

Festivals in Japan (Book 2)

In the last book *Festivals in China* of the Festivals series, we learn more about the Chinese. This time we look into how people in Japan celebrate the New Year, and what other festivals they have.



The writer, Alex Smith, has more to share.

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Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 and 2.

- What is this book about?
 - festivals in China
 - festivals in Japan
 - Alex Smith
 - Chinese New Year
- Festivals in Japan* is the _____? _____ book of the series.
 - first
 - second
 - third
 - fourth

Fill in the blank.

- Molly wants to order the book by mail. Write the address below.

**Complete the note with the words from the text.**

4.

Book Title:

_____ in Japan

Written by:

To:	joeyma@classroom.com.hk
From:	willywong@classroom.com.hk
Date:	5 th February, 20XX
Subject:	Fun in Japan

Hi Joey,

How is your piano exam? I am in Japan with my parents. It is freezing here. I always ask my mum and dad to buy me hot miso soup.

Today is Snow Festival. There are ski jumping shows. We go skiing too! We are having so much fun here.

Tomorrow we are going to visit the Winter Food Fair. I think it will be great. I will show you lots of pictures when I am back to school.

Love,
Willy



Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 to 3.

- Who is Joey?
 - Willy's sister
 - Willy's mother
 - Willy's teacher
 - Willy's schoolmate
- Willy is going to the Winter Food Fair on ____? _____.
 - 4th February
 - 5th February
 - 6th February
 - 7th February
- What does Willy **NOT** do in Japan?
 - play the piano
 - go skiing
 - go to the food fair
 - watch ski jumping shows

Circle the correct picture.



- Which picture shows the weather in Japan?



Sally is planning to do the following things during the Christmas holidays.

22 nd Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Buy Christmas presents for my family and friends ★ Send Christmas e-cards
23 rd Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Decorate the Christmas tree
24 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Sing Christmas carols at MTR stations
25 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Have a Christmas party with my friends ★ Enjoy the Christmas dinner with my family
26 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Unwrap the presents ★ Give Mum and Dad a big hug



Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 and 2.

1. When does Sally decorate the Christmas tree?

- A. on 22nd December
- B. on 23rd December
- C. on 24th December
- D. on 25th December

2. What does Sally do on Christmas Eve?

- A. have a party
- B. buy presents
- C. sing Christmas songs
- D. send e-cards

Complete the answer.

3. Who is Sally celebrating the festival with on Christmas Day?

She is celebrating the festival with her _____.

_____.

Fill in the blank with a word from the text.

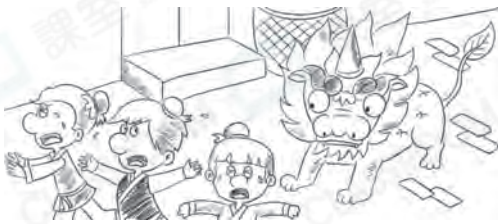


4. _____ the present



wrap

1



Every spring, a monster called 'Nian' hurts children and babies in a Chinese village.

2



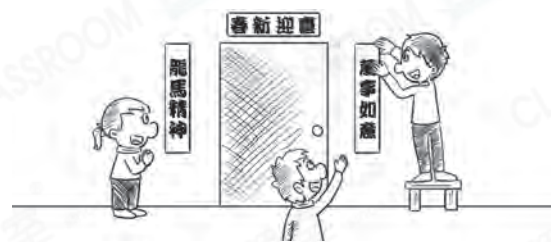
Later, people find out that Nian is scared of the red colour and loud noises.

3



So, people paint their houses red and set off firecrackers to scare Nian away.

4



Nowadays, the Chinese think that 'red' brings joy and luck.

Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 and 2.

1. 'Nian' is ____? ____.

- A. a Chinese village
- B. a monster
- C. a baby
- D. a child



2. The word 'scared' in Picture 2 means ____? ____.

- A. greedy
- B. ugly
- C. unhappy
- D. afraid

Colour the house.

3. Ziyui lives in the village. What colour can he paint his house to keep Nian away?



Complete the answer.

4. What do the people set off to make Nian run away?

They set off _____
to make it run away.

The Coming of a New Year

Celebrate the coming of a new year.

Decorate the house with a lot of red paper.

Eat a dozen yummy dumplings.

Make a roaring noise with firecrackers.

'Gong Hei Fat Choi!' is what we say to each other.



Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 and 2.

1. The writer uses red paper to make the house ____? ____.

- A. look good
- B. look bad
- C. noisy
- D. yummy

2. Which of the following are 'firecrackers'?

A.



B.



C.



Answer the question in a complete sentence.

3. What festival is the writer celebrating?

Match the words.



4.

Decorate

Eat

Celebrate

New Year

the house

dumplings



Bank of Vocabulary



Think Smart



Festivals

Names of festivals

Food

Activities



Word Fun

A. Match the things with the words.

1.



2.



3.

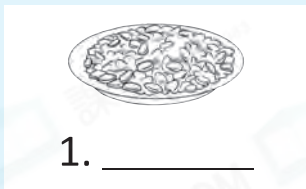


Christmas tree

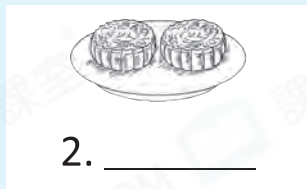
Easter bunny

Lantern

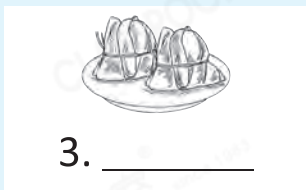
B. Write the correct letters on the lines.



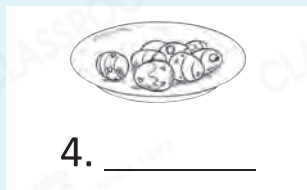
1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

- a. chocolate eggs
- b. melon seeds
- c. moon cakes
- d. rice dumplings



Write Smart

C. Fill in the blanks with the words from Word Box.

We do different things at different festivals.

At Chinese New Year, we 1. _____ fireworks.

At Easter, we 2. _____ Easter eggs. At Mid-

Autumn Festival, we 3. _____ at the full moon.

At Christmas, we

4. _____ carols
at church.

WORD BOX

- look
- paint
- sing
- watch



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