



Chinese New Year

Amy Chen

Chinese New Year is a traditional holiday. It's different from other holidays. People usually finish their work two or three days early before New Year's Eve. The Lunar New Year is the first day of spring in China. We celebrate because spring is coming. My mom usually makes a lot of delicious foods. Usually New Year's Eve is a big day. We also have special foods for New Year. In different places people eat different food. On the first day of New Year we usually have noodles for breakfast for good luck, then we usually go to our family or friends' homes. Here in the United States firecrackers are not allowed, so we stay home to celebrate Chinese New Year.



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Junying Zhen Letina

For Chinese New Year many people usually buy new clothes, new shoes, and buy a lot of food. Many people clean their houses.

On Chinese New Year all the family members will come together to have a reunion dinner. Some families cook at home and some families go to a restaurant. Cooking is fun and it's a good way to relax but eating out is fun, too. They are both fun.

On Chinese New Year the elders give the kids or unmarried people red envelopes to symbolize luck.

In my family, I cook a lot of food for my family and my friends. We have a delicious dinner all together. We give kids red envelopes to wish them luck and health. We stay at home and watch TV, and play the Chinese game Majiang all night.



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Fen Fen Liang

Chinese New Year is important for Chinese people. For Chinese New Year, there are a lot of things to celebrate. Before New Year's Eve, we usually clean the house seriously. This symbolizes throwing away bad things from the last year and greeting good things in the coming year. After we clean the house, we usually paste many spring festival scrolls on the wall, in front of the door or anywhere we want to paste them. The words on the spring festival scrolls are wishes. Spring festival scrolls are red; red means luck.

I usually have New Year's Eve dinner with my family. I have a big family, so my mother makes a lot of food for the dinner. Before we start to have the New Year's Eve Dinner, we need to pray. During dinner we talk about many things, about jobs, kids, studies, the last year, the coming year and so on. After dinner we set off firecrackers, and we play cards or mahjong. Children get red envelopes from their older, married relatives. Some adults give red envelopes to their elders also, like their father, mother, grandfather or grandmother.

Chinese New Year is interesting. One, two or more lions dance together. The lions are not real lions, they are people in costume. This costume is to throw out bad luck. When the lions are coming you need to give them candy, oranges, lettuce and red envelopes. Children like the lion dances, firecrackers and red envelopes.

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Hua Jiang



Chinese New Year is a traditional holiday. It's the most important holiday to us. It's called lunar New Year or The Spring Festival. The lunar New Year is the first day of spring in China. We celebrate because spring is coming. All the children get new clothes, new shoes and red envelopes from their family and relatives. Also, people must light firecrackers because legend say that firecrackers are used to scare monsters away from people. They can be safe and lucky for the whole year.

Most people get three days of vacation. Usually New Year Eve is a big day .We have a family reunion dinner. We eat a lot of food and watch a special show to We also have special food for New Year in different places people eat different food .For example, people who live in South China, like me, eat rice cake for New Year for good luck. People who live in North China, eat dumpling for New Year that also for good luck.

On the first day of the New Year, people watch the dragon dance as part of the celebration.

Here in the United States, fireworks and firecrackers are not allowed and Chinese people don't have vacation for this special holiday. Even on the New Year day they still have to go to work. The celebrations are different, but I'm very happy this year because my husband is off on Sunday so we can celebrate together.

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Esther Li



Before the holiday, people usually buy new clothes and buy many different foods for New Year, and pray to their God, and clean their houses with a big wiper. Some people travel with their friends. People usually visit each other and wish each other luck in the New Year. Young people shoot fireworks in the sky and they enjoy parties. Little kids follow their parents everywhere to get cash in a red envelope. We also have special food for New Year, but different people eat different food. China has two parts. One part is the north and the other part is the south. I live in the south. In the south people usually make rice cookies. They mean good luck in one's New Year.



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Anna Wu

Chinese New Year is important to Chinese people.

The significance of the Spring Festival for the Chinese is just like Christmas for westerners. Guangzhou's Spring Festival has its own unique customs to bring luck in this year. There is a Flower Fair. Usually during the first three days people go to the large Spring Flower market in the city. Family reunion: Chick, fish, trotter, lettuce, roasted pork... family reunion dinner is not just for eating food, it's a nice atmosphere, you eat and just feel happy. Beginning early in the morning, after people get dressed in new clothes, the first thing to do is worship. Usually younger people bless the elders and elders wish the younger generations, health and happiness and give a red envelope with money to younger generations. They hope to have good luck in New Year. After breakfast, people go to visit their relatives.

We usually have seven to fifteen days off during the holiday. It depends on differ on your job. We can do many interesting thing to relax. Like visit friends, drink tee, to picnic and so on. In the first day of New Year, we usually stay home to have vegetarian breakfast and go to outside to watch the dragon dance as part of the celebration.

On the first day of the lunar month is the Lantern Festival. People eat and enjoy. People hang lights and couplets these traditional programs.



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Chui Chun Lee

Chinese New Year is a traditional holiday. It's the most important holiday to us. Before the Lunar Chinese New Year, I need to clean the house, and put red paper on the wall. This represents old things going and good things coming.

On New Year's Day, parents give red envelopes to children. Some children wear new clothes and also eat some sweets.

On that day, people say nice words to each other, Gong Xi Fa Cai. Most of the people also smile and are happy. Then we go out together to see the lion dance and firecrackers. We have a fun time.

I think in my family the New Year in New York is the same as in my country.
Happy New Year!