

1) Listen to people talking about the Chinese New Year and choose the correct option.

- The first speakers are at a Christmas / New Year market.
- There's food / presents in the red envelopes.
- Before New Year, people clean their houses / buy red things.
- They usually eat fish / meat.
- They usually get together with friends / family.
- The lion stops / doesn't stop at all the restaurants.
- Fireworks are dangerous / noisy.



2) Use the words to make questions.

- Sylvia / listen to music / always?
- Victoria / skate in the park / often