

Taiwan's Indigenous Peoples

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Taiwan has **indigenous** peoples. These are people who lived in Taiwan first. They were here thousands of years before other people came. Today, there are 16 main groups.



Each group has its own **language** and culture. They have **traditional** clothing with beautiful colors. Many have special patterns and designs. The clothing is worn during festivals.

Indigenous peoples have amazing music and dance. They sing songs and tell **stories**. The dances are very **energetic**. People hold hands and move in circles. It looks like a lot of fun!

Many indigenous peoples live in the mountains. They are great **hunters** and farmers. They know a lot about nature and plants. Some groups also live near the ocean and catch fish.

Taiwan is **proud** of its indigenous peoples. Schools teach their history. There are **festivals** to celebrate their culture. Everyone can learn about these special groups who are an important part of Taiwan.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. indigenous _____ | a. people who catch animals for food |
| 2. language _____ | b. having lots of energy |
| 3. traditional _____ | c. tales told about people or events |
| 4. stories _____ | d. designs that repeat |
| 5. energetic _____ | e. feeling good about something |
| 6. hunters _____ | f. the way of life of a group |
| 7. proud _____ | g. passed down from old times |
| 8. festivals _____ | h. the first people to live in a place |
| 9. culture _____ | i. big celebrations |
| 10. patterns _____ | j. words people use to talk |

B. True or False

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| 1. Indigenous peoples came to Taiwan recently. _____ | 2. There are 16 main indigenous groups. _____ | 3. All groups speak the same language. _____ |
| 4. Traditional clothes have beautiful colors. _____ | 5. Indigenous dances are slow and quiet. _____ | 6. Many groups live in the mountains. _____ |
| 7. Schools teach about indigenous history. _____ | 8. Indigenous peoples know about nature. _____ | 9. Festivals celebrate their culture. _____ |

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: indigenous, language, traditional, stories, hunters, proud, festivals

- Taiwan has _____ peoples who lived here first.
- Each group has its own _____ and culture.
- They wear _____ clothing during festivals.
- They sing songs and tell _____.
- There are _____ to celebrate their culture.

D. Comprehension Questions

- Who were the first people in Taiwan?
- How many main indigenous groups are there?
- What are the dances like?
- Where do many indigenous peoples live?
- What do schools teach about them?

E. Discussion Questions

- What do you think is interesting about indigenous cultures?
- Why is it important to learn about the first people?
- Does your country have indigenous peoples?

Answer Key

A. Vocabulary: 1-h, 2-j, 3-g, 4-c, 5-b, 6-a, 7-e, 8-i, 9-f, 10-d

B. True/False: 1-F, 2-T, 3-F, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-T, 8-T, 9-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-indigenous, 2-language, 3-traditional, 4-stories, 5-festivals

D. Comprehension: 1. Indigenous peoples; 2. 16 groups; 3. Energetic, people hold hands and move in circles; 4. In the mountains; 5. Their history