



INTERESTING CUSTOMS

GIVE IT A TRY

A Listen and number the pictures.



Listen again. Then number and fill in the blanks.

Word Box


everyday life / greetings and goodbyes /
perfectly normal / too formal /
take off their shoes / no honor or trust /
prepare, cook, and eat / too much skin /
considered disrespectful / polite to ask /
custom for women / a strange custom

- 4 Some families ask guests to take off their shoes before entering their home. It's always polite to ask to take off your shoes or not when visiting someone new.
- 1 It's a custom for women in the Middle East to wear clothing to cover themselves. It's considered rude or impolite to show too much skin.
- 6 It is frequently better to be more polite than not. Bowing is considered too formal in Western countries, but it is perfectly normal in Japan.
- 3 Hugging is considered a strange custom for many cultures. In Western countries, however, close friends often use hugs for greetings and goodbyes.
- 5 In a few cultures, it is considered disrespectful to offer to shake with your left hand. People may see you as someone with no honor or trust.
- 2 Chopsticks are a part of everyday life in Asia. These utensils are used to prepare, cook, and eat. People in other countries use spoons, forks, and knives.

SPEAK UP

Answer the questions.

- What are some customs you would like to keep or avoid?
- What are your most favorite customs from other countries? Least?
- How do people from other countries feel about your country's customs and traditions?
- How are weddings different in every country? Why?
- What things are the same about weddings around the world?

B Listen and look at the picture.
Choose the best statement.  MP3 / 53

1. C



2. C



3. A



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Festivals Between the East and West



- Ben: Hey, Daniel! Do you know Halloween is **approaching**¹?
- Daniel: Yeah, it's on October 31st, right?
- Ben: That's right. Do people in Asia celebrate Halloween?
- Daniel: Actually, it has been getting more popular these last few years.
- Ben: So, what are you going to do on Halloween?
- Daniel: I don't know.
- Ben: My friend is going to **throw**² a party at her place. I suggest that you come to her Halloween party.
- Daniel: Really? I'd love to !
- Ben: **Terrific**³! We'll wear costumes and go **trick or treating**⁴.
- Daniel: Sounds fun . I'm looking forward to it.
- Ben: By the way, do Chinese people have **similar**⁵ festivals to Halloween?
- Daniel: Well, we have "Ghost Month".
- Ben: Huh? What's that? Tell me about it.
- Daniel: In July of the Chinese calendar, we have many **taboos**⁶.

Ben: Taboos like what?

Daniel: We don't go to the beach because Chinese people believe the "water ghost" will come out during that month.

Ben: Anything else ?

Daniel: Yes, Chinese people don't like to get married in that month. We don't buy new cars, move into a new place, and so on .

Ben: Wow! It seems that there are a lot of things you cannot do during Ghost Month.

Daniel: Exactly!



Language Notes

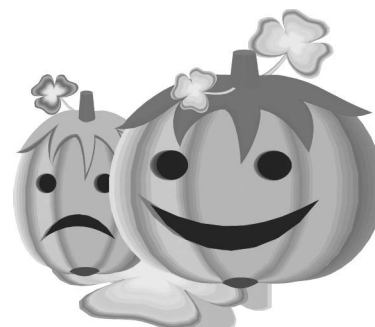
Synonym: ✓

1. **approach** [əˈprɒtʃ] v.
The time is fast approaching when we will have to make a decision.
2. **throw** [θrɒ] v.
Jill is going to throw a party on Saturday.
Are you coming?
- * 3. **terrific** [təˈrɪfɪk] adj. ✓ fantastic
Thanks for dinner. It was terrific!
4. **trick or treat** [ˈtrɪkəˈtɹɪt] v.
On Halloween, children trick or treat as a way of threatening to play a trick on someone if they are not given a treat (candy).
- * 5. **similar** [ˈsɪmələ] adj.
Gina's dress is similar to mine.
6. **taboo** [təˈbu] n.
There are taboos against appearing naked in public places.
7. **and so on** phr.
Every weekend, I go swimming, jogging, hiking, and so on.
* Represents GEPT elementary vocabulary

CONVERSATION REVIEW

Listen and check the correct answer.  MP3 / SS

1. ☒ a. They are becoming more familiar with it.
☐ b. They do not understand it at all.
☐ c. They all love to celebrate Halloween.
2. ☒ a. There are more taboos.
☐ b. There are more people getting married.
☐ c. There are more people buying cars.
3. ☐ a. To the beach ☒ b. To a friend's house ☐ c. To buy a car
4. ☐ a. It starts on October 31st.
☒ b. It starts on the first of July on the Chinese calendar.
☐ c. It doesn't say.
5. ☐ a. Go swimming or wear a costume
☐ b. Wear a costume or go trick or treating
☒ c. Get married or buy a car





