


# LUNAR NEW YEAR

## READING COMPREHENSION




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**LUNAR NEW YEAR**  
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The lunar calendar is different from the calendar we use every day. Instead of being based on the sun, like our calendar, it follows the cycles of the moon. Each year is represented by one of twelve animals in the Chinese zodiac, such as the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig.



**PREPARATION FOR CELEBRATION**  
Before Lunar New Year begins, families get ready by cleaning their homes to sweep away bad luck and make room for good luck to come in. They also decorate their houses with red paper lanterns, couplets with lucky messages, and beautiful flowers.

**FEASTING WITH FAMILY**  
On the eve of Lunar New Year, families come together for a big feast called the Reunion Dinner. They eat delicious foods like dumplings, fish, noodles, and rice cakes. These foods are believed to bring prosperity and good luck in the coming year.



**FIREWORKS AND DRAGON DANCES**  
One of the most popular traditions of Lunar New Year is the fireworks. People set off fireworks and watch dragon dancers perform on the streets, bringing joy to everyone who watches.

**LUNAR NEW YEAR**  
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What is another name for Lunar New Year?

a) Spring Festival  
b) Chinese New Year  
c) Festival Day

2. How is the lunar calendar different from the solar calendar?

a) It is based on the cycles of the sun.  
b) It is based on the cycles of the moon.  
c) It is based on the cycles of the week.

3. What do people do to prepare for Lunar New Year?

a) They clean their homes.  
b) They sweep away bad luck.  
c) They decorate their houses.

4. What is the feast called on the eve of Lunar New Year?

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**READING COMPREHENSION  
MCQ'S  
QUESTIONS  
ANSWER KEY**



# READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

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### FIREWORKS AND DRAGON DANCES

One of the most exciting parts of Lunar New Year is the fireworks and dragon dances. People set off fireworks to scare away evil spirits, and dragon dancers move gracefully through the streets, bringing luck and blessings to everyone

who watches.

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### GIVING RED ENVELOPES

During Lunar New Year, adults give children red envelopes filled with money for good luck. These red envelopes, called "hongbao" in Chinese, symbolize blessings and prosperity for the new year.



### VISITING RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Throughout the Lunar New Year celebrations, families visit relatives and friends to exchange well wishes and gifts. It is a time for showing love and respect to those we care about.

### CONCLUSION

Lunar New Year is a joyful time filled with love, laughter, and hope for the future. It brings families and communities together to celebrate the beginning of a new year and to wish each other happiness, health, and prosperity.

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# LUNAR NEW YEAR

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

## 1. What is another name for Lunar New Year?

- a) Winter Festival
- b) Chinese New Year
- c) Harvest Festival
- d) Thanksgiving Day

## 2. How is the lunar calendar different from our everyday calendar?

- a) It follows the cycles of the sun.
- b) It has twelve months.
- c) It follows the cycles of the moon.
- d) It has seven days in a week.

## 3. What do families do to prepare for Lunar New Year?

- a) Go on a vacation
- b) Clean their homes
- c) Plant flowers
- d) Watch movies

## 4. What is the big feast called on the eve of Lunar New Year?

- a) Thanksgiving Dinner
- b) Reunion Dinner
- c) Christmas Dinner
- d) Birthday Party

## 5. What foods are commonly eaten during the Reunion Dinner?

- a) Pizza and burgers
- b) Sushi and sashimi
- c) Dumplings and noodles
- d) Tacos and burritos

## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is Lunar New Year also known as?
2. How is the lunar calendar different from our everyday calendar?
3. What do families do to prepare for Lunar New Year?
4. What is the significance of the Reunion Dinner?
5. Why do people set off fireworks during Lunar New Year?

## 6. Why do people set off fireworks during Lunar New Year?

- a) To scare away evil spirits
- b) To light up the sky
- c) To make loud noises
- d) To celebrate birthdays

## 7. What do adults give children during Lunar New Year for good luck?

- a) Green envelopes
- b) Blue envelopes
- c) Yellow envelopes
- d) Red envelopes

## 8. What do the red envelopes symbolize?

- a) Sadness
- b) Joy
- c) Blessings and prosperity
- d) Anger

## 9. What do families do during Lunar New Year to exchange well wishes and gifts?

- a) Play video games
- b) Watch TV
- c) Visit relatives and friends
- d) Go shopping

## 10. What is the main message of Lunar New Year?

- a) Happiness, health, and prosperity
- b) Sadness and despair
- c) Fear and anxiety
- d) Loneliness and isolation

# ANSWER KEY

## MCQS

1. b) Chinese New Year
2. c) It follows the cycles of the moon.
3. b) Clean their homes
4. b) Reunion Dinner
5. c) Dumplings and noodles
6. a) To scare away evil spirits
7. d) Red envelopes
8. c) Blessings and prosperity
9. c) Visit relatives and friends
10. a) Happiness, health, and prosperity

## SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. Lunar New Year is also known as Chinese New Year or the Spring Festival.
2. The lunar calendar is different from our everyday calendar because it follows the cycles of the moon.
3. Families clean their homes and decorate them with red paper lanterns, couplets with lucky messages, and beautiful flowers to prepare for Lunar New Year.
4. The Reunion Dinner is significant because it is a big feast held on the eve of Lunar New Year where families come together to celebrate and share delicious foods.
5. People set off fireworks during Lunar New Year to scare away evil spirits.

ANSWER KEY  
INCLUDED

10 - MCQ'S & 5  
QUESTIONS