

Mid-Autumn Festival — A Special Night with the Moon

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Every autumn, families across Taiwan **celebrate** a special **festival** called the Mid-Autumn Festival, or Moon Festival. It happens on one **night** in September or October, when the **moon** is at its biggest and roundest in the **sky**. Schools and offices close so **family** members can spend the whole day **together**.



On this special night, the moon looks big and **round**, like a shining ball in the dark sky. Long ago, people in Taiwan told stories about the full moon. Today, families still like to sit outside and look at the bright, round moon **together**, because it looks biggest and brightest on this one night of the year.

No Mid-Autumn Festival is complete without a mooncake! A mooncake is a small, **round cake** with a sweet filling inside. Bakeries in Taiwan sell thousands of mooncakes before the festival. Family members **share** a mooncake after dinner, cutting it into small pieces so everyone can have a taste.

In Taiwan, many families also cook food outside on a small grill, called a barbecue. It has become a fun new **festival** tradition. Neighbors and friends gather in parks and on balconies, cooking food **together** while they wait for the moon to rise in the **sky**.

The Mid-Autumn Festival is a **night** for **family**, food, and the moon. Whether people **share** a mooncake, watch the sky, or sit **together** outside, the festival reminds everyone how nice it is to spend time with the people they love.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. moon ____ | a. the space above the earth where we see the sun, moon, and stars |
| 2. festival ____ | b. to give part of something to other people |
| 3. family ____ | c. shaped like a circle or a ball |
| 4. celebrate ____ | d. the bright, round object we see in the night sky |

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| 5. together ____ | e. a special day or time when people celebrate together |
| 6. round ____ | f. a group of people related to each other, like parents and children |
| 7. cake ____ | g. to do something fun to mark a special day |
| 8. share ____ | h. with each other, not apart |
| 9. night ____ | i. a sweet baked food, often eaten on special days |
| 10. sky ____ | j. the time of day when it is dark outside |



B. True or False

1. The Mid-Autumn Festival happens every autumn in Taiwan. ____
2. The Mid-Autumn Festival takes place in winter. ____
3. Families like to look at the moon together on this night. ____
4. The moon is small and square on Mid-Autumn Festival night. ____
5. A mooncake is a small, round cake with a sweet filling. ____
6. Nobody eats mooncakes during the Mid-Autumn Festival. ____
7. Many families in Taiwan cook food outside on a barbecue. ____
8. People never spend this festival with their families. ____
9. The Mid-Autumn Festival is a time for family, food, and the moon. ____



C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: celebrate, festival, round, share, together

1. Every autumn, families in Taiwan _____ the Mid-Autumn Festival.
2. People say the Mid-Autumn _____ is one of the most special days of the year.
3. On this night, the moon looks big and _____, like a shining ball.
4. Families like to _____ a mooncake after dinner.
5. Neighbors often cook food _____ at a barbecue.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. When does the Mid-Autumn Festival happen, and why do families get time off?
2. What does the moon look like on Mid-Autumn Festival night?
3. What is a mooncake, and what do families do with it?
4. What new tradition do many families in Taiwan enjoy during the festival?
5. Why is the Mid-Autumn Festival an important time for families?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival or looked at a full moon with your family? What did you do?
2. What is your favorite kind of mooncake, or what food would you like to try?

3. Why do you think people have celebrated the full moon for so many years?



Answer Key

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

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

C. Fill Blanks: 1-celebrate, 2-festival, 3-round, 4-share, 5-together

D. Comprehension:

1. The Mid-Autumn Festival happens on one night in September or October, and schools and offices close so families can spend the whole day together.
2. On Mid-Autumn Festival night, the moon looks big and round, like a shining ball in the dark sky, and it looks biggest and brightest that night.
3. A mooncake is a small, round cake with a sweet filling. Families share one after dinner, cutting it into small pieces so everyone can have a taste.
4. Many families in Taiwan now cook food outside on a barbecue with neighbors and friends while waiting for the moon to rise.
5. The Mid-Autumn Festival is important because it is a night for family, food, and the moon, reminding everyone how nice it is to spend time with people they love.