

V. PRACTICE

Exercise 1. Look at the bold word, use single underline with the word containing sound /n/ and double underline with the word containing sound /ŋ/.

1. The national **anthem** is played before every sports game.
2. I saw an **ant** crawling on the kitchen counter.
3. The **Sun** was shining brightly, and the sky was clear.
4. I'm really thirsty, can I get a **drink** of water?
5. I can't find my phone, have you seen it? It's a black **thing**.
6. There's **something** strange about that person, I can't put my finger on it.
7. He sat by the window, looking out and lost in **pensive** thought.
8. Can you **bring** the dessert to the party tonight?
9. My **uncle** is coming to visit us next week.
10. Don't leave anything **behind** when you leave the hotel room.

Exercise 2. Read the sentences in Exercise 1 aloud and pay attention to the sound /n/ and /ŋ/.

Exercise 3. Complete the sentences with the words or phrases from the box.

represent	possessed	relationships	ceremony	decorative
festival-goers	family reunion	lantern	applause	hurricane

1. Her acrobatics were greeted with loud _____.
2. The _____ opened with a fanfare of trumpets.
3. It was believed that people could be _____ by bad spirits.
4. Many coastal towns were damaged by the _____.
5. A green bamboo pole is used to _____ the deity.
6. She carried a _____ to light her way.
7. Thousands of _____ come here every year.

8. Family bonding is important for building strong _____.

9. We have a _____ every New Year's Day.

10. She drew a _____ border around the picture.

Exercise 4. Look at the photos and put the correct words/ phrases under them.

receiving lucky money	going to the pagoda
buying a blossom branch	visiting the relatives
making Chung cakes	giving gifts to parents

1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.

Exercise 5. Fill in each blank with the appropriate form of the word in brackets.

1. I'm so _____ about my trip. It's going to be amazing. (excite)

2. *Ao dai* is our _____ dress. We wear it every Monday at school. (tradition)

3. In Viet Nam, we usually wait for the _____ person to sit down before we sit down. (old)

4. After _____ food from the plate, you should put it into your bowl before eating. (take)

5. What is the _____ between a custom and a tradition? (similar)

6. You should use both hands when giving and _____ things. (receive)

7. In my family, the _____ that has been passed down is eating together every Sunday. (traditional)

8. When being _____ to a Vietnamese home, you should bring gifts wrapped in brightly colored paper. (invite)

Exercise 6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form or tense of the verbs in the box.

reflect	pass	break	worship
wrap	respect	reunite	take

1. She _____ the present in red paper and tied it with a yellow ribbon.
2. All students should _____ their teachers.
3. The culture of Xoe dancing _____ Thai people's lifestyle and culture.
4. We decided _____ with tradition and go away for Tet holidays.
5. In my family, the tradition that has been _____ down is eating together every Sunday.
6. Almost every Vietnamese household sets an altar _____ their ancestors.
7. It is considered very impolite not _____ off your shoes before entering a house in Japan.
8. Lots of people come back _____ with their families during Tet holiday.

Exercise 7. Fill in the blank with *a/an/the* or zero article (x).

1. I bought _____ blue sweater yesterday.
2. I'd like _____ cup of tea.
3. There is _____ apple and _____ banana on the table
4. I bought _____ beef, vegetables and milk. _____ beef is very good.
5. Mai has _____ many books. _____ books are mostly about English grammar.
6. I took _____ suitcase and _____ backpack on holiday. _____ suitcase was much more useful.
7. Julie read _____ book and _____ magazine. She said _____ books was quite boring though.
8. She offered us _____ piece of cake and _____ biscuits.
9. They drank _____ coffee and _____ tea.
10. James has _____ son and _____ two daughters.

Exercise 8. Fill in the blank with *a/ an/ the* or zero article (x).

1. Lan often watches _____ films and _____ TV programmes all night.

2. She has _____ black umbrella and I have _____ blue one. _____ blue one is bigger.
3. I bought _____ new dress, but I was annoyed to find that _____ zip was broken.
4. We should take _____ taxi because it's getting dark.
5. I met _____ very nice American last night.
6. _____ Sun rises in _____ east and sets in _____ west.
7. _____ Moon moves around _____ Earth.
8. We often play soccer in _____ afternoon.
9. _____ guitar is one of the most popular musical instruments.
10. I often go to _____ school at 6.30 a.m.

Exercise 9. Fill in the blank with *a/ an/ the* or zero article (x).

1. Pop music always appealed more to _____ young than _____ old.
2. I often listen to _____ music in my free time.
3. Donald Trump becomes the 45th _____ president of _____ United States on January 20, 2017.
4. We often take _____ exam each semester.
5. There will be _____ interesting movie this weekend.
6. Hoa is _____ most intelligent student in my class.
7. When I was at _____ school, I had to wear _____ uniform.
8. _____ poor and _____ elderly are often left behind when it comes to _____ modern technology.
9. Is there _____ bank near here?
10. On _____ Christmas Eve, people often have parties late at _____ midnight.

