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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.**



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 question 1. Where is Chinese New Year celebrated?	ns below	
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3. Tick the foods mentioned in the text. rice noodles fish	dumplings	sweets
4. What do people give to children at new year?		
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