

# Primary Longman Elect

2nd edition



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# Festivals around the world

## Vocabulary

## Festivals

### Chinese New Year



- 1 visit the flower market and buy good luck flowers



peach blossoms

tangerines

- 2 do the spring-cleaning, decorate home with red paper



- 3 perform lion dances



- 4 have a reunion dinner

- 5 give red packets / lucky money



- 6 visit family and friends, exchange good wishes

- 7 watch firework displays



- 8 watch parades



a candy tray

rice cakes

melon seeds

turnip cakes

Read the magazine article.

Teen Monthly

## Happy New Year

New Year is celebrated around the world in different ways. Let's look at new year traditions in three countries.

### China



Lion dances scare away evil spirits and bad luck.



People in northern China believe that dumplings bring luck and wealth.

Chinese New Year (CNY) takes place in January or February. It is also called Spring Festival because it marks the beginning of spring. To prepare for the new year, people spring-clean and decorate their homes with red paper. They also visit flower markets to buy good luck flowers.

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On New Year's Eve, families gather for reunion dinners. In northern China, dumplings that look like gold pieces are served. In some places in the south, sweet dumplings (tangyuan) are eaten. People in the north and south may eat different kinds of food, but they agree on the most important part of CNY: spending time with family!

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During CNY, people visit family and friends and good wishes are exchanged. Red clothing is worn by some people for good luck. Lion dances are performed and people gather to watch parades and firework displays. It is a joyful time for everyone!

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The roundness of tangyuan is a symbol of togetherness.





## Post-reading

Read the magazine article again. Complete the table. Write **ONE** word from the magazine article for each blank.

1	When?	What?
China	(a) in _____ or _____	(b) People clean their homes and _____ them with _____ and _____ _____. They watch _____ and _____.
Spain	(c) from _____ December to _____ January	(d) People listen to music, _____ and eat _____ — one for each time the _____ are struck.
Thailand	(e) from _____ to _____ April	(f) People have _____ parties and _____ fights.

Answer the questions in complete sentences and blacken ● the circles.

2 What is the most important activity at Chinese New Year?

The \_\_\_\_\_.

3 When do Spanish people start to count down?

They \_\_\_\_\_.

4 Read line 41. What does 'the new one' mean?

'The new one' \_\_\_\_\_.



5 In line 31, 'Bing! Bong!' is the sound of \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ A. bells
 ☐ B. drums  
☐ C. fireworks
 ☐ D. eating

Read the sentences before and after 'Bing! Bong!' carefully.

6 Which of the following is NOT true about new year in Thailand?

- ☐ A. People throw water at one another to 'wash away' the old year.  
☐ B. It involves big street parties and water fights.  
☐ C. It starts on a different day each year.  
☐ D. It takes place over three days in April.



# Language focus 1

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## Active voice

My grandma prepares a big meal.

## Passive voice

A big meal is prepared by my grandma.

Present	Past participle
buy	bought
make	made
write	written

passive = be (is / are) + past participle

We use **by ...** to talk about the doer.

Edward is telling Cherry how his family prepare for Chinese New Year. Finish what he says.



e.g. My grandma writes blessings on red paper.



1 My mother buys good luck flowers.



2 My father cleans the house.



3 My grandpa makes turnip cakes.



4 I decorate the house with red paper.

Blessings are written on red paper by my grandma.



# Listening & Speaking

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Listening skill

Listen for sequence

First, After that, Then, Finally

**A** Listen to the presentation about a festival and blacken the circles.

1 What happens during Diwali? Put the pictures in the correct order.



☐ A. 2 → 4 → 3 → 1

☐ B. 4 → 2 → 3 → 1

☐ C. 2 → 3 → 4 → 1

☐ D. 2 → 4 → 1 → 3

2 How do you make rice pudding? Put the steps in order.

☐ A. 2 → 4 → 3 → 1

☐ B. 3 → 4 → 2 → 1

☐ C. 4 → 3 → 2 → 1

☐ D. 3 → 4 → 1 → 2

- 1 Add some nuts.
- 2 Add sugar.
- 3 Boil some milk.
- 4 Cook the rice.

**B** Two friends are talking about festivals. Act out the conversation.



**Person 1:** What's your favourite festival?

**Person 2:** Christmas is my favourite festival.

**Person 1:** What's the best thing about Christmas to you?

**Person 2:** The best thing is, of course, getting all the presents!

**Person 1:** Ha! Ha! Me too!

Speaking skill

Ask about someone's favourite

- What's your favourite ... ?
- What's the best thing about ... ?
- What ... do you like best / most?

## Phonics

ear

year

near

ear

early

heard

('ur' sound)

Listen to the rhyme. Circle the words which have the 'ur' sound.

Pearl, do you want to earn more money this year?

No, I want to learn more things. My goal is clear.



Can you hear that the letters **ear** can make two different sounds?



## What is it?

A news report tells us about a recent incident or an event. It only contains facts.

Name of the newspaper

Hong Kong Daily

Date

MONDAY 13th May 20XX

Headline that says what the report is about

## Bun Festival a success

By Tammy Liu

Name of the reporter

Thousands of local and overseas tourists visited Cheung Chau for Bun Festival yesterday. The streets on the island were filled with people.

The Piu Sik parade, one of the highlights of the festival, started at 2 p.m. Children stood on stools of the floats in their colourful costumes and greeted the crowds. Over 20 floats as well as lion dancers and marching bands took part in the parade.



Photo about the event

Tall towers covered with lucky steam buns.

Caption about the photo



A girl performed at the Piu Sik parade.



Contestants scrambled up the bun tower.

At midnight, hundreds of people gathered at Pak Tai Temple to watch the bun scrambling competition. Contestants raced up the 14-metre tall bun tower to collect as many buns as they could. The male champion was Mr Michael Tang who scored 964 marks. It was his second time winning the competition. Miss Winnie Lau was the female champion. She scored 672 marks.

Bun Festival is one of the most famous festivals in Hong Kong. It is also on the National List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of China. It is celebrated on the eighth day of the fourth month in the lunar calendar every year.