Exercise 10. Fill in the blank with *a/an/the* or zero article (x).

1. I am studying in _____ university in Ho Chi Minh City.
2. Miss Lin speaks _____ Chinese.
3. I borrowed _____ pen from your pile of pencils and pens.
4. Eli likes to play _____ football.

5. I bought _____ umbrella to go out in the rain.
6. I lived on _____ Main Street when I first came to town.
7. Albany is the capital of _____ New York State.
8. My husband's family speaks _____ Polish.
9. _____ apple a day keeps your enemy away.
10. Our neighbors have _____ cat and _____ dog.

Exercise 11. Fill in the blank with *a/an/the* or zero article (x).

1. Your soup is so good. _____ meat is pretty tender.
2. Are you interested in _____ Science or _____ Music?
3. They got married but _____ marriage wasn't very successful.
4. Do you know any of _____ people who live across _____ road?
5. After _____ work, the boss usually invites his staff to _____ pub.
6. When mom was ill, _____ lot of her friends came to _____ hospital to visit her.
7. Many people hate _____ violence, but they like to watch it in _____ movies.
8. Have you ever visited _____ Madame Tussauds in London?
9. _____ life would be difficult without _____ useful machines and gadgets we have today.
10. I'm on _____ night duty this week.
11. I know someone who wrote _____ book about _____ American presidents.
12. _____ World War II ended in 1945.
13. _____ fumes of cars and factories are _____ primary reasons for _____ air pollution.
14. He was _____ unsuccessful musician when he came to this town.
15. Don't stay in that hotel. _____ beds there are very uncomfortable.
16. The car sped away at _____ hundred km _____ hour.
17. John doesn't usually go to _____ church on _____ Sundays.
18. He was sent to _____ prison for _____ murder.

19. At _____ beginning of his speech, he spoke about _____ tourism in general.

20. We usually go by _____ train, but today we're taking _____ bus.

Exercise 12. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence.

1. I would live to live by _____ sea

A. the B. a C. an D. x

2. Harry is a sailor. He spends most of his life at _____ sea.

A. a B. an C. the D. x

3. There are billions of stars in _____ space.

A. a B. an C. x D. the

4. He tried to park his car but _____ space wasn't big enough.

A. the B. a C. an D. x

5. We often watch _____ television

A. the B. a C. an D. x

6. Can you turn off _____ television, please?

A. the B. a C. an D. x

7. We had _____ dinner in a restaurant.

A. a B. an C. x D. the

8. We had _____ meal in a restaurant.

A. a B. an C. the D. x

9. Thank you. That was _____ very nice lunch.

A. a B. an C. the D. x

10. Where can _____ people buy everything they need?

A. the B. a C. an D. x

11. Her parents are now working in _____ Europe.

A. the B. a C. an D. x

12. He majors in _____ English.

A. a B. an C. the D. x

13. Mark Twain, _____ American writer, wrote "*Life on the Mississippi River*".

A. an B. a C. the D. x

14. Paris is splendid by _____ night.

A. a B. an C. the D. x

15. We might be able to catch _____ last train if we hurried.

A. a B. an C. the D. x

16. _____ used razor blade is useless thing.

A. The – the B. A-a C. An – an D. x – x

17. We live at _____ third house from the church.

A. the B. a C. an D. x

18. My aunt has _____ interesting novel.

A. the B. a C. an D. x

19. It was _____ best film I had ever read.

A. the B. an C. a D. x

20. A video lab is _____ useful means for language learning.

A. the B. an C. a D. x

Exercise 13. Read the following passage then answer the questions.

Gong culture in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam has been recognized by UNESCO as a Masterpiece of the Intangible Heritage of Humanity. Gong culture covers five provinces of the Central Highlands: Kon Tum, Gia Lai, Dak Lak, Dak Nong and Lam Dong. The masters of gong culture are the ethnic groups of Bahnar, Sedang, Mnong, Coho... The Gong Festival is held annually in the Central Highlands. In the festival, artists from these provinces give gong performances, highlighting the gong culture of their own province. For the ethnic groups of the Central Highlands, gongs are musical instruments of special power. It is believed that every gong is the symbol of a god who grows more powerful as the gong gets older. Therefore, gongs are associated with special occasions in people's lives, such as the building of new houses, funerals, crop praying ceremonies... The gong sound is a way to communicate with the gods.

1. Where does Gong culture exist?

2. How often is the Gong Festival held?

3. What do artists do in the Gong Festival?

4. Is the gong sound a way to communicate with the ancestors?

Exercise 14. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answers.

GIFT-GIVING CUSTOMS IN VIET NAM

Gift-giving is important in Viet Nam because of the significance of interpersonal relationships in Vietnamese culture.

