



Lunar New Year Traditions

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Lunar New Year is a big **celebration** in many parts of Asia. It happens in late January or early February. Families come together to eat, talk, and share happy moments. The holiday lasts for about 15 days. It is the most important time of the year for many people.

Before the new year, families clean their homes. They believe that cleaning sweeps away bad luck. They also hang red **decorations** on doors and windows. Red is a lucky color. It is thought to bring good luck and keep bad spirits away.

On New Year's Eve, families share a big dinner. They eat **traditional** foods like dumplings, fish, and rice cakes. Each food has a special meaning. For example, fish means good luck and more money in the new year. Children love this meal because it tastes so good.

Children also receive red envelopes with money inside. Adults give these envelopes to wish them health and happiness. The money is a small **gift** that shows love and care. Kids feel very excited when they open them.

At night, people watch loud and colorful **fireworks** in the sky. There are also dragon and lion dances on the streets. These dances are fun to watch. Lunar New Year is a time of joy, family, and hope for a great year ahead.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. celebration ____ | a. paper cover used to hold a letter or money |
| 2. decorations ____ | b. having good things happen to you |
| 3. traditional ____ | c. something you give to someone to make them happy |
| 4. gift ____ | d. big imaginary animal often shown in Chinese stories |
| 5. fireworks ____ | e. pretty things used to make a place look nice |
| 6. sweep ____ | f. done the same way for many years by a group of people |
| 7. lucky ____ | g. colorful lights and loud sounds in the sky at night |
| 8. dumplings ____ | h. clean the floor by moving dirt away with a brush |
| 9. envelope ____ | i. small pieces of dough filled with meat or vegetables |
| 10. dragon ____ | j. special event or party for a happy reason |

B. True or False

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| ___ 1. Lunar New Year happens in late January or early February. | ___ 2. The holiday lasts for only one day. |
| ___ 3. Families clean their homes before the new year. | ___ 4. Blue is the lucky color for Lunar New Year. |

- ___ 5. Red decorations are hung on doors and windows.
- ___ 6. Fish means bad luck in the new year.
- ___ 7. Children receive red envelopes with money inside.
- ___ 8. Adults give red envelopes to wish children health and happiness.
- ___ 9. People watch fireworks in the morning.
- ___ 10. Dragon and lion dances are part of the celebration.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: celebration, decorations, traditional, gift, fireworks, lucky, dumplings, envelope

1. Lunar New Year is a big _____ in many parts of Asia.
2. Families hang red _____ on doors and windows for good luck.
3. People eat _____ foods like fish and rice cakes.
4. A red _____ with money inside is given to children.
5. At night, people watch loud and colorful _____ in the sky.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. Why do families clean their homes before Lunar New Year?
2. What do children receive during Lunar New Year, and what is inside?
3. What are two activities people do at night during Lunar New Year?

E. Discussion Questions

1. What is your favorite holiday and how do you celebrate it with your family?
2. If you could create a new tradition for Lunar New Year, what would it be and why?



Answer Key

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

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

C. Fill Blanks: 1-celebration, 2-decorations, 3-traditional, 4-gift, 5-fireworks

D. Comprehension:

1. They believe that cleaning sweeps away bad luck.
2. Children receive red envelopes with money inside.
3. People watch fireworks and see dragon and lion dances on the streets.

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