

Classic English V3.0 Level 4



Unit 4 Holidays around the world
LESSON 6 Chinese New Year

LEARNING OBJECTIVE
In this lesson, you will learn to introduce
Chinese New Year to a foreigner.



51Talk
无忧英语

1 Warm-up

What do you and your family do during Chinese New Year?



Words and phrases you may want to use:

- make dumplings
- have a big meal
- light firecrackers
- get money in red envelopes

2 New words and expressions

Matching game

1.



tradition

2.



3.



4.



5.



go back [bæk] home
on Chinese New Year's Eve
[i:v]

tradition [trə'dɪʃ(ə)n]

dumpling ['dʌmplɪŋ]

money in red envelopes

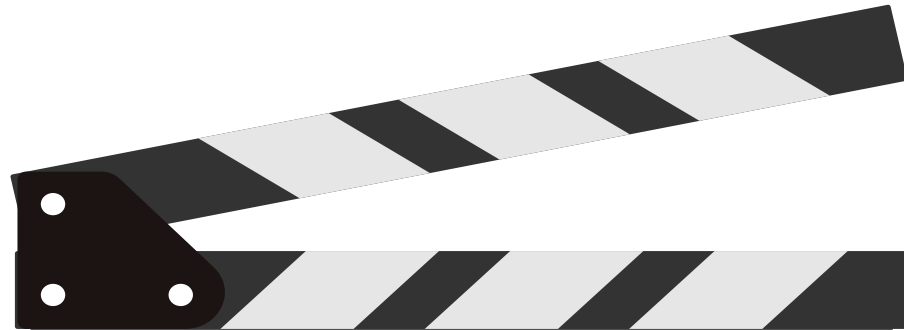
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Let's go through the sentences. Pay attention to the words in red.

- Christina will **go back home** to see her parents next month.
- Jenny will have dinner with her family **on Chinese New Year's Eve**.
- It is a **tradition** to eat mooncakes during Mid-Autumn Festival in China.
- The members of a family get together to make **dumplings** on the New Year's Eve.
- Children are happy because they can get **money in red envelopes** on that day.

3 Speaking naturally

1. Conversation setting



Who:

Linda (from Britain) and Li Mei
(from China)

Where:

On campus

Talking about:

Chinese New Year



Let's see what they talk about.

3 Speaking naturally

2. Conversation and activity

Linda: Li Mei, what are your plans for the semester break?

Li Mei: I am thinking about **going back home** for Chinese New Year.

Do you have any plans?

Linda: I'm planning to go to Greece.

Li Mei: Wow! That's amazing! I also wanted to travel around, but I miss my family, especially when Chinese New Year is coming.

Linda: I understand. It's sweet to be with family on such holidays.
So how do you usually celebrate it?

Li Mei: Well, we have a big dinner **on Chinese New Year's Eve**.

Linda: Oh, that's like Christmas here in England.
Do you have some special food?

Li Mei: Yeah, it's a **tradition** in North China to eat **dumplings** for dinner.

Linda: I see. I heard people give and receive money on that day. Is that true?

Li Mei: Not really. Parents usually give little kids **money in red envelopes** on that day.

Which of the following are NOT mentioned in the conversation?

1.



2.



3.



4.



3 Speaking naturally

3. Conversation and comprehension

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Answer the questions:

1. What is Li Mei's plan for the semester break?

She is thinking about ...

2. How does Li Mei's family celebrate Chinese New Year?

They have ...

3 Speaking naturally

4. Practice

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4 Task

Speak out

Teacher

Hi, ... (student's name) How do you celebrate Chinese New Year in your hometown?

We ...

You

Teacher

...

...

You

Teacher

...

...

You

Word tips

- have a big dinner
- dumplings/sweet rice balls
- watch TV
- firework/firecracker
- money in red envelopes

5 Summary

What did you learn in this lesson?

Words and phrases:



Sentences:



Let's check the next page!

5 Summary

You have learned the following vocabulary and sentence patterns to introduce Chinese New Year to a foreigner.

Words and phrases:



tradition



dumpling



go back home



on Chinese New Year's Eve



money in red envelopes

Sentence patterns:

We have a big dinner on ...

(Make a sentence)

It's a tradition in ... to ...

(Make a sentence)