First and foremost, do not encourage corruption. There is a clear cut between gift-giving and bribery. Nevertheless, it is common in Viet Nam for exchanging small gifts on certain occasions such as anniversaries, Tet holidays... to express respect, love, appreciation, or gratitude.

Gift-giving customs depend on the context. If it is a private gift for one Vietnamese partner you should give the gift at a private occasion. If you have a gift for the whole office or company, you should give it after the business meeting with the whole office employee.

Do not wrap a gift in black paper because this color is unlucky and associated with funerals in Viet Nam. Gifts that symbolize cutting such as scissors, knives, and other sharp objects should be avoided because they mean the cutting of the relationship.

Vietnamese may or may not open these gifts when they are received; leave the option to them. You will also receive gifts and should defer to your host as to whether you should open them when receiving or not. Regardless of when it is opened or what it is, profuse thanks are always appropriate.

1. According to the passage, why is gift-giving important in Viet Nam?

A. Because it helps to establish a friendship.

B. Because it's common in Vietnamese culture.

C. Because it's the best way to build up a stable relationship.

D. Because personal relationships play a vital role in Vietnamese culture.

2. Which of the followings should not be a reason for gift-giving?

A. To show appreciation

B. To bribe somebody

C. To express gratitude

D. To show affection

3. When giving a gift, you should _____.

A. wrap it in black or white paper

B. give it in the business meeting

C. never give sharp objects, such as knives or scissors

D. avoid giving it on a private occasion

4. When receiving a gift, you should _____.

A. always say "thank you"

B. try to find what is it

C. open it in front of the giver

D. ask your host to open it

5. Which of the following is NOT true about gift-giving customs in Viet Nam?

A. Gift-giving is a good way of strengthening relationships.

B. Gifts for your partners should be given at private occasions.

C. You should avoid giving anything sharp.

D. It is considered rude not to open the gift in front of the giver.

Exercise 15. Read the passage and answer the question below.

Wedding custom in Viet Nam is quite complicated. Before an official wedding, a ceremony of engagement must be held first. In Vietnamese tradition, an engagement ceremony is an official occasion for families of fiancé and fiancée to mark their relationship and to arrange the wedding.

Each family needs to prepare a representative who is a family member having a happy life and a high-ranking position in the family. On the day of the engagement, the representatives of the two families will have some announcements about the wedding and exchange gifts. The time of the wedding is chosen suitably based on the lunar calendar. Gifts which are put in trays are prepared by the family of fiancée a few days before the engagement ceremony. The number of trays must be an odd number. In Vietnamese habits, odd numbers are thought to bring luck to the couple. In the trays, there are betel leaves, areca nut fruits, wine, tea, husbandwife, and sticky rice. On the wedding day, the couple has to stay apart to avoid unlucky things. The wedding ceremony starts in front of the ancestor altar. The master of the wedding ceremony will declare the couple becomes a new family.

1. What ceremony occurs before the official wedding?

2. Who is selected to be the representative of each family?

3. Who prepares gift trays for the engagement ceremony?

4. Why must the number of trays be an odd number?

5. Where does the wedding ceremony occur?

Exercise 16. Rewrite the following sentences without changing their meanings.

1. gifts/ and have a/ meet/ to exchange/ traditional meal./ Most families/

2. with/ Homes/ and kumquat./ are decorated/ the apricot blossom,/ peach blossom,/

3. during Tet./ are encouraged/ Children/ or cry/ not to fight/

4. the house./ plant/ a new year's tree/ Many families/ in front of/

5. to worship/ After/ attend/ the local pagoda/ ancestors./ the family meal,/ many Vietnamese people/

6. festival./ exciting/ music/ The Glastonbury Festival/ is an/

7. that/ the first person/ is a generous/ and kind-hearted./ to enter/ their house/ Vietnamese people/ hope

8. colorful flowers./ the festival/ people/ Before/ with/ prepare/ their houses/ to decorate/

9. on the/15th day/ The Vu Lan Festival/ seventh/ of the/ lunar month./ takes place/

10. to/ seeing/I am/ festival/ in Dak Lak./ looking forward/ the elephant race/

11. first day/ of Tet./ shouldn' t/ You/ on the/ sweep/ the house/

12. about/ other/ cultures./I am/ interested/ in learning/

Exercise 17. Write in full sentences using the given words.

1. We/ wish/ our mom/ health/ longevity!/

2. He/ released/ after being/ questioned/ by/ police/ yesterday.

3. He/ prays/ luck/ happiness./

4. The man/ monk/ from/ Emei Mountain./

5. They/ make/ sacrificial offerings/ the gods./

6. The ornamental tree/ in our front yard/ growing/ rapidly./

7. Martial arts/ originates/ the East.

8. Young rice cake/ a specialty/ this area.

9. You should/ learn/ Vietnamese table manners./

10. We/ have/ a family/ reunion/ next week./
