



Reading Comprehension

What is it?

Chinese New Year is a Spring Festival that is celebrated in China and around the world.

The new year is named after an animal. There are 12 different animals, and in 2022 it is the **Year of the Tiger**.



New Year food

On the night before the new year, families eat special food.

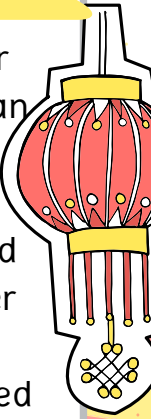
In some places, people eat dumplings to bring them money. Others eat long noodles to bring happiness and help them live a long life. and around the world.



Cleaning and decorating

Families get ready for the new year by cleaning their houses. They clean to get rid of bad luck.

Then, they put up decorations. Good luck wishes are written on red paper and put up outside the front door. Most of the decorations are red. Red is the colour of good luck and people think that red will stop any bad spirits and bad luck.



In the sky

The new year starts when the new moon appears in the sky. Chinese New Year is also called the Lunar Festival because '**lunar**' means '**moon**'.

People let off fireworks and firecrackers to keep evil spirits away.



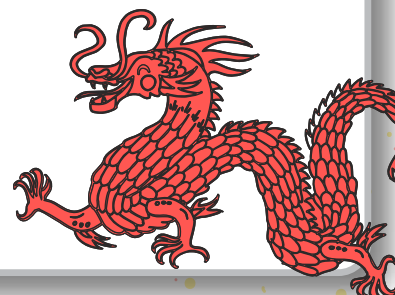
How long does it last?

The celebrations last for 15 days.

People visit friends, and celebrate together with dancing, parades, and lots of fun. They even have huge lion and dragon puppets that dance in the streets!

Did you know?

Children get red envelopes with money inside!





Answer the questions below

1. Where is Chinese New Year celebrated?

2. Why do you think the decorations are mostly red?

3. Tick the foods mentioned in the text.

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rice

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noodles

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fish

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dumplings

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sweets

4. What do people give to children at new year?

5. Find and copy the word that describes the size of the lion puppets.

6. We are told that the fireworks are used to keep away 'evil spirits' around the world. What does evil mean? Circle the correct answer.

happy

nasty

hungry

lucky

7. Which of these happens first during Chinese New Year? Tick one answer.

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There is a full moon.

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People clean their houses.

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Lions and dragons dance in the streets.

8. Look at each statement and tick whether it is true or false.

True

False

The Year of the Tiger starts in 2022.

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Red is an unlucky colour.

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The festival lasts for one day.

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People hang up good luck wishes.

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✓ Answers

1. Where is Chinese New Year celebrated? 1b – identify and explain key aspects of texts
In China and around the world.

2. Why do you think the decorations are mostly red? 1d – make inferences from the text
Accept answers that refer to it being luck and keeping away bad spirits or bad luck.
Red is a lucky colour and will stop bad spirits and bad luck.

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