

# tradition

noun

► Say it: tra • di • tion

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Write it: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

## Meaning

something that people have done for a long time

*Synonym:* custom

## Example

It is an American **tradition** to give someone you love \_\_\_\_\_ or chocolates on \_\_\_\_\_.



## Forms

- *Singular:* tradition
- *Plural:* traditions

## Family

- *Adjective:* traditional
- *Adverb:* traditionally

## Word Partners

- cultural \_\_\_\_\_ In some Latin American countries, breaking apart a piñata filled with candy is a **cultural tradition** at birthday celebrations.
- follow \_\_\_\_\_ Women in several Asian countries **follow tradition** by wearing a red dress when they get married.
- long \_\_\_\_\_ Australian aborigines have a **long tradition** of painting white designs on their skin.

## Verbal Practice

**Talk about It** Read each sentence and think about how you would complete it.

**Discuss** your idea with your partner using the sentence frame.

**Listen** carefully to your partner's and classmates' ideas.

**Write** your favorite idea in the blank.

❶ My favorite holiday **tradition** is \_\_\_\_\_.

❷ Our school has an annual **tradition** of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Writing Practice

**Collaborate** Work with your partner to complete the sentence using the correct form of **tradition** and appropriate content.

It is a cultural \_\_\_\_\_ in the country of \_\_\_\_\_ for people to celebrate the holiday of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Your Turn** Work independently to complete the sentence using the correct form of **tradition** and appropriate content.

One \_\_\_\_\_ that my family follows is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Be an Academic Author** Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **tradition** in the *singular form*. In your second sentence, use **tradition** in the *plural form* and include a word partner.

① \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 ② \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

### grammar tip

Count nouns name things that can be counted. Count nouns have two forms, singular and plural. To make most count nouns plural, add *-s*.

My family follows many holiday traditions.

He likes board games.

**Write an Academic Paragraph** Complete the paragraph using the correct form of **tradition** and original content.

Every November, the residents of Lop Buri, Thailand, prepare for a unique cultural \_\_\_\_\_  
 ① \_\_\_\_\_ : the Monkey Buffet Festival. On the last Sunday in November, Lop Buri's top chefs \_\_\_\_\_  
 ② \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of pounds of colorful fruits, vegetables, and treats. The feast is laid out in \_\_\_\_\_  
 ③ \_\_\_\_\_ displays on buffet tables in the sacred Phra Prang Sam Yot Buddhist temple. Local residents and tourists then watch as hundreds of macaque monkeys, which live and roam freely in Lop Buri, come and \_\_\_\_\_  
 ④ \_\_\_\_\_ the treats. This unusual \_\_\_\_\_  
 ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ is a way to honor the monkeys, who are believed to bring good \_\_\_\_\_  
 ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ to Lop Buri. This \_\_\_\_\_  
 ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ attracts thousands of tourists to the city every year and is one of the most entertaining (and messy) festivals in the world.