



READING 6th grade

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1. Read the story and answer the questions.

Long ago, there was a village called Atuleer in the mountains of China. Every year on the first day of the Chinese New Year, a horrible beast names Nian came to terrorize the village. When the beast came, he ate all the livestock and grain form the village farms. The villages were horrified. One year, an old mand came to the village. He told the people not to be afraid. They did not think he could help them but on the first day of the new year, Nian did not come. On the second day, they still had not seen him. The old man kept Nian away throughout the New Year's celebration. They could not believe it!

They old man knew Nian weaknesses. He told the villages Nian was afraid of the color red and loud noises. He advised them to use firecrackers, wear red, and decorate their homes in red ever year when the new year started. He said this as the only way to keep Nian from returning. This is why every year, to this day, Chinese families decorate with red and use firecrackers to celebrate the new year. Nian has never been seen again.

1. What is Nian?

- a) a best that came to a village
- b) an old man
- c) an animal found in China
- d) a Chinese emperor

2. what is another word for horrified?

- a) excited
- b) terrible
- c) horrible
- d) afraid

3. When the old man first came to the village, what did the people think?

- a) that he would save them
- b) that he was Nian
- c) that he would not be able to help
- d) that he was afraid

4. Why do families in China decorate their homes with red and use firecrackers for the New year's celebration?

- a) to scare the old man away
- b) to keep Nian from returning
- c) to be like the old village
- d) they like the color red