



Lantern Festival

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The Lantern Festival is a special holiday in Taiwan and other Chinese-speaking places. It happens at the end of the Lunar New Year season. Families go outside at night to look at colorful **lanterns**, solve riddles, and enjoy the bright lights. It is one of the most beautiful festivals of the year.

Many towns and cities hold large Lantern Festival events. People can see animal lanterns, cartoon lanterns, and huge lantern displays. Some lanterns move, play music, or change color. The festival creates a joyful **atmosphere** where children and adults can walk together and take photos.

One famous part of the festival in Taiwan is the sky lantern tradition in Pingxi. People write their hopes and wishes on paper **lanterns** and send them into the sky. They may write about health, happiness, school success, or peace. Watching the lanterns rise together is an unforgettable **experience**.

The Lantern Festival also has special foods. Many people eat sweet rice balls called tangyuan. These round rice balls are a **symbol** of family togetherness. Friends and relatives often share food while they enjoy the lights and performances at the festival.

Today, the Lantern Festival is both traditional and modern. It keeps old customs alive, but it also includes art, music, and new technology. The festival is an important **celebration** of light, hope, and community, and it helps people remember the meaning of the Lunar New Year season.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. lanterns ____ | a. a special public celebration or holiday event |
| 2. atmosphere ____ | b. full of happiness |
| 3. experience ____ | c. the feeling or mood of a place |
| 4. symbol ____ | d. a custom or way of doing something for a long time |
| 5. celebration ____ | e. a group of people living or spending time together |
| 6. festival ____ | f. a special event to show happiness about something |
| 7. riddles ____ | g. questions or puzzles that are hard but fun to answer |
| 8. joyful ____ | h. decorative lights, often made of paper |
| 9. tradition ____ | i. something that happens to you and that you remember |
| 10. community ____ | j. something that represents an idea |

B. True or False

- ___ 1. The Lantern Festival happens during the Lunar New Year season.
- ___ 2. People only celebrate the Lantern Festival in the daytime.
- ___ 3. Some lantern displays can move or change color.
- ___ 4. Pingxi is famous for sky lanterns in Taiwan.
- ___ 5. People write homework on lanterns before sending them up.
- ___ 6. Tangyuan are sweet rice balls.
- ___ 7. Tangyuan are a symbol of family togetherness.
- ___ 8. The Lantern Festival has no modern art or technology today.
- ___ 9. The festival is a celebration of light and hope.
- ___ 10. Families often enjoy the festival together.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: lanterns, atmosphere, experience, symbol, celebration, festival, joyful, community

- 1. Families go out at night to look at colorful _____.
- 2. The festival creates a joyful _____ for visitors.
- 3. Watching sky lanterns rise can be an unforgettable _____.
- 4. Tangyuan are a _____ of family togetherness.
- 5. The Lantern Festival is an important _____ of light and hope.



D. Comprehension Questions

- 1. Why do many people enjoy visiting Lantern Festival events at night?
- 2. What do people often write on sky lanterns in Pingxi?
- 3. Why are tangyuan important during the Lantern Festival?

E. Discussion Questions

- 1. Why do you think lanterns are such a popular part of this festival?
- 2. Would you like to visit the Lantern Festival in Taiwan? Why or why not?

Answer Key

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

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

C. Fill Blanks: 1-lanterns, 2-atmosphere, 3-experience, 4-symbol, 5-celebration

D. Comprehension:

1. Because the lights are beautiful and the festival feels exciting at night
2. They write wishes and hopes for things like health, peace, and success
3. They symbolize family togetherness and are shared during the festival