

Temple Culture in Taiwan

Reading Worksheet — Level C |
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Taiwan has thousands of **temples**. You can find them in every city and town. Temples are **beautiful** buildings with bright colors. Many have red and gold decorations. Dragons and other animals sit on the roofs.



People go to temples to **pray**. They light **incense** sticks that smell nice. They bow to the gods and ask for help. Some people ask for good health. Others ask for good luck in school.

Temples have many **statues** of gods. The most famous god is Mazu. She is the goddess of the sea. Fishermen pray to her for **safety**. Guan Yu is another popular god. He helps people with business.

Temples are also places for **festivals**. There is loud music and dancing. People carry statues through the streets. They set off firecrackers. It is very **exciting** to watch!

Everyone can visit temples in Taiwan. You don't need to **believe** in the gods. Temples are free to enter. They are an important part of Taiwan's **culture** and history.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. temples _____ | a. very pretty to look at |
| 2. beautiful _____ | b. sticks that make nice smells when burned |
| 3. pray _____ | c. figures made to look like people or gods |
| 4. incense _____ | d. fun and makes you happy |
| 5. statues _____ | e. buildings where people pray |
| 6. safety _____ | f. to talk to a god or ask for help |
| 7. festivals _____ | g. big celebrations or parties |
| 8. exciting _____ | h. the way of life of a group |
| 9. believe _____ | i. to think something is true |
| 10. culture _____ | j. being away from danger |

B. True or False

1. Taiwan has only a few temples. ____
2. Temples have bright colors. ____
3. People light candles at temples. ____
4. Mazu is the goddess of the sea. ____
5. Temples are free to visit. ____
6. Dragons are on temple roofs. ____
7. Only certain people can enter temples. ____
8. Festivals have loud music. ____
9. Guan Yu helps with business. ____

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: temples, beautiful, pray, incense, statues, festivals, culture

1. Taiwan has thousands of _____ in every city.
2. Temples are _____ buildings with bright colors.
3. People _____ and ask the gods for help.
4. They light _____ sticks that smell nice.
5. Temples are an important part of Taiwan's _____.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. What colors do temples have?
2. What do people do at temples?
3. Who is Mazu?
4. What happens during temple festivals?
5. Can anyone visit a temple?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever visited a temple? What did you see?
2. What do you think temples smell like?
3. Are there temples or special buildings in your country?

Answer Key

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

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

C. Fill Blanks: 1-temples, 2-beautiful, 3-pray, 4-incense, 5-culture

D. Comprehension:

1. Red and gold
2. Pray, light incense, bow to gods
3. The goddess of the sea
4. Loud music, dancing, statues carried through streets, firecrackers
5. Yes, everyone can visit