

Celebrating Chinese New Year with Max

Learning objective: To understand the key symbols, traditions, and meanings associated with Chinese New Year.

Max the monkey is helping to prepare for Chinese New Year! He has found a list of traditions and symbols, but he needs your help to match them to their special meanings. Fill in the blanks using the words from the word bank to complete the sentences.

Word bank: Red Envelopes · Dragon Dance · Firecrackers · Dumplings · Red Lanterns · Zodiac

1. These are given to children for good luck and usually contain money: _____ (1 mark)
2. The _____ dance is performed to bring power, strength, and good luck to the community. (1 mark)
3. People hang these bright decorations to light the way for the new year: _____ (1 mark)
4. The _____ is the 12-year cycle where each year is represented by a different animal. (1 mark)
5. These are traditional foods often eaten during the celebrations to symbolise wealth: _____ (1 mark)
6. In the past, these were set off to scare away evil spirits with loud noises: _____ (1 mark)

Draw: Max wants to make a beautiful card! Draw a traditional Chinese New Year scene including a red lantern and your favorite Zodiac animal.



Extension challenge: If you were given a red envelope with £5 inside for luck, how would you spend it or save it? Explain why you chose this.