**Keeping Traditions and Customs Alive**

Vocabulary exercises

**1. Matching Exercise**

Match each word with the correct definition.

| **Word** | **Definition** |
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| 1. **Tradition** | A. A formal event or celebration |
| 1. **Festival** | B. A belief or story handed down within a culture |
| 1. **Ancestor** | C. A way of life or a practice passed down through generations |
| 1. **Custom** | D. A person from whom one is descended |
| 1. **Ritual** | E. The culture, ideas, and memories passed down from previous generations |
| 1. **Heritage** | F. An event or action regularly done in a specific way |
| 1. **Ceremony** | G. A special activity with symbolic meaning |
| 1. **Celebration** | H. A gathering or occasion to mark a special day |

**2. Fill-in-the-Blank Exercise**

Choose the correct word from the box to complete each sentence.

**Words:** heritage, ancestor, ritual, celebration, custom, ceremony, tradition, festival

1. The Christmas \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in my family involves decorating the tree together.
2. Every year, our town holds a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to honor the harvest season.
3. Lighting candles is an important \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in many cultural celebrations.
4. Our family \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is to gather for a large meal every Sunday.
5. Greek Easter is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ celebrated with parades, church services, and feasts.
6. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is held when someone graduates from high school or college.
7. We learned about our family \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by studying our ancestors.
8. The people of this village have a unique \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of dancing to welcome the New Year.

**3. Multiple Choice Questions**

Choose the correct answer for each question.

1. What is a **custom**?
   * A) A large public festival
   * B) A regular way of doing something within a particular culture
   * C) An ancient structure
   * D) A formal document
2. Which word means **“a person from whom you are descended”**?
   * A) Ritual
   * B) Ancestor
   * C) Ceremony
   * D) Tradition
3. A **festival** usually includes:
   * A) Celebrations, food, and cultural performances
   * B) A quiet meeting in a small room
   * C) A simple, one-person activity
   * D) A daily routine
4. Which word means **“the culture, ideas, and memories from past generations”**?
   * A) Heritage
   * B) Custom
   * C) Celebration
   * D) Ceremony
5. A **ritual** is:
   * A) A large public gathering
   * B) A traditional way of performing actions with symbolic meaning
   * C) A type of clothing worn during festivals
   * D) A meal shared with family

**4. Sentence Writing**

Use each word in a sentence to show its meaning. Here are the words:

* **Tradition**
* **Festival**
* **Ancestor**
* **Ritual**
* **Custom**
* **Heritage**

**Example Answer:** "One tradition in my family is to visit my grandparents every summer."

**5. Synonyms and Antonyms**

Identify a synonym (similar meaning) and an antonym (opposite meaning) for each word.

| **Word** | **Synonym** | | **Antonym** | | |
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| Tradition | | Custom | | Innovation |
| Ancestor | | Forebear | | Descendant |
| Celebration | | Festival | | Mourning |
| Heritage | | Legacy | | Loss |
| Ritual | | Ceremony | | Irregularity |

**6. True or False**

Determine if each statement is true or false.

1. A **ceremony** is a routine, everyday task. (False)
2. An **ancestor** is someone who lives in the future. (False)
3. **Heritage** includes the culture and traditions passed down through generations. (True)
4. A **festival** usually celebrates something significant in a culture. (True)
5. **Rituals** are informal, everyday actions with no special meaning. (False)