



Confucian Values in Modern Taiwan

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Confucius was a famous **teacher** from China. He lived many years ago. He taught people how to be good and kind. His ideas are called Confucian values. Today, many people in Taiwan still follow these old ideas in their daily lives.

One big idea is to **respect** your parents and grandparents. In Taiwan, children listen to their elders. They take care of their **family** when they grow up. Family is very important. People often eat dinner together and help each other every day.

Being **polite** is also part of these values. Students are quiet and kind at school. They study hard and follow the rules. Good manners show that you care about other people around you.

Confucian values teach people to live in **harmony**. This means people try not to fight. They work together and keep peace at home and at work. A calm and happy group makes everyone feel safe.

Even with new phones and fast cars, Taiwan keeps its old tradition. Young people learn these values from their parents and teachers. They mix old ideas with modern life. This makes Taiwan a very special place to live and work.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. respect ____ | a. group of people who live in the same place or share things |
| 2. elders ____ | b. important ideas about what is good and right |
| 3. family ____ | c. people living and working together with peace, not fighting |
| 4. tradition ____ | d. old way of doing something that people keep for many years |
| 5. polite ____ | e. to show great respect to someone or something |
| 6. teacher ____ | f. feeling that someone is important and treating them in a kind, polite way |
| 7. harmony ____ | g. older people, like parents and grandparents |
| 8. values ____ | h. parents, children, and other people you are related to |
| 9. honor ____ | i. kind and showing good manners to other people |
| 10. community ____ | j. person who helps other people learn |

B. True or False

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| ____ 1. Confucius was a teacher from China. | ____ 2. Confucian values are very new ideas. |
| ____ 3. Many people in Taiwan still follow Confucian values today. | ____ 4. Confucian values say you should not respect your parents. |
| ____ 5. In Taiwan, children listen to their elders. | ____ 6. Family is not important in Confucian values. |
| ____ 7. Being polite is part of these values. | ____ 8. Harmony means people fight all the time. |

- ___ 9. Young people in Taiwan learn values _____ 10. Taiwan has no phones or cars today.
from their parents and teachers.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: respect, family, polite, harmony, teacher, elders, tradition, honor

1. Confucius was a _____ from China who taught people to be good.
2. Children in Taiwan _____ their parents and grandparents.
3. People take care of their _____ when they grow up.
4. Being _____ means you have good manners.
5. People try to live in _____ and keep the peace.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. Who was Confucius?
2. How do children in Taiwan show respect to their elders?
3. What does it mean to live in harmony?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Which Confucian value do you think is the most important, and why?
2. How do you show respect to your family and teachers in your own country?



Answer Key

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

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-F, 3-T, 4-F, 5-T, 6-F, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T, 10-F

C. Fill Blanks: 1-teacher, 2-respect, 3-family, 4-polite, 5-harmony

D. Comprehension:

1. Confucius was a famous teacher from China who taught people how to be good and kind.
2. They listen to their elders and take care of their family when they grow up.
3. It means people work together and keep the peace instead of fighting.

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