VERBS OF REQUEST

S. + Verb of Request + that + S. (+ Aux. V.) + V.

The verbs “**suggest**” and “**recommend**” are more polite and friendly. They are used more for advice and/or tips. Auxiliary verbs in the sentences are usually omitted.

suggest	Helen suggests that James come to her party.
	I suggested that we take a rest every hour.
	His father is suggesting that we go fishing this weekend.
recommend	Dave recommended that you see the movie.
	Our uncle recommends that we be on time.
	The chef was recommending that we have the lobster for dinner.

A Match.

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| ① His sister has been recommending that | • be less spicy than before. |
| ② Tina and Cherry suggested that tomorrow they | • their parents travel around the world. |
| ③ Oscar is going to recommend that the dinner | • go shopping at the department store. |
| ④ The beautiful actresses have suggested that | • Jerry could swim by himself today. |
| ⑤ Jerry's friend at the swimming pool is suggesting that | • the dresses look prettier. |

B Circle the mistake and rewrite the sentence.

- ① My cousin recommended that I tried to buy a new car this month.

My cousin recommended that I try to buy a new car this month.

- ② Yesterday, Richard suggesting that the man be more friendly.

Yesterday, Richard suggested that the man be more friendly.

- ③ April recommends that you wearing a coat tonight.

April recommends that you wear a coat tonight.

- ④ Your mother is going to suggested that we turn on the light.

Your mother is going to suggest that we turn on the light.

- ⑤ Rita's friend has suggested that she takes the bus to work next week.

Rita's friend has suggested that she take the bus to work next week.

The verb **“insist”** is less polite than the previous two verbs. It is used to describe a strong desire for something to happen. **“Require”** describes a necessary condition. It is usually used for more formal situations or explanations. The verb **“demand”** is used for a strong desire or expectation of something. Use of this verb implies the subject has a reason or a purpose for the request.

insist	Drew’s mother insists that he be more patient.
	Mr. Brown insists that the students read one book every week.
	I insisted that I take the first seat on the bus.
require	The doctors are requiring that the children in the hospital be with parents.
	New York City requires that its police officers wear blue uniforms.
	The pilot requires that the passengers follow the safety instructions.
demand	Tim demanded that you give him back his money.
	Nurses in this city have been demanding that they work fewer hours.
	Why are you demanding that Jack cook dinner tonight?

A Choose the correct answer.

- 1 The test requires that the students not (having / to have / have) books on the table.
- 2 John insists that Sarah (invited / be invited / invite) to the wedding.
- 3 Fred has recommended that I (started / start / starting) taking English classes next year.
- 4 The teachers are suggesting that students (studying / study / studied) at least 2 hours every day.
- 5 All the farmers outside of the city are demanding that some gas stations (are / been / be) closer to them.

B Combine the sentences.

- 1 You take a shower. Your mother insists.
Your mother insists that you take a shower.
- 2 We do our homework. The teacher is demanding.
The teacher is demanding that we do our homework.
- 3 Lisa goes to bed early. Lisa’s mother was suggesting.
Lisa’s mother was suggesting that Lisa go to bed early.
- 4 Joe plays basketball in the tournament. Bob has been recommending Joe.
Bob has been recommending that Joe play basketball in the tournament.
- 5 Everyone looks both ways before crossing the street. The police require everyone.
The police require that everyone look both ways before crossing the street.



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- A black and white cartoon illustration. On the left, a girl with long hair, wearing a collared shirt and a plaid skirt, stands with her arms crossed and a sad or disinterested expression. On the right, a boy is kneeling on one knee, holding out a small ring box towards the girl. A speech bubble coming from the boy contains the text "No way!".

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1. C



聽力測驗：簡短對話 MP3 / 58

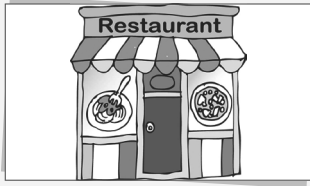

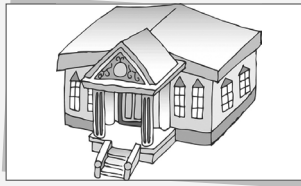
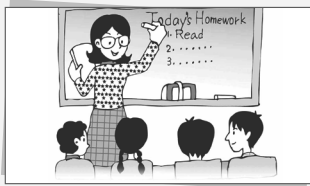
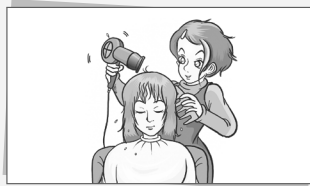



