

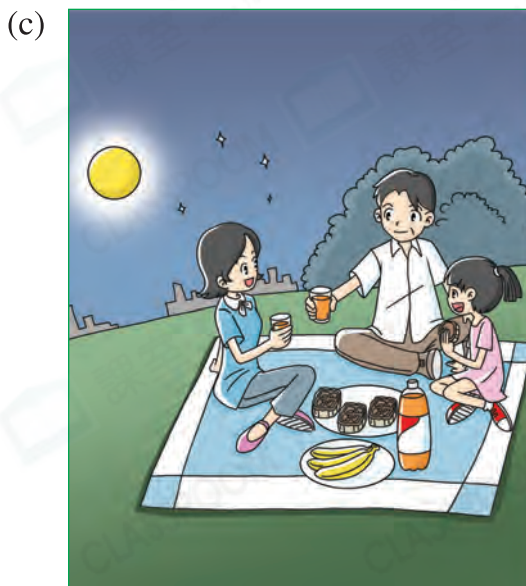
You are Grace. Your Net friend, Chris, is interested in finding out what you usually do before and during Mid-Autumn Festival. Based on the pictures below, write an e-mail to Chris about Mid-Autumn Festival. You may read the samples on the right before writing your own. Write at least 80 words.



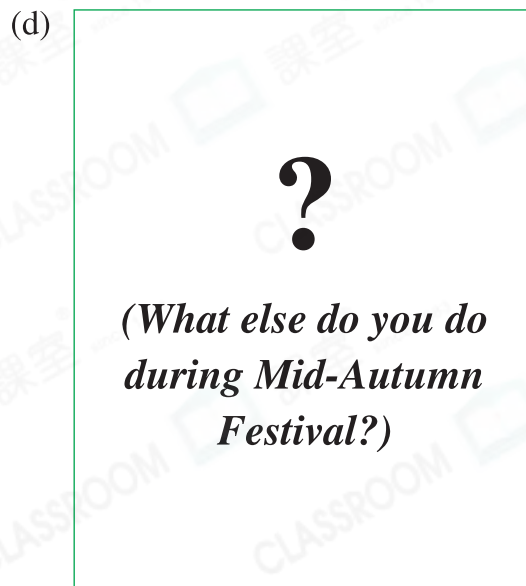
lantern / shape



moon cake / delicious



Victoria Park / full moon





These are sample e-mails on a similar theme. Read through them and try to learn some words and sentence patterns. Then write your own e-mail in at least 80 words.



OK!

Hi Liz,

How are you? Of course I can tell you what we usually do before and during Chinese New Year. Before Chinese New Year, we always buy new red clothes. On the first day, we visit our grandparents. There are usually many relatives in their home. I wish them good luck for the whole year. We also eat rice cakes and candies. Then Grandma and Grandpa give us red packets. I always feel excited about this!

Write back soon.

Yours,
Matt



Very Good!

Hi Liz,

How are you? Of course I can tell you what we usually do before and during Chinese New Year. Before Chinese New Year, we always buy new clothes because this means a new beginning. We usually buy clothes that are red in colour because red is a lucky colour for the Chinese. On the first day of Chinese New Year, we visit our grandparents. There are usually many relatives in their home. We say 'Kung Hei Fat Choi' joyfully to one another. This phrase means 'wishing you good fortune'. After that, we eat festive food, such as rice cakes, candies and turnip cakes, together. How yummy they are! Then, Grandma, Grandpa, aunts and uncles give us red packets. This is the most exciting part of the festival to me!

Write back soon.

Yours,
Matt



Introducing traditional Chinese customs and telling the reasons behind them, such as buying new / red clothes and saying 'Kung Hei Fat Choi'.



Expressing the characters' feelings in a more dramatic way, such as 'How yummy they are!'