



Jiufen Old Street

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Jiufen is a small, old town in northern Taiwan. It sits on a hillside near the sea. The town is famous for its stone steps, red lanterns, and delicious food. Many **tourists** visit Jiufen every year to enjoy its beautiful buildings and amazing mountain views.

The streets of Jiufen are very **narrow**. They are made of stone **steps** that go up and down the hillside. Walking through Jiufen feels like stepping back in time. The steps can be slippery when it rains, so it is important to wear good shoes!

There are many food stalls in Jiufen. You can buy popular **snacks** like fish balls, taro balls, and sweet potatoes. The smells from the stalls are amazing! Many people stop to eat and enjoy the beautiful view of the sea below.

At night, Jiufen becomes very special. Red **lanterns** hang along the streets and light up the town. The lanterns make everything look warm and magical. Many visitors take photos of the beautiful lights. It is one of the most famous images of Taiwan.

You can also visit a tea house in Jiufen. Sit down, drink some hot tea, and look at the mountains and the sea. The view is breathtaking! There is also a small temple near the main street. Jiufen is a wonderful place to visit in Taiwan.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. tourists ____ | a. everything you can see from a particular place |
| 2. narrow ____ | b. the sloping side of a hill or mountain |
| 3. steps ____ | c. easy to slide or fall on when wet or smooth |
| 4. snacks ____ | d. building used for worship or religious ceremonies |
| 5. lanterns ____ | e. small amounts of food eaten between main meals |
| 6. stalls ____ | f. small shops or tables that sell food or goods |
| 7. hillside ____ | g. people who travel to places for fun or to learn |
| 8. slippery ____ | h. not wide; only a small distance from one side to the other |
| 9. temple ____ | i. flat surfaces you climb up or walk down to move between levels |
| 10. view ____ | j. light holders made of paper or glass, often used for decoration |

B. True or False

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| ____ 1. Jiufen is located in Taiwan. | ____ 2. Jiufen is a large, modern city. |
| ____ 3. The streets of Jiufen are very narrow. | ____ 4. The streets in Jiufen are flat and wide. |
| ____ 5. Visitors can buy taro balls in Jiufen. | ____ 6. Jiufen is not popular with tourists. |
| ____ 7. Red lanterns light up the streets at night. | ____ 8. Jiufen is located in southern Taiwan. |

___ 9. There is a small temple near the main street.

___ 10. You cannot eat food anywhere in Jiufen.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: tourists, snacks, lanterns, narrow, view, temple, stalls, hillside

1. Many _____ visit Jiufen every year to see its beautiful streets.
2. The streets in Jiufen are very _____, so only a few people can walk side by side.
3. You can eat tasty _____ like fish balls and taro balls at the market.
4. At night, red _____ hang along the streets and make the town look magical.
5. The _____ from Jiufen shows the mountains and the sea below.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. Where is Jiufen located?
2. What kinds of snacks can you buy in Jiufen?
3. What makes Jiufen special at night?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Would you like to visit Jiufen? What would you most like to do or see there?
2. Are there any famous old streets or markets in your city or country? What can you find there?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-g, 2-h, 3-i, 4-e, 5-j, 6-f, 7-b, 8-c, 9-d, 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-tourists, 2-narrow, 3-snacks, 4-lanterns, 5-view

D. Comprehension:

1. Jiufen is a small town in northern Taiwan, on a hillside near the sea.
2. You can buy fish balls, taro balls, and sweet potatoes in Jiufen.
3. At night, red lanterns hang along the streets and make Jiufen look warm and magical.

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