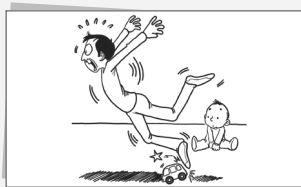

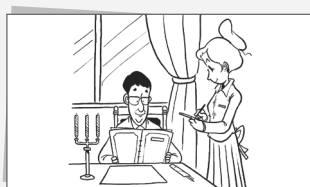

請聽一段對話和一個相關的問題後，再從三個選項中選出一個最適合的答案。

1. B Ⓐ They have high-paying jobs. Ⓑ They have just gotten married.
 Ⓒ They are a little shy.
2. C Ⓐ He went to a friend's party last night.
 Ⓑ He got into a fight at a party.
 Ⓒ He hosted a party last night.
3. B Ⓐ It is interesting.
 Ⓑ It isn't accepted by the people there.
 Ⓒ She thinks that swimming is boring.
4. C Ⓐ A very special dress Ⓑ A kind of soft hat
 Ⓒ A cloth over her face
5. B Ⓐ It is too expensive. Ⓑ It looks like other bowls.
 Ⓒ It looks like it's broken.
6. A Ⓐ People will wear disguises. Ⓑ Everyone will bring gifts.
 Ⓒ People will sing at the party.



聽力測驗：短文聽解 MP3 / 59

每題有三個圖片選項，請聽題目，並選出一個最適當的圖片。

1. ☐ A  ☐ B  ☒ C 
2. ☐ A  ☒ B  ☐ C 
3. ☐ A  ☒ B  ☐ C 
4. ☒ A  ☐ B  ☐ C 



Wedding Traditions



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leading up to Although This is one of the reasons

A wedding is an important **rite of passage**¹ in almost every culture. But did you know that people used to believe one's wedding day was also a time of bad luck? *This is one of the reasons* why a traditional wedding ceremony contains many customs and **superstitions**². Anyone who has been to a wedding in Taiwan knows that there are many **distinctive**³ and complex rituals that **take place**⁴. People in the west also *adhere to* customs very closely. Some traditions may be very different from those you are more familiar with.

For example, in some Western cultures, the groom does not see the bride *leading up to* the wedding ceremony. This custom **originated**⁶ in a time when arranged marriages were **commonplace**⁷. Since the groom saw his bride for the first time upon lifting her **veil**⁸, having already been pronounced husband and wife, he could not **reject**⁹ her if he found her unattractive. Today the superstition is followed to ensure good luck.

There are many customs surrounding the wedding cake in a Western wedding as well. Traditionally, the bride and groom *are supposed to* feed cake to each other to show their care and devotion. It became popular for the **newlyweds**¹⁰ to kiss over a stack of cakes, being careful not to *knock* it *over*. This became more difficult when the multi-tiered¹¹ wedding cakes were covered with **icing**¹². Now, to **signify**¹³ their union, newlyweds make the first cut in the cake together. Each wedding guest must then eat some of the cake to wish the marriage good luck.

Although Taiwanese weddings now borrow many symbols from Western tradition, the two remain **distinct from**¹⁴ one another. However, they do have one important aspect *in common*, a deep tradition of customs and rituals that are intended to bring the newlyweds fortune and happiness as they begin married life together.

Language Notes

Synonym: ⑦

1. **rite of passage** [raɪt] [əv] [ˈpæsɪdʒ] *n.*
Learning to drive is an important rite of passage for teenagers.
2. **superstition** [ˌsʊpəˈstɪʃən] *n.*
It's an old superstition that walking under a ladder is unlucky.
3. **distinctive** [dɪˈstɪŋktɪv] *adj.* ⑦ *unique*
His supervisor has a very distinctive way of managing workers.
4. **take place** *phr.* ⑦ *happen*
When will the basketball game take place?
5. **lead up to** *phr.*
The stores are usually very busy leading up to Chinese New Year.
6. **originate** [əˈrɪdʒəˌneɪt] *v.*
Many Christmas traditions originated in Germany.
7. **commonplace** [ˈkɑːmənˌpleɪs] *adj.*
Large parks are commonplace throughout the city.
8. **veil** [veɪl] *n.*
The bride wore a veil before the wedding ceremony.
- * 9. **reject** [rɪˈdʒekt] *v.*
Sandy rejected her brother's offer to help.
10. **newlywed** [ˈnjuːlɪˌwed] *n.*
The newlyweds flew to Mexico for their honeymoon.
11. **tiered** [ˈtɪəd] *adj.*
The three-tiered wedding cake was almost two feet tall.
12. **icing** [ˈaɪsɪŋ] *n.*
Look at that cake with the icing on top! It looks so delicious.
13. **signify** [ˈsɪɡnəˌfaɪ] *v.*
The wedding rings signify their commitment to each other.
14. **distinct from** *phr.*
The two groups' learning needs are quite distinct from each other.

