

Chinese New Year Celebrations Story

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We had been cleaning to get rid of the bad luck and now it was time to make the most important meal of the year. This year, we made pork dumplings.

Dad bought the firecrackers on his way home and was looking forward to setting them off later.

We shared some yummy food and everything had a meaning. The dumplings were for good luck.

Afterwards, I got lucky red envelopes with money inside and the wish for good health.

At midnight, Dad lit the firecrackers outside the house to keep bad luck away for another year.

The best thing about New Year is it lasts for two weeks!

So, the next day, we travelled into town to see the dragon parade and meet more friends.

On the 15th day, we saw thousands of lanterns floating into the sky and then went home to bed.



Questions

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hello ☐

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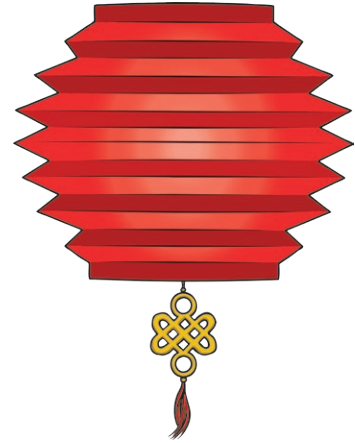
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“Can I make the dumplings, Mum?”

I loved making the dumplings into the right shape. This year, we were making our favourite pork dumplings. Dad made his journey home from the office and had remembered to buy the firecrackers. He was looking forward to setting them off later.



“Dad, you’re home at last!” I shouted excitedly.

Before long, we were sharing the wonderful food which had been prepared. Everything had a meaning - the dumplings meant good luck. It all tasted great. Afterwards, I got lucky red envelopes with money inside and the wish for good health.

At midnight, Dad lit the firecrackers outside the house to keep bad luck away for another year. The best thing about new year is that we celebrate for a whole two weeks! So, the next day, we travelled into town to see the dragon parade and meet more friends.

On the 15th day, it was time to celebrate the lantern festival. We watched thousands of lanterns being released into the sky. Finally, we went home to bed full of memories for another year.



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pens, rubbers and pots ☐

lanterns, garlands and banners ☐

rabbits, goats and horses ☐

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noodles ☐

firecrackers ☐

dumplings ☐

3. When did Dad light the firecrackers? Tick one.

when he came home from the office ☐

on the 15th day ☐

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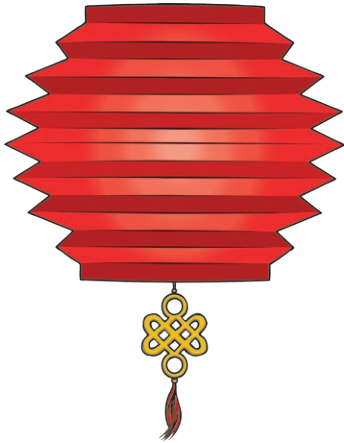
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All around us, it was red. Red lanterns, red garlands and red banners decorated every building as far as the eye could see. At last, the preparations were almost complete. We had been cleaning for days already to get rid of the misfortune from the last year. We had made the red and gold banners for the front door with our friends and now it was time to prepare the most important meal of the year.

"There is plenty to do in here!" called Mum. "Come and help!"

"Can I prepare the dumplings, Mum?"

I loved trying to make the dumplings the perfect shape. This year, we were making our favourite pork dumplings, and spinach and mushroom dumplings, which Dad had chosen.

Rushing along the crowded streets, Dad was caught in a sea of people all heading out of their offices to make the journey home. He'd remembered to buy the firecrackers and was looking forward to setting them off after the meal. First, though, he had to squeeze onto the busy train out of the city.

"Dad, you're home at last!" I shouted excitedly. It felt like I'd been looking out for him for hours!

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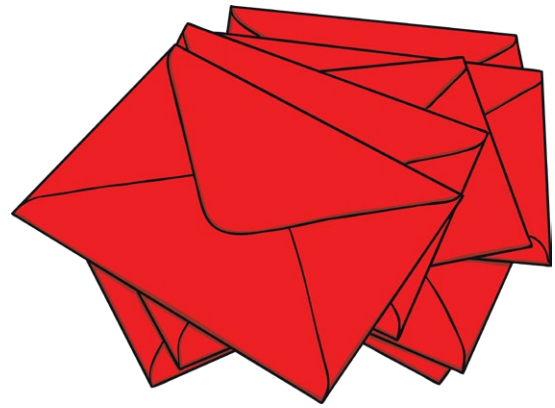




all tasted delicious. Afterwards, I was thrilled with my lucky red envelopes with a gift of money inside and the wish for health and a long life.

The evening of celebrations came to an end at midnight with Dad lighting the firecrackers outside the house to keep bad fortune away for another year. The best

thing about new year is that we celebrate for a fortnight! So, the next day, we travelled into town to see the dragon parade and meet more friends.



On the 15th day, it was time to celebrate the lantern festival. We watched thousands of lanterns being released into the sky to symbolise the longer days of spring and the light of the full moon. There was just time to eat a few more delicious rice dumplings before we went home to bed with all the wonderful experiences to remember for another year.

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2. Tick **one** thing that is true.

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Mum was looking forward to setting off firecrackers. ☐

Dad made the dumplings. ☐

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