



Lunar New Year Traditions

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Lunar New Year is a big **holiday** in many parts of Asia. People in China, Taiwan, Vietnam, and Korea all celebrate it. The date changes every year because it follows the moon calendar. Most years, it falls in late January or early February.

Before the new year, families clean their houses. They want to sweep away bad luck from the old year. Then they decorate their homes with red paper and bright **lanterns**. Red is a lucky color, and people believe it brings good fortune for the year ahead.

On New Year's Eve, families come together for a big dinner. They eat special foods like dumplings, fish, and sweet rice cakes. Each food has a special meaning. For example, fish means good luck and more money in the coming year.

Children love this holiday because they get red envelopes from older family members. The envelopes have money inside. They also enjoy watching the loud **fireworks** at night. In some cities, you can see a long dragon **parade** with music and dancing in the streets.

The holiday lasts for fifteen days. The last day is called the Lantern Festival. People walk outside with paper lanterns and eat sweet rice balls. Lunar New Year is a time for family, food, and fun. It is one of the most important **celebrations** of the year.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. holiday ____ | a. special events or parties for important days |
| 2. celebrate ____ | b. small balls of dough with meat or vegetables inside |
| 3. lanterns ____ | c. loud, colorful lights that explode in the sky at night |
| 4. fireworks ____ | d. way of doing something that families repeat for many years |
| 5. parade ____ | e. do something fun to mark a special day or event |
| 6. decorate ____ | f. lights inside paper or glass cases, often hung up for decoration |
| 7. dumplings ____ | g. group of people walking together through streets with music |
| 8. fortune ____ | h. make something look nice by adding colors or objects |
| 9. celebrations ____ | i. good or bad luck that happens to someone |
| 10. tradition ____ | j. special day when people do not work or go to school |

B. True or False

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| ___ 1. Lunar New Year is celebrated on the same date every year. | ___ 2. People clean their houses before the new year to sweep away bad luck. |
| ___ 3. Red is considered a lucky color during Lunar New Year. | ___ 4. Families eat a special dinner on New Year's Eve. |

- ___ 5. Fish is eaten because it means bad luck.
- ___ 6. Children receive red envelopes with money inside.
- ___ 7. Only people in China celebrate Lunar New Year.
- ___ 8. The holiday lasts for fifteen days.
- ___ 9. The last day of the holiday is called the Lantern Festival.
- ___ 10. Lunar New Year usually falls in the summer.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: holiday, lanterns, fireworks, parade, celebrations, decorate, fortune, dumplings

1. Lunar New Year is a big _____ in many parts of Asia.
2. Families _____ their homes with red paper and bright lights.
3. People eat _____ and fish during the special New Year dinner.
4. At night, children love to watch the loud _____ in the sky.
5. In some cities, a long dragon _____ moves through the streets with music.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. Why do families clean their houses before Lunar New Year?
2. What do children receive from older family members during the holiday?
3. How long does the Lunar New Year holiday last, and what is the last day called?

E. Discussion Questions

1. What is your favorite holiday, and how does your family celebrate it?
2. If you could create a new tradition for your family, 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-F, 2-T, 3-T, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-F, 8-T, 9-T, 10-F

C. Fill Blanks: 1-holiday, 2-decorate, 3-dumplings, 4-fireworks, 5-parade

D. Comprehension:

1. They clean their houses to sweep away bad luck from the old year.
2. Children receive red envelopes with money inside from older family members.
3. The holiday lasts fifteen days, and the last day is called the Lantern Festival.

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