



Lantern Festival

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The Lantern Festival is a special **holiday** in many parts of Asia. It happens on the fifteenth day after Chinese New Year. On this night, the moon is big, round, and very bright. People go outside to enjoy the moonlight with family and friends.

During the festival, people hang red **lanterns** on trees, doors, and streets. The lanterns are pretty and glow softly in the dark. Some lanterns have animals or flowers on them. Children love to carry small lanterns as they walk around their neighborhood.

Families eat a sweet food called tangyuan. Tangyuan are small, round rice balls. They are sweet and chewy. The round shape is a **symbol** of family being together. Many people think tangyuan brings good luck for the new year.

People also like to **solve** riddles at the festival. They write the riddles on the lanterns. Friends read the riddles and try to guess the answer. It is a fun **tradition** that is many hundreds of years old. Smart guesses sometimes win a small prize.

In Taiwan, the festival is very big. There are huge lantern shows in many cities. People also send sky lanterns up into the night. They write their wishes and **dreams** on the paper before they let the lantern fly. The lights look like stars going up to the sky.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. holiday ____ | a. hopes or wishes for the future |
| 2. lantern ____ | b. tricky question or puzzle with a clever answer |
| 3. symbol ____ | c. light made of paper or cloth with a small flame or bulb inside |
| 4. tradition ____ | d. hope for something good to happen |
| 5. solve ____ | e. big public party for a special day or season |
| 6. dreams ____ | f. find the answer to a problem or puzzle |
| 7. celebrate ____ | g. do special things to show a day is important |
| 8. riddle ____ | h. special day when people do not work and celebrate something |
| 9. wish ____ | i. object or shape that stands for an idea or feeling |
| 10. festival ____ | j. way of doing something that families repeat every year |

B. True or False

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| ___ 1. The Lantern Festival happens on the fifteenth day after Chinese New Year. | ___ 2. On the night of the festival, the moon is small and dark. |
| ___ 3. People hang red lanterns on trees, doors, and streets. | ___ 4. Tangyuan is a kind of spicy soup. |

- ___ 5. The round shape of tangyuan is a symbol of family being together.
- ___ 6. People write riddles on the lanterns and try to guess the answers.
- ___ 7. Solving riddles at the festival is a new tradition from last year.
- ___ 8. In Taiwan, there are big lantern shows in many cities.
- ___ 9. Sky lanterns are sent up with people's wishes and dreams on them.
- ___ 10. Children are not allowed to carry lanterns during the festival.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: holiday, lanterns, symbol, tradition, solve, celebrate, riddle, festival

1. The Lantern Festival is a special _____ in many parts of Asia.
2. People hang red _____ on trees and doors.
3. The round shape of tangyuan is a _____ of family being together.
4. Friends read the riddles and try to _____ them.
5. Writing riddles on lanterns is a fun _____ that is hundreds of years old.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. When does the Lantern Festival happen?
2. What food do families eat during the Lantern Festival, and what does its shape mean?
3. What do people do with sky lanterns in Taiwan?

E. Discussion Questions

1. If you could write any wish on a sky lantern, what would you write and why?
2. What is your favorite holiday or festival, and how does your family celebrate it?



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-F, 5-T, 6-T, 7-F, 8-T, 9-T, 10-F

C. Fill Blanks: 1-holiday, 2-lanterns, 3-symbol, 4-solve, 5-tradition

D. Comprehension:

1. It happens on the fifteenth day after Chinese New Year, when the moon is big and bright.
2. Families eat tangyuan, small sweet rice balls, and the round shape is a symbol of family being together.
3. They write their wishes and dreams on the paper lanterns and send them up into the night sky.