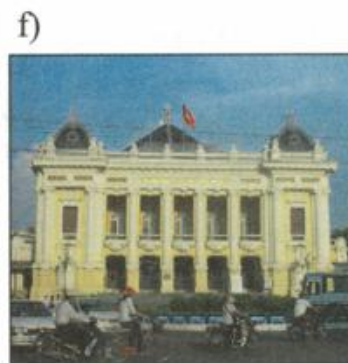


UNIT 1

A VISIT FROM A PEN PAL

1. GETTING STARTED

Work with a partner. A foreign pen pal is coming to stay with you for a week. What activities would you do during the visit?



2. LISTEN AND READ

Lan's Malaysian pen pal, Razali Maryam, was staying with Lan last week. Maryam is from Kuala Lumpur. Maryam and Lan have been pen pals for over two years and they correspond at least once every two weeks, but this was their first meeting.

On Maryam's first day in Ha Noi, Lan took her to Hoan Kiem Lake. Like Kuala Lumpur, Ha Noi is a busy modern city. Maryam was really impressed by the beauty of the city and by the friendliness of its people.

Over the next few days, the girls visited Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, the History Museum and the Temple of Literature, as well as many beautiful parks and lakes in Ha Noi. On Friday, Maryam wanted to visit the mosque on Hang Luoc Street. Lan used to walk past the mosque on her way to primary school. However, this was Lan's first visit. She enjoyed the peaceful atmosphere while Maryam was praying.

"I wish you had a longer vacation," Lan said to Maryam at the end of the week.

"Yes, I wish I had more time to get to know your beautiful country better. Lan, would you like to come and visit me next summer?" Maryam asked.

"That would be great! However, it seems very difficult for me to have a trip abroad. It all depends on my parents. Anyway, we'll keep in touch."

Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

1. Lan and Maryam usually write to one another every ...
 - A two years.
 - B month.
 - C two weeks.
 - D day.
2. Maryam was impressed because ...
 - A Ha Noi was big and modern.
 - B Ha Noi people were friendly.
 - C Ha Noi was different from Kuala Lumpur.
 - D Ha Noi and Kuala Lumpur were the same.
3. The girls went to see ...
 - A famous places in Ha Noi.
 - B areas for recreation.
 - C a place of worship.
 - D all the above.
4. Maryam wanted to ...
 - A visit Ha Noi the next summer.
 - B invite Lan to Kuala Lumpur.
 - C stay in Ha Noi.
 - D visit Ho Chi Minh City.

3. SPEAK

a) Nga is talking to Maryam. They are waiting for Lan outside her school. Put their dialogue in the correct order and copy it into your exercise book. Then practice with your partner. Start like this:



(Nga)

A: Hello. You must be Maryam.

B: That's right, I am.



(Maryam)

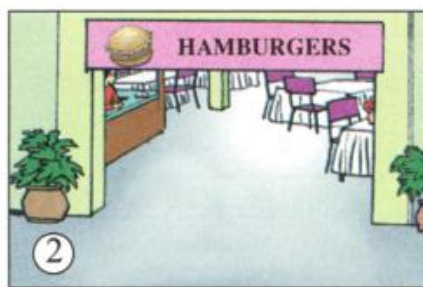
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| 1. Hello. You must be Maryam. | a. The two cities are the same in some ways. |
| 2. Do you live in a city, too? | b. Pleased to meet you, Nga. Are you one of Lan's classmates? |
| 3. No. Is it very different from Ha Noi? | c. That's right, I am. |
| 4. Yes, I am. Are you enjoying your stay in Viet Nam? | d. Oh yes, very much. Vietnamese people are very friendly and Ha Noi is a very interesting city. |
| 5. Pleased to meet you. Let me introduce myself. I'm Nga. | e. Yes. I live in Kuala Lumpur. Have you been there? |
| 6. I see. Oh! Here's Lan. Let's go. | |

b) Now you are talking to Maryam's friends. Introduce yourself. Make similar dialogues. Take turns to be one of Maryam's friends.

Yoko from Tokyo, Japan (a busy big capital city)	Paul from Liverpool, England (an industrial city, north of England)	Jane from a small town in Perth, Australia (a quiet small town)
Like Vietnamese people Love old cities in Viet Nam	Love the people, the food, and the beaches in Viet Nam	Love the temples and churches in Viet Nam Love <i>ao dai</i> , Vietnamese food, especially <i>nem</i>

