

# Lunar New Year

## Skills:

- Can understand the information content of the majority of recorded or broadcast material on topics of personal interest delivered in clear standard language.
- Can reasonably fluently sustain a straightforward description of one of a variety of subjects within their field of interest, presenting it as a linear sequence of points.

Adults/Teens

Group



## 1 In pairs, discuss the following questions.

1. How do you usually celebrate New Year in your culture?
2. What is your favorite holiday tradition, and why?
3. Do you think it's important to celebrate cultural festivals? Why or why not?
4. Have you ever participated in a celebration from another culture? What was it like?

## 2 Read these facts about a celebration from Asian cultures, Lunar New Year. In small groups, discuss which ones you think are true and why.

1. Lunar New Year always takes place on the same date every year.
2. Lunar New Year is celebrated in only a few countries worldwide.
3. In Chinese culture, red is considered a lucky color.
4. In Vietnam, Lunar New Year is called Losar.
5. During Lunar New Year in South Korea, people wear special robes called Hanbok.
6. In Tibet, torches are lit to scare away evil spirits during Lunar New Year.
7. In Indonesia, red envelopes are given to children during Lunar New Year.
8. Taiwanese families clean their houses as part of Lunar New Year preparations.

## 3 Watch the video about Lunar New Year. Were your guesses right or wrong?



## 4 Answer the following questions.

### 1. What is the main reason Lunar New Year is celebrated?

- A. To welcome the new lunar calendar year
- B. To honor ancestors and family traditions
- C. To enjoy traditional foods and festivities
- D. To give gifts and red envelopes to children

### 2. How often does the date of Lunar New Year change?

- A. It changes every year.
- B. It changes every 4 years.
- C. It changes every 10 years.
- D. It never changes.

### 3. Which country is known for wearing special robes called "hanbok" during Lunar New Year celebrations?

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. South Korea
- D. Vietnam

### 4. In which country is Lunar New Year known as "Tet"?

- A. China
- B. South Korea
- C. Vietnam
- D. Indonesia

**5. What is a common tradition in Taiwan during Lunar New Year preparations?**

- A. Lighting fireworks
- B. Cleaning the house
- C. Giving gifts in red packages
- D. Serving a tray of symbolic foods

**6. Which color is considered very lucky in Chinese culture during Lunar New Year?**

- A. Blue
- B. Green
- C. Yellow
- D. Red

**7. What type of traditional food is commonly eaten in China during Lunar New Year?**

- A. Dumplings
- B. Peach blossoms
- C. Straw torches
- D. Rice cakes

## **5 Choose one person to guess the Lunar New Year word on their forehead by listening to their classmates' clues. Take turns.**

The group mates can't say the word or part of it - the guesser should try to get the word in 1 minute!

## **6 Work in pairs. Choose one of the following scenarios and prepare a dialogue:**

- A child receives a red envelope from an elder
- A family is preparing traditional food
- Friends are talking about how they celebrate Lunar New Year.

**Example dialogue:**

A: "Did you know the red envelope is for good luck?"

B: "Yes! My parents told me it brings happiness and fortune."

A: "That's right. How are you planning to celebrate this year?"

B: "We're going to have a big family dinner and watch the fireworks. What about you?"

A: "We're putting up red lanterns and eating dumplings. It's my favorite tradition!"

B: "That sounds so fun! I love dumplings too!"

# Correct answers

**1**

Created in the “Discussion Questions” tools.

**2**

Created in “Find Interesting Facts” .

**4**

Created in “ABCD Questions” .

1. A

2. A

3. C

4. C

5. B

6. D

7. A

**5**

Created in “Lead-in Activities” .

**6**

The example was created in the “Create a dialogue” tool.