

Moon Festival & Mooncakes

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The Moon Festival is a special holiday in Taiwan. It happens in September or October. On this night, the moon is full and very **bright**. Families get **together** to look at the moon.



People eat special cakes called mooncakes. Mooncakes are **round** like the moon. Inside, they have sweet **filling** like red bean or egg yolk. The outside has pretty **patterns** on it.

There is a **legend** about a lady on the moon. Her name is Chang'e. She flew to the moon long ago. People say they can see her when they look at the full moon.

In Taiwan, many families have **barbecues**. They cook meat and vegetables outside. Everyone sits together, eats good food, and talks. It is a very **cozy** time.

Children also play with lanterns during the Moon Festival. Some lanterns have lights inside. Others have **candles**. The festival is about family, good food, and the beautiful moon!

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. bright _____ | a. with each other |
| 2. together _____ | b. a big celebration |
| 3. round _____ | c. shaped like a circle |
| 4. filling _____ | d. cooking food outside on a grill |
| 5. patterns _____ | e. what is inside something |
| 6. legend _____ | f. sticks that burn with fire for light |
| 7. barbecues _____ | g. giving off a lot of light |
| 8. cozy _____ | h. designs or shapes on something |
| 9. candles _____ | i. an old story passed down |
| 10. festival _____ | j. warm and comfortable |

B. True or False

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| 1. The Moon Festival is in spring. _____ | 2. The moon is full during this festival. _____ | 3. Mooncakes are square shaped. _____ |
| 4. Chang'e is a legend about a lady on the moon. _____ | 5. Mooncakes have pretty patterns. _____ | 6. In Taiwan, people have barbecues. _____ |
| 7. Children play with balls during the festival. _____ | 8. The festival is about family. _____ | 9. Mooncakes have filling inside. _____ |

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: bright, together, round, filling, legend, barbecues, cozy

1. The moon is full and very _____ on this night.
2. Families get _____ to look at the moon.
3. Mooncakes are _____ like the moon.
4. There is a _____ about a lady named Chang'e.
5. In Taiwan, many families have _____.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. When is the Moon Festival?
2. What are mooncakes?
3. Who is Chang'e?
4. What do families do during the festival?
5. What do children play with?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever eaten a mooncake? What was inside?
2. Do you like looking at the moon? Why?
3. What do you do with your family on holidays?

Answer Key

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

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

C. Fill Blanks: 1-bright, 2-together, 3-round, 4-legend, 5-barbecues

D. Comprehension: 1. September or October; 2. Round cakes with sweet filling inside; 3. A lady in a legend who flew to the moon; 4. Look at the moon, eat mooncakes, have barbecues; 5. Lanterns