**Describe a national festival in your country**

* when it takes place?
* why it takes place?
* what people do during that festival?
* explain why this festival is important to you?

I think the main festival in my country is Spring festival, which run from the even preceding the first day of the lunisolar Chinese calendar to the following several days. According to tales and legends, the beginning of the Chinese New Year started with a mythical beast called Nian, which was frightened away by red lanterns and firecrackers on that day. Nowadays spring festivel become the most important public holiday for family reunion day in China. It is traditional for every family to thoroughly clean the house, in order to sweep away any ill-fortune. The biggest event of any Chinese New Year’s Eve is the annual reunion dinner. On the morning, we start preparing the meal, as it takes a long time to cook. We like Chinese sausage, seafood, dumplings and so on. Red couplets and red lanterns are displayed on the door frames and light up the atmosphere. I still remember those joyful moment that my wife and son wrote the couplet by themselves with some modern words instead of the traditional sayings. Red packets are passed out after the dinner, from married couples or the elderly to unmarried juniors and children. I love the atmosphere of spring festival. It is a symbol of the end of the year, as well as the beginning of a new year. It give a important time to look back what happed during the past year and make a good wish for the coming year. And mostly important, it makes me happy to stay with my family .

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