

Unit 1 History & Tradition

Part 1

Sample Question 1

Do you like learning history?

Sample Answer 1

Yes, history is something that interests me a lot. I like reading books, comics, and articles about my country's history. Moreover, I think it is great fun to watch movies and TV mini-series set in ancient Korea.

Key Vocabulary

ancient-옛날의, 고대의

Key Expression

Make a sentence using "Key Expression".

I like reading books, comics, and articles about my country's history.

1. I like _____.

2. I like _____.

Let's practice

Sample Question 1

Do you like learning history?

Make your answer

Part 2

Sample Question 1

Describe a historic building you visited.

You should say:

what this building is

how often you visited

how it looks

and explain what you thought when you visited there.

Sample Answer 1

I'd like to talk about Gyeongbok palace, which is the most memorable historic place I've visited. Gyeongbok Palace was built in the 1300's and remained the Joseon dynasty's main royal palace until Japanese invaders burned it to the ground in the late 16th century. It remained in ruins until it was restored 300 years later.

Since it's not far from my house, I visit the palace at least once a month. However, when the weather's great, I go every weekend.

I am always awed by the palace complex's beauty. It is breathtakingly beautiful, since it was constructed on a grand scale to show the majesty and dignity of the king. In fact, it contains more than 7,700 rooms. However, some of the most impressive elements are the haetae carved onto the palace's stone and wood from walls. These mythical lion-unicorn hybrids were thought to offer protection from disasters, such as fires.

Whenever I visit the palace, it gives me some strange feelings. For one, when I went wearing a traditional Korean outfit, a hanbok, I felt like a member of the ancient royal family. Seeing the intricate construction also made me think about how advanced the builders were. Even without

modern tools, including nails, they built a sturdy, magnificent palace.

Key Vocabulary

to the ground-완전히, 아주

in ruins-폐허가 된

awe-~을 압도하다

dignity-품위

mythical-신화 속에 나오는

intricate-복잡한

Let's practice

Sample Question 1

Describe a historic building you visited.

You should say:

what this building is

how often you visited

how it looks

and explain what you thought when you visited there.

Make your answer

Part 3

Sample Question 1

Are people in your country interested in history?

Sample Answer 1

Individual interests differ from person to person, but I think most Korean people are quite interested in history. That's because history lessons begin early on in Korean schools and continue through all educational levels. Students are taught the importance of their history and become proud of their country at a very young age. In addition, many Korean television programs portray fictional stories using real historical figures or periods. These are very popular with the general public. I guess that shows how interested in history Korean people are.

Key Vocabulary

individual-개인의

portray-보여주다

fictional-허구적인

historical figure-역사적 인물

general public-일반 대중

Let's practice

Sample Question 1

Are people in your country interested in history?

Make your answer

Unit 2 Media

Part 1

Sample Question 1

What is your favourite TV program?

Sample Answer 1

My favorite TV program of all time is K-Pop Star. It's a talent show that searches for undiscovered singers, which is pretty similar to American Idol. I love this program because I can see so many excellent young singers and enjoy their talents.

Key Vocabulary

of all time-지금껏, 역대

undiscovered-발견되지 않은

Key Expression

Make a sentence using "Key Expression".

It's a talent show **that** searches for undiscovered singers, which is quite similar to American Idol.

1. It's a _____ that _____.

2. It's a _____ that _____.

Let's practice

Sample Question 1

What is your favourite TV program?

Make your answer

Part 2

Sample Question 1

Describe a news story that you heard or read about.

You should say:

when you saw/heard the news

what it was about

how you felt about it

and explain what you did after you heard/read it.

Sample Answer 1

Well, I saw a news story on TV a couple of months ago.

It was about an old lady who did a good deed. She sold vegetables all day at a market to earn a living. Everyone assumed that she was really poor because she seemed to be living in poverty. However, what people did not know was that she was saving almost all of her income. After she passed away, everyone was shocked to learn that she had saved over \$100,000. It turns out that she'd left it all to a charity that helps low-income citizens, like herself.

Her heart-warming story gave me more faith in humanity. Previously, I sometimes thought the world was a cold, merciless place. However, after seeing the story, I realized that there were many loving people out there and that they aren't always where you'd expect to find them.

Her selfless giving also made me realize that I should do something, too. It encouraged me to make