4. LISTEN

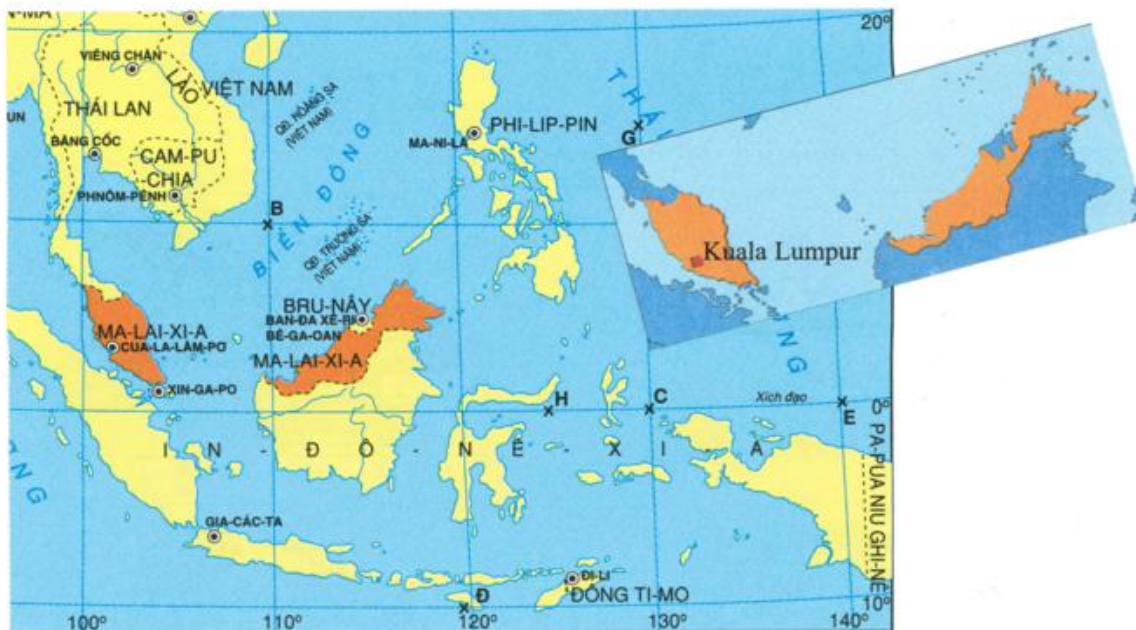
Tim Jones's Mexican pen pal, Carlo, is visiting the USA. Listen to their conversation and check (✓) the numbers of the correct pictures.



5. READ

Malaysia is one of the countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN). It is divided into two regions, known as West Malaysia and East Malaysia. They are separated by about 640 km of the sea and together comprise an area of 329,758 sq km. Malaysia enjoys tropical climate. The Malaysian unit of currency is the *ringgit*, consisting of 100 *sen*.

The capital of Malaysia is Kuala Lumpur and it is also the largest city in the country. The population in 2001 was over 22 million. Islam is the country's official religion. In addition, there are other religions such as Buddhism and Hinduism. The national language is Bahasa Malaysia (also known simply as



Malay). English, Chinese, and Tamil are also widely spoken. The language of instruction for primary school children is Bahasa Malaysia, Chinese, or Tamil. Bahasa Malaysia is the primary language of instruction in all secondary schools, although some students may continue learning in Chinese or Tamil. And English is a compulsory second language.

a) Fill in the table with the right information about Malaysia.

MALAYSIA

1. Area:	5. Capital city:
2. Population:	6. Official religion:
3. Climate:	7. National language:
4. Unit of currency:	8. Compulsory second language: ...

b) True or False? Check (✓) the boxes. Then correct the false statements.

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1. Malaysia is a member country of ASEAN.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. There are two religions in Malaysia.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. People speak only Malay in Malaysia.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Primary school children learn three languages at school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. All secondary school children learn in English.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. WRITE

Imagine you are visiting your relatives or friends in another part of Viet Nam or in a different country. Write a letter to your family. Follow the outline.

Outline	
First paragraph:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • say when you arrived and who met you at the bus / train station / airport
Second paragraph:	Talk about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what you've done • places you've visited • people you've met • food you've tried • things you've bought
Third paragraph:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tell how you feel (happy / disappointed...) • say what interests you most (people / places / activities...) • mention when you return home

LANGUAGE FOCUS

- The past simple
- The past simple with *wish*

1. *Work with a partner. Ask and answer questions about what each person did on the weekend.*

What did Ba do on the weekend?

He went to see a movie called "Ghosts and Monsters".

When did he see it?

He saw it on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

Name	Activities	Day / Time
Ba	Movie - <i>Ghosts and Monsters</i>	Saturday / 2 pm
Nga	Concert - Ha Noi singers	Saturday / 8 pm
Lan	Camp - Y&Y (Youth and Young Pioneer Associations)	All weekend
Nam	Soccer match - Dong Thap vs. The Cong	Sunday / 4 pm
Hoa	Play - <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>	Sunday / 7 pm

2. Lan and her friends are holding a farewell party for Maryam. Write the things they did to prepare for the party. Use the pictures and the words in the box.

buy	a cake
make	flowers
hang	a picture of Ha Noi
go	colorful lamps
paint	shopping



3. Work with a partner. Write wishes you want to make in these situations.

Example: a)

I wish I were taller.

- a) You are not very tall.
- b) It's so hot. You want to be in the swimming pool.
- c) You don't have a computer.
- d) You live very far from school.
- e) You don't have a sister.
- f) You draw very badly.
- g) You don't have your friend's phone number.
- h) You don't know many friends.
- i) There aren't any rivers and lakes in your hometown.