

## UNIT 4. OUR CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

### Bài tập tự luyện

Exercise 1. Complete the words under the pictures with *str* or *spr*, then read the words aloud.



1. \_\_\_\_\_ong



2. e\_\_\_\_\_esso



3. \_\_\_\_\_ess



4. o\_\_\_\_\_ich



5. Au\_\_\_\_\_alia



6. \_\_\_\_\_ing roll

Exercise 2. Rearrange the sentences to make a conversation by writing the correct number (2-8) in each blank. The conversation starts with number 1.

- \_\_\_1\_\_\_ A. Guess what! I just got invited to my math teacher's house for dinner!  
\_\_\_\_ B. Well, it's also the custom in Viet Nam to bring a small gift.  
\_\_\_\_ C. And is it alright to bring a friend along?  
\_\_\_\_ D. Yes, but what do you do when you're invited to someone's here?  
\_\_\_\_ E. Well, if you want to bring someone along, you should call first and ask if it's OK.  
\_\_\_\_ D. Oh, great!  
\_\_\_\_ G. Really? Like what?  
\_\_\_\_ H. Oh, maybe some fruit or a box of candy or biscuits.

Exercise 3. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to complete the sentences.

1. Do you know the \_\_\_\_\_ way to welcome people in Tibet?  
A. custom                      B. customer                      C. customary                      D. tradition
2. The xoe dance is a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ of Thai ethnic people.

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- A. customs                      B. tradition                      C. habit                      D. dance
3. Children believe a fat, jolly man brings gifts \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Eve.  
A. in                      B. from                      C. on                      D. when
4. According to the \_\_\_\_\_ in England, we have to use a knife and fork at dinner.  
A. table ways                      B. table manners                      C. behaviours
5. Your hair's too long. I think you \_\_\_\_\_ get it cut.                      D. differences  
A. should                      B. shouldn't                      C. has to                      D. had to
6. If you have a ticket, you \_\_\_\_\_ queue. You can go straight in.  
A. shouldn't                      B. doesn't have to                      C. don't have to                      D. mustn't

**Exercise 4. Complete Erik's e-mail to a friend about his summer holiday with "had to" or "didn't have to" and the words given in the box.**

stay                      walk                      go                      back                      eat                      buy                      pay

Hi, Jaykii!

I got back home this morning. What a crazy holiday! First, my sister forgot her passport so we (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for it. Then we went to the wrong airport terminal so we (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to the right one. After that the airline cancelled our flight so we (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in an airport hotel for the night but luckily we (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for it. Finally, we arrived. There was octopus for dinner every last day, my brother Toby dropped his phone in the sea and he (5) \_\_\_\_\_ a new one. He was not pleased!

Write soon.

Erik.

**Exercise 5. Read the passage about family traditions in Viet Nam, and do the tasks.**

Marriage and family are very important in Viet Nam. In the countryside, parents often arrange marriages; divorce remains uncommon, though is more frequent in cities. In traditional Vietnamese families, roles are rigid. The man of the house is primarily responsible for the family's economic well-being. Older children help to look after younger siblings. Discipline is viewed as a parental duty.

The woman of the house looks after her parents, husband and children. In rural areas, women also do much agriculture work. Vietnamese women live by the "four virtues": hard work, beauty, refined speech and excellent conduct.

The Vietnamese attach great importance to two traditional family obligations: to care for their parents in their old age and to worship them after death. In each Vietnamese family, there is at least one altar on which there are the pictures of their ancestors. Family members worship their ancestors because they think parents after death will go to live in another world and this altar is the place where the ancestor's souls live in. As a result, every day Vietnamese people lay flowers or sometimes fruits on the altar for the belief that those ancestors will enjoy them.

**Task 1: Match a word in column A with its definition in column B, writing the answer in each blank.**

	A	B
Answer .....	1. sibling (n)	A. the part of a person that is believed to continue exist after the body is dead.
.....	2. virtues (n)	B. to pray to or to show respect for someone like a god
	3. worship (v)	C. behavior which shows high moral standards
	4. altar (n)	D. the table used in ceremonies in a church, temple or family
.....	5. soul (n)	E. a brother or a sister

**Task 2: Read the passage again, and then decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F).**

6. In traditional Vietnamese families, the man has to support the family. ....
7. Children have to share housework with their parents. ....
8. Women in the countryside only looks after their families. ....
9. Children have to take care of their parents in their old age and to worship them after death. ....
10. Everyday Vietnamese people lay flowers or sometimes fruits on. ....