tet is a time for family _____
A. working B. cooking C. playing D. gathering

C. READING

a. Read the passage about Lunar New Year (Tet) in Viet Nam, then answer the following questions.



Lunar New Year is one of the festivals celebrated in some Asian countries. It is the greatest Vietnamese festival. It is called Tet in Viet Nam. It usually takes place between the end of January and the beginning of February.

Celebrations begin with the family reunion dinner which is held on the New Year's Eve. Every member of the family is eager to attend this family feast. The feast usually consists of *banh chung* or *banh tet*, spring rolls, chicken and some other special food.

The children usually wear clothes and go with their parents to visit their grandparents and relatives. The children say "Happy New Year" to all the people they visit and are often given lucky money in red envelopes. They are very happy.

1. When does the Lunar New Year take place?

2. When do the Vietnamese hold their family reunion dinner?

3. What do the Vietnamese children usually do at Tet?

4. What are the children often given at Tet?

5. How do the children feel?

b. Read the passage and decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

A few days before Tet comes, my family has much work to do. My mother begins cleaning and decorating the house. My father and I help her. We tidy up the house until it is spick and span. Our house is so neat and tidy. The decoration looks lovely.

During Tet, I help my mother to serve food and drinks when our relatives or friends visit us. I feel proud of myself to help my parents.

	T	F
1. A few days before Tet comes, the family does a lot of work.		
2. They don't decorate the house		
3. The writer help the mother to cook the meal.		
4. The family invites the guests to have food and drinks when they come.		
5. The writer feels tired to help the parents		

c. Read the passages above again and complete the sentences with the words given.

<i>reunion</i>	<i>tidy</i>	<i>lucky money</i>	<i>decorate</i>	<i>festival</i>
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1. Tet is the greatest _____ in Viet Nam.
2. Before Tet, people often clean and _____ their house.
3. Family _____ dinner is held on the New Year's Eve.
4. At Tet, all houses look neat and _____
5. Children are often given _____ in red envelopes.

D. Writing

a. Write true sentences about New Year practices in different countries, using the words/ phrases given.

1. the USA/ when the clock/ strike/ midnight/ ,/ everybody/ cheering/ and/ singing/ happily.
2. getting up/ on/ the first day/ of the New Year/ ,/ the Chinese children/ dress/ beautifully/ red.
3. every Vietnamese family/ buy or cook/ *banh chung* or *banh tet*/ Tet

4. Japanese people/ believe/ ringing bells/ can/ remove/ their bad actions/ previous year.

5. the Scottish/ believe/ the first footer/ the New Year's day/ decides/ the family's luck/ the rest/ the year.

b. Fill in each gap of the letter with *will* or *won't*

Dear Mary,

How are you?

I am very glad because Tet is coming.

It's our New Year celebration.

Before Tet, I (1) _____ help my family with the house decorations. I (2) _____ go to the flower market with my mother and my sister. We (3) _____ a peach blossom tree and some flowers. Then, my mother (4) _____ buy some new clothes for us. We (5) _____ buy some sweets, some coffee and some tea but we (6) _____ buy cigarettes. My father gave up smoking. We (7) _____ make spring rolls and I like it. We (8) _____ cook banh tet. They are really delicious. I (9) _____ visit my grandparents and my relatives with my parents. The thing I like best is I (10) _____ have to do my homework at Tet. I have a lot of time to relax.

Write to me.

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c. Now write your own letter to your pen friend telling him/her about Tet holiday. Use the idea above.

Dear.....