* Represents GEPT elementary vocabulary

READING REVIEW

Check the correct answer.

1. Why do wedding days have customs and superstitions?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Traditionally, weddings are unlucky.	<input type="checkbox"/> b. People want them to be distinctive.
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Everyone loves to eat wedding cake.	<input type="checkbox"/> d. People want them to be happy.
2. Which one is called a custom in the article?

<input type="checkbox"/> a. A wedding couple brushes their teeth before they sleep.
<input type="checkbox"/> b. A wedding couple washes their hands before they eat.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. A wedding couple feeds cake to each other to show they care.
<input type="checkbox"/> d. A wedding couple kisses each other before the wedding.
3. Why does the bride wear a veil?

<input type="checkbox"/> a. Everyone thinks the veil looks beautiful.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. She doesn't want her future husband to see her face.
<input type="checkbox"/> c. The veil is what makes the wedding gown look distinctive.
<input type="checkbox"/> d. She doesn't want the guests to see her cry.
4. Newlyweds make the first cut in the cake together to _____.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. signify their union	<input type="checkbox"/> b. show their good cutting skills
<input type="checkbox"/> c. make good photos	<input type="checkbox"/> d. wish their marriage good luck



Superstitions are a part of every culture. In fact, they appear in almost every aspect of our daily lives. If you are a superstitious person, you'll try to remember these ideas. If not, at least you will have something to laugh about.

Western



When you see a black cat passing in front of you, you'll have a day's bad luck.

Western



If you're leaving the hospital after a successful operation, do not take the flowers that are sent to you. If you do, you will soon return as a patient.

Eastern



Never give someone a clock as a gift. In Chinese, "clock" sounds like "death"!

Western



When someone has said something unlucky, they will knock three times on wood. Otherwise, an accident will happen.

GIVE IT A TRY

Share the superstitions you know with your classmates.

(Answers will vary.)

Western

- * If you walk under a ladder, you will have seven years of bad luck.
- * If you break a mirror, bury the pieces at night under the moonlight or you'll have bad luck.
- * Never grow red and white flowers in the same garden or you will have an accident at that place.

Eastern

- * Don't give a pear as a gift for your bf/gf. In Chinese, "pear" sounds like "break up".
- * Never point at the moon, or your ear will be cut off at night.
- * The footboard of the bed can't face your bedroom door, otherwise you'll have nightmares every night.



I 閱讀能力測驗：詞彙與結構

請依照題意選出最適合的答案。

<p><u>B</u> 1. The parade should ____ in the afternoon. (A) pass over (B) take place (C) take action (D) pass on</p>	<p><u>B</u> 5. Jack has a very ____ personality, so many people are curious about him. (A) handy (B) distinctive (C) modern (D) drowsy</p>
<p><u>C</u> 2. Her wedding cake is multi-____ and made of chocolate. (A) featured (B) plied (C) tiered (D) ordered</p>	<p><u>C</u> 6. The ____ will spend their vacation on an island. (A) planets (B) fighters (C) newlyweds (D) whales</p>
<p><u>D</u> 3. Getting a university degree is a rite of ____ for many young people. (A) error (B) process (C) education (D) passage</p>	<p><u>A</u> 7. In North America, Friday the 13th is supposed to ____ bad luck. (A) signify (B) exchange (C) describe (D) employ</p>
<p><u>D</u> 4. Religious celebrations are ____ in most parts of Mexico. (A) fortunate (B) gradual (C) nervous (D) commonplace</p>	<p><u>D</u> 8. I prefer to eat cake without any ____. (A) insects (B) garbage (C) luggage (D) icing</p>

II 閱讀能力測驗：克漏字填空

請從四個選項中選出一個最適合的字詞填入空格中。

Many traditions and customs surround wedding ceremonies. For instance, have you ever wondered why the groom does not see the bride leading ① to the wedding? This custom started at a time when ② marriages were commonplace. A man and a woman were ③ husband and wife before they had even seen each other. The groom only saw his wife for the first time upon lifting her ④. This way, he could not ⑤ her if he found her unattractive. Today, this still takes place to ensure good luck. Regardless of the different ⑥ surrounding a wedding, families are always there to wish good fortune to the newly married couple.

