

Lantern Festival

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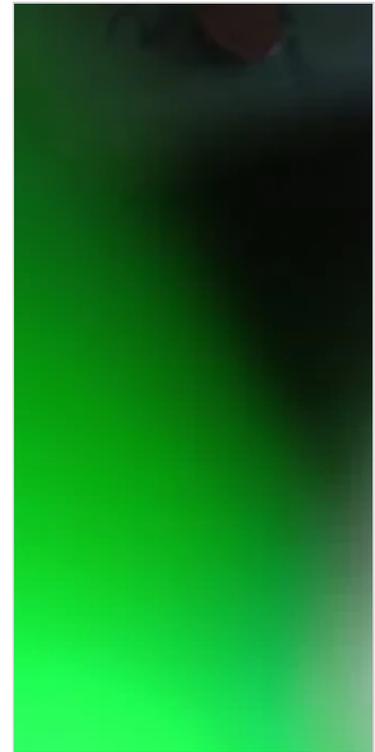
The Lantern Festival is a **beautiful** holiday in Taiwan. It happens 15 days after Chinese New Year. On this night, the moon is full and **bright**. People light up lanterns everywhere.

Lanterns are lights made of paper or other things. They come in many shapes and colors. Some look like animals. Some look like **cartoon** characters. The lanterns glow in the dark.

One **tradition** is to write wishes on lanterns. Then people let the lanterns fly up into the sky. This is called a sky lantern. It is very **magical** to watch hundreds of lanterns float up.

People also eat a special food called tangyuan. These are sweet **round** balls in soup. The round shape means the family is **together**. Eating them brings good luck.

The Taiwan Lantern Festival is very **famous**. Millions of people come to see it. There are giant lanterns, music, and shows. It is one of the best festivals in the world!



A. Vocabulary

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| 1. beautiful _____ | a. a funny drawing or character |
| 2. bright _____ | b. shaped like a circle or ball |
| 3. lanterns _____ | c. something people do every year |
| 4. cartoon _____ | d. with each other |
| 5. tradition _____ | e. wonderful like magic |
| 6. magical _____ | f. lights covered with paper |
| 7. round _____ | g. known by many people |
| 8. together _____ | h. giving off a lot of light |
| 9. famous _____ | i. very pretty to look at |
| 10. festivals _____ | j. big celebrations or parties |

B. True or False

1. The Lantern Festival is 15 days after Chinese New Year. ___ 2. The moon is new on this night. ___ 3. Lanterns only come in one color. ___
4. People write wishes on sky lanterns. ___ 5. Tangyuan is a salty food. ___ 6. The round shape means family is together. ___
7. Only a few people visit the festival. ___ 8. There are giant lanterns at the festival. ___ 9. Sky lanterns fly up into the sky. ___

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: beautiful, bright, lanterns, tradition, magical, round, famous

1. The Lantern Festival is a _____ holiday in Taiwan.
2. On this night, the moon is full and _____.
3. _____ come in many shapes and colors.
4. It is _____ to watch lanterns float up into the sky.
5. The Taiwan Lantern Festival is very _____.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. When is the Lantern Festival?
2. What are lanterns made of?
3. What do people write on sky lanterns?
4. What is tangyuan?
5. Why do people eat round foods?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Would you like to see a sky lantern festival? Why?
2. What would you write on your lantern?
3. Does your country have a festival with lights?

Answer Key

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

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

C. Fill Blanks: 1-beautiful, 2-bright, 3-Lanterns, 4-magical, 5-famous

D. Comprehension: 1. 15 days after Chinese New Year; 2. Paper; 3. Wishes; 4. Sweet round balls in soup; 5. The round shape means family is together