



Kampong Spirit Kampong Fun

Village Life and Childhood Games in Singapore Revisited

Kampong Spirit, Kampong Fun is an exhibition that is a tribute to kampong life and childhood which now exists only as fond memories for the older generation. Kampongs or villages were rural settlements once common in Singapore. The living space, the unique way of life and the entertainment for children and adults were shared experiences of many, regardless of race and religion. The spirit of innovation and *gotong-royong* will always remain important to Singapore's continued progress.

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PRE - VISIT

Before visiting for the exhibition, write down your thoughts here!

What do you expect to see at the exhibition?

I expect to see

What do you hope to learn from the exhibition?

I hope to learn about

How do you feel about visiting this exhibition? Why?

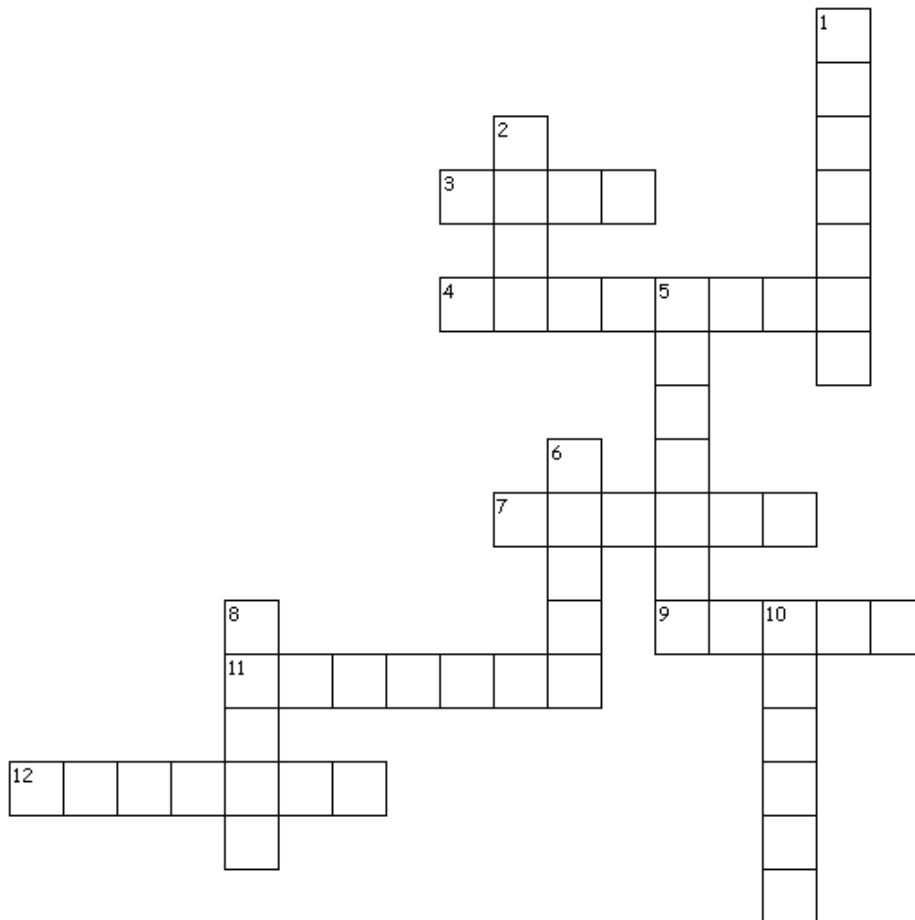




DURING THE EXHIBITION

A MY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Read the text carefully and fill in the words in the crossword puzzle!



Across

3. A Malay kampong house is often made of attap or _____ roof.
4. Many kampongs used _____ lamps for lighting.
7. _____ is the Malay word for shuttlecock made from a bunch of feathers attached to a rubber or metal base.
9. Every morning a “_____soil” carrier removes the bucket below the toilet and replaces it with a new one.
11. _____ farmers involved the feeding of chickens several times a day.
12. Hopscotch requires the drawing of a _____ on the ground.



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Down

1. A _____ or *dui lian* on either side of the main door with auspicious sayings.
2. _____ stones was a popular game making use of cloth bags filled with seeds, sand or rice played by at least two people.
5. School buildings were very modest and often _____.
6. The _____ farmers in Singapore were mainly Indians.
8. The Chinese _____ troupes often staged their performances during the seventh month of the lunar calendar.
10. _____ is the Malay word for top or top-spinning.





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MY PERSONAL FAVOURITE

In this exhibition, you have seen many activities in Singapore's kampong days. Which is your favourite activity and why do you think this activity is memorable? Nominate your favourite activity and tell your friends about it!

My favourite Kampong Activity!

I, _____ nominate _____ to be my favourite kampong activity.

This activity deserves a nomination because:

My Declaration:

We should remember this activity...

The activity is important to Singapore's heritage because...

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Use technology!

Tell your friends about the choice you made!

Tips - Upload a photograph on Instagram or Facebook, encourage your friends to "like" your choice! Hashtag #kampongspritekampongfun





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MY PERSONAL REFLECTION

What is your favourite traditional game? Explain your answer in the space provided. You can also choose a traditional game not listed in the exhibition!

What can you tell about how people were like in the past through the traditional game that you have chosen?

How different is this from the games you play now?



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D STRETCH YOUR IMAGINATION

Traditional games are part of fond memories of many Singaporeans and helped to forge bonds among many children of different races in that era.

Write down two memories that Singaporeans should remember from this exhibition. Explain your choice! Do you think our lives have improved?

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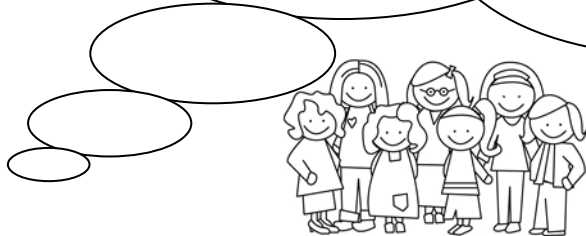
HAVE OUR LIVES IMPROVED? HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT?



POST EXHIBITION QUESTIONS

Think and discuss these questions with your teacher!

1. Why do you think older people like to reminisce about the past?
2. How similar or different is life today from the past?
3. Do you think the memories of kampong life remain important in the lives of many Singaporeans?



List two things you have learnt from the exhibition!



What would you remember most from *Kampong Spirit, Kampong Fun* exhibition? Why?



*** Congratulations on reaching the end of this activity sheet.
You are so marvellous!