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| <u>D</u> 1. (A) around (B) near
(C) through (D) up | <u>C</u> 4. (A) scarf (B) gown
(C) veil (D) robe |
| <u>B</u> 2. (A) controlled (B) arranged
(C) advanced (D) decided | <u>B</u> 5. (A) enable (B) reject
(C) envy (D) tighten |
| <u>A</u> 3. (A) pronounced (B) devoted
(C) treated (D) spoken | <u>D</u> 6. (A) riddles (B) reviews
(C) records (D) rituals |



閱讀能力測驗：閱讀理解
請依照文意選出最適合的答案。

A Halloween is approaching soon. Chris wants to know if people in Asia celebrate Halloween. Nick tells him it's been getting more and more popular over the last few years. Chris tells Nick that he has a friend who is going to throw a party at her place. They'll wear costumes and go trick or treating, too. Chris is curious if Chinese people have similar customs for Halloween. Nick says they have something called "Ghost Month" in July of the lunar calendar. During that month, there are taboos. People don't go to the beach or get married. It's also bad luck to buy a new car or move into a new place. Though Ghost Month is different from Halloween, it is just as interesting!

B 1. When is Halloween in the passage?

- A** It has already passed.
- B** It will happen soon.
- C** It is exactly that day.
- D** It will happen in several months.

B 2. What does Chris invite Nick to do with him?

- A** Chris invites Nick to go to a party he's having at his house.
- B** Chris invites Nick to attend a party at his friend's house.
- C** Chris invites Nick to go trick or treating with him alone.
- D** Chris invites Nick to go and buy a Halloween costume.

B 3. What does a taboo most likely mean?

- A** It most likely means something that people will do.
- B** It most likely means something that people should not do.
- C** It most likely means a type of party that people do not go to.
- D** It most likely means a Halloween custom.

B

Rudy's Address Book

Name: Adam Harper
Address: 27 North Fork Road, Baldwin,
New York
Mobile: 799-2385
E-mail: AJ88@gmail.com

Name: Doreen Smith
Address: 291 Long Beach Road, Long Beach,
New York
Home: 594-8234
Mobile: 297-2908
E-mail: Rosethorne@hotmail.com

Name: Sandra Mariner
Address: 27 Front Street, Vestal, NY
Home: 724-9072
Mobile: 722-7230

D 1. Where does Doreen Smith live?

- A** She lives in Vestal.
- B** She lives in Baldwin.
- C** She lives in North Fork.
- D** She lives in Long Beach.

C 2. Who can receive phone calls only?

- A** Doreen
- B** Adam
- C** Sandra
- D** All of them



I 寫作能力測驗：單句寫作

請將標準答案完整地寫出，包括提示之文字及標點符號。

A 句子改寫 請依題目之提示，將原句改寫成指定型式，並將改寫的句子完整地寫出。

1. "Why don't you go hiking with me this weekend?" he said. (用suggest改寫)

He suggested that I/we go hiking with him this weekend.

2. The policeman said to the man, "Get out of the car." (用demand改寫)

The policeman demanded that the man get out of the car.

B 句子合併 請依照題目指示，將兩句合併成一句，並將合併的句子完整地寫出。

1. My father should stop smoking.

The doctor suggested my father.

The doctor suggested that my father (should) stop smoking.

2. Our teacher requires us.

We close the windows when we leave the classroom.

Our teacher requires that we close the windows when we leave the classroom.

C 重組 請將題目中所有提示字詞整合成一句有意義的句子，並將重組的句子完整地寫出。

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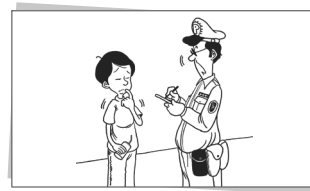
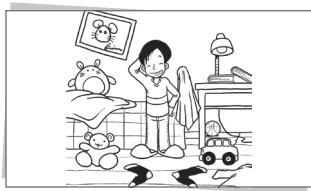
rules / that / go / uniform / school / to / require / students / The / in / school

2. Her brother suggests that she study harder so she can get into a good university.

suggests / she / university / so / get / into / can / harder / brother / good / Her / study / a / that / she

II 寫作能力測驗：段落寫作

題目：Thomas 老是不注重環境清潔，又愛隨手亂丟垃圾，看來最後他得到教訓了。請根據這些圖片寫一篇約 50 字的記敘短文。



Sample Answer:

Thomas is a naughty boy. He never tidies his room and it makes his
mom very angry. When he goes out to play, he leaves his garbage on the
street and doesn't care. However, the police care, so Thomas will have to
pay a fine for littering.