

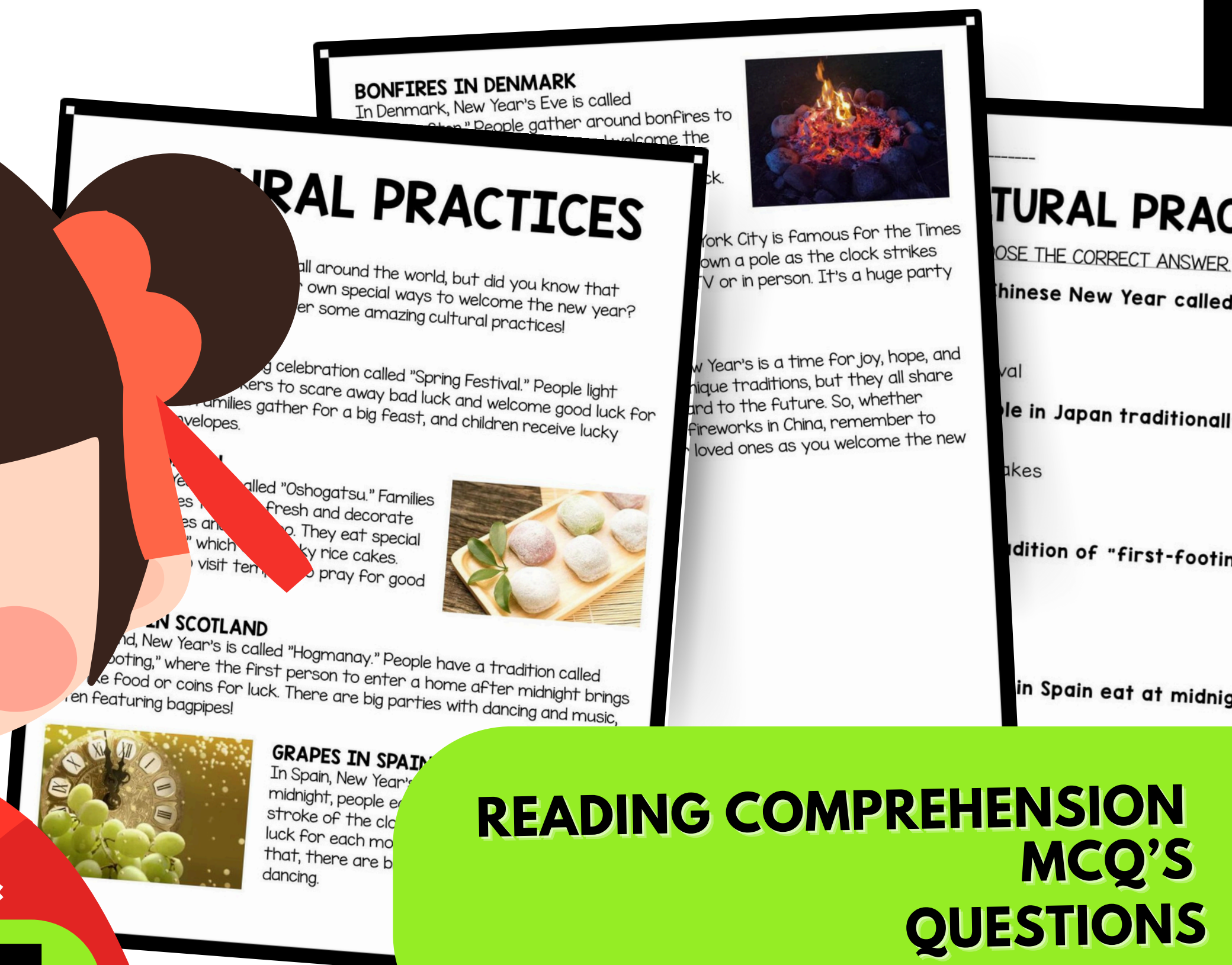
New years Traditions

CULTURAL PRACTICES

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CULTURAL PRACTICES

New Year's Day is celebrated all around the world, but did you know that different countries have their own special ways to welcome the new year? Let's take a journey to discover some amazing cultural practices!

FIREWORKS IN CHINA

In China, New Year's is a big celebration called "Spring Festival." People light fireworks and firecrackers to scare away bad luck and welcome good luck for the coming year. Families gather for a big feast, and children receive lucky money in red envelopes.

MOCHI IN JAPAN

In Japan, New Year's is called "Oshogatsu." Families clean their homes to start fresh and decorate with pine branches and bamboo. They eat special foods like "mochi," which are sticky rice cakes. Some families also visit temples to pray for good fortune.



BAGPIPES IN SCOTLAND

In Scotland, New Year's is called "Hogmanay." People have a tradition called "first-footing," where the first person to enter a home after midnight brings gifts like food or coins for luck. There are big parties with dancing and music, often featuring bagpipes!



GRAPES IN SPAIN

In Spain, New Year's Eve is called "Nochevieja." At midnight, people eat twelve grapes, one for each stroke of the clock. Each grape represents good luck for each month of the new year. After that, there are big street parties with music and dancing.

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BONFIRES IN DENMARK

In Denmark, New Year's Eve is called "Nytårsaften." People gather around bonfires to say goodbye to the old year and welcome the new one. They also smash dishes on friends' doorsteps as a sign of friendship and good luck.



THE BALL DROP IN NEW YORK

In the United States, New Year's Eve in New York City is famous for the Times Square ball drop. A big glittering ball drops down a pole as the clock strikes midnight, and millions of people watch it on TV or in person. It's a huge party with lots of excitement!

CONCLUSION

No matter where you are in the world, New Year's is a time for joy, hope, and new beginnings. Each culture has its own unique traditions, but they all share the spirit of celebration and looking forward to the future. So, whether you're eating grapes in Spain or watching fireworks in China, remember to cherish these special moments with your loved ones as you welcome the new year!

READING COMPREHENSION

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SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What do people in China do with firecrackers?
2. What special food do families in Japan eat on New Year's?
3. What is the tradition of "first-footing" associated with?
4. How many grapes do people in Spain eat at midnight on New Year's Eve?
5. What is the famous tradition on New Year's Eve in New York City?

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- a) Eating grapes
- b) Watching bagpipes
- c) Times Square ball drop
- d) Lighting fireworks

7. What do people in China believe firecrackers do on New Year's?

- a) Welcome bad luck
- b) Scare away good luck
- c) Welcome good luck
- d) Bring bad luck

8. What do people in Japan traditionally eat on New Year's?

- a) Red envelopes
- b) Pine branches and bamboo
- c) Bagpipes
- d) Bonfires

9. What do people in Spain do after eating twelve grapes on New Year's Eve?

- a) Go to bed
- b) Smash dishes
- c) Watch fireworks
- d) Clean their homes

10. What is the purpose of the Times Square New Year's Eve in New York City?

- a) To light fireworks
- b) To scare away bad luck
- c) To mark the start of the new year
- d) To celebrate the end of the year

ANSWER KEY

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1. d) Spring Festival
2. b) Sticky rice cakes
3. a) Scotland
4. c) Twelve grapes
5. a) Bonfires
6. c) Times Square ball drop
7. c) Welcome good luck
8. b) Pine branches and bamboo
9. b) Smash dishes
10. d) To mark the start of the new year

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. People in China light fireworks and firecrackers to scare away bad luck and welcome good luck for the coming year.
2. Families in Japan eat sticky rice cakes, known as "mochi," for New Year's.
3. "First-footing" is associated with Scotland.
4. People in Spain eat twelve grapes at midnight on New Year's Eve.
5. The famous tradition on New Year's Eve in New York City is the Times Square ball drop.

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CULTURAL PRACTICES

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What is the Chinese New Year called?

- a) Hogmanay
- b) Oshogatsu
- c) Nochevieja
- d) Spring Festival

2. What do people in Japan traditionally eat on New Year's?

- a) Bagpipes
- b) Sticky rice cakes
- c) Grapes
- d) Fireworks

3. What is the tradition of "first-footing" associated with?

- a) Scotland
- b) China
- c) Denmark
- d) United States

4. What do people in Spain eat at midnight on New Year's Eve?

- a) Mochi
- b) Bagpipes
- c) Twelve grapes
- d) Sticky rice cakes

5. What do people in Denmark gather around on New Year's Eve?

- a) Bonfires
- b) Bamboo
- c) Pine branches
- d) Clocks

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QUESTIONS

ANSWER KEY
INCLUDED