



A EXERCISE • 實戰演練

Topic: The pineapple cake

The pineapple cake (鳳梨酥) is a Taiwanese shortbread filled with pineapple jam. It is also called pineapple tart or pineapple shortbread. Pineapple cake has become one of the most sought-after souvenir treats in Taiwan. The pineapple cake tastes more like a tart than a cake. It is covered with crispy crust. The moist, sour jam in the middle perfectly balances the dry, buttery coat outside. It is only available in Taiwan.

What makes Taiwan's pineapple cake so famous and popular? For one, Taiwan is a major producer and exporter of pineapples. Another is the name, which has something to do with culture and language. The Taiwanese dialect of pineapple "ong lai" sounds similar to the phrase "prosperity has arrived" in Mandarin. No doubt, pineapple cake has become a symbol of wealth, good luck and prosperity in Taiwan.

B LANGUAGE FOCUS • 學習焦點

have something to do with ...

- *Overweight has something to do with lack of exercise.*
- *Stomach rumbles may have something to do with hunger.*

C WORDS & PHRASES • 詞彙片語

1. shortbread	[ˈʃɔrtbrɛd]	(n.) 奶油甜酥餅
2. sought-after	[ˈsɔt ˌæftə]	(adj.) 熱門的，廣受歡迎的
3. souvenir	[ˌsu:vəˈnɪr]	(n.) 紀念品
4. crispy	[ˈkrɪspi]	(adj.) 酥脆的
5. moist	[mɔɪst]	(adj.) 潮濕的；濕潤的
6. balance	[ˈbæləns]	(n.) 平衡
7. exporter	[ɪkˈspɔrtə]	(n.) 出口商；出口國；出口公司
8. dialect	[ˈdɪəlɛkt]	(n.) 方言，地方話
9. phrase	[freɪz]	(n.) 片語
10 prosperity	[prɒˈspɛrətɪ]	(n.) 成功；(尤指經濟上的) 繁榮，昌盛