

Spring Festival

Read the [fact file](#) and answer the following questions in your books. Don't copy word for word, instead remember you only need to find **key words** to construct your answers.

Level One and Two: Right There and Think and Search

1. How did the Spring Festival originate?
2. What is celebrated?
3. What matters are sorted out before the Spring Festival?
4. Retell the story of the Nian (5 dot points)



5. How long is Spring Festival?
6. What food is eaten on New Year's Day?
7. For what reason is money put into food?
8. Explain why Chinese parents don't punish their children on New Year's Day?
(Hint: Taboos)



Level Four: On my own

1. The Chinese have lots of taboos during this time? Do you know of any taboos in your country? Please give details.
2. Do you know of other countries who also put objects into food on special occasions? Please give details.
3. In your opinion, in what way is Chinese New Year similar and dissimilar to Christmas?



Spring Festival - Answers

1. Traditionally, a time to honour deities and ancestors and welcome spring.
2. Reunion of families and hope for a prosperous new year.
3. Houses are cleaned at new 'party' clothes are bought.
4. Any 5 points from the [story](#).
5. 15 days, however some students may include the days in December.
6. Some of the foods include: dumplings, fish, hot pot, rice dumplings, spring rolls, New Year dinner and cake and Laba Congee.
7. To bring wealth to the person who finds the coin in their food.
8. Crying is bad luck so parents don't punish their children during this time.

Questions 1-3 are based on a student's prior knowledge and opinion, therefore there will be multiple answers.

Webpage

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