

Learn a reading skill.

What does the word mean?

To guess the meaning of a word, read the words and sentences before and after it.

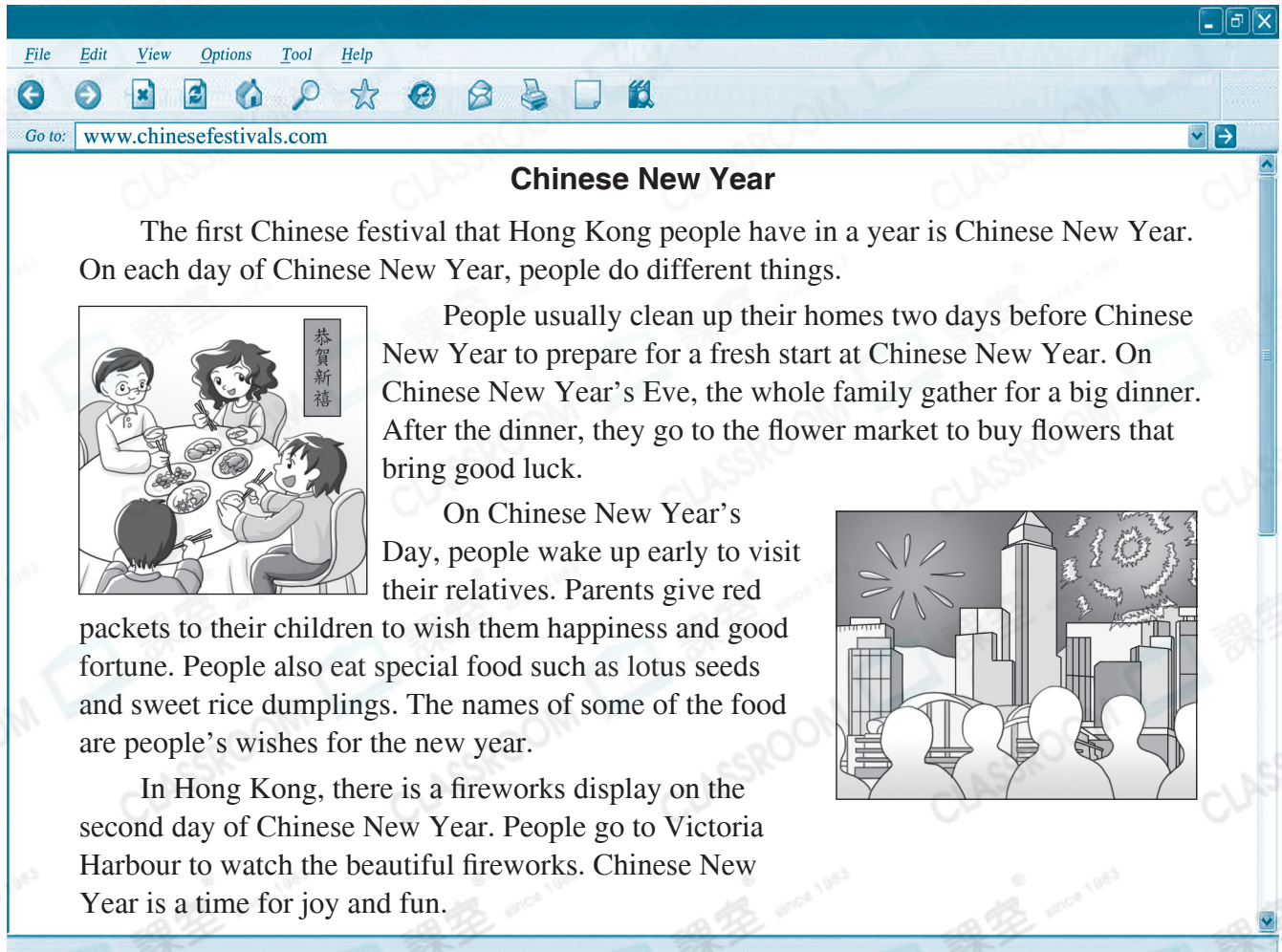
e.g.

What does the word 'bustling' mean?

Hong Kong is a bustling city. People walk **very fast** every day to go to work. There are **a lot of cars** on the road. Even at night, people are **busy with different activities**.

The keywords tell you that 'bustling' means 'busy'.

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Chinese New Year

The first Chinese festival that Hong Kong people have in a year is Chinese New Year. On each day of Chinese New Year, people do different things.

People usually clean up their homes two days before Chinese New Year to prepare for a fresh start at Chinese New Year. On Chinese New Year's Eve, the whole family gather for a big dinner. After the dinner, they go to the flower market to buy flowers that bring good luck.

On Chinese New Year's Day, people wake up early to visit their relatives. Parents give red packets to their children to wish them happiness and good fortune. People also eat special food such as lotus seeds and sweet rice dumplings. The names of some of the food are people's wishes for the new year.

In Hong Kong, there is a fireworks display on the second day of Chinese New Year. People go to Victoria Harbour to watch the beautiful fireworks. Chinese New Year is a time for joy and fun.

Test your understanding.

1. In line 5, what does the word 'fresh' mean?

fresh *adj.*

1. something that is clean
'I breathe in the fresh air at the countryside.'
2. something that is natural
'She likes fresh vegetables.'
3. something that is new
'He comes up with a fresh idea.'
4. something that is just made
'The bread is fresh from the oven.'

- A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4

2. Read lines 5-6: '...the whole family gather for a big dinner.'

This means the family _____.

- A. eat at their homes
 B. have dinner together
 C. eat in a restaurant
 D. cook dinner together

3. What is another word for 'fortune' in line 13?

- A. luck
 B. year
 C. food
 D. wish

4. People think the special food at Chinese New Year _____.

- A. is healthy
 B. looks good
 C. is delicious
 D. brings them luck

5. What do people **NOT** do on Chinese New Year's Day?

- A. visit their relatives
 B. eat special food
 C. go to the harbour
 D. give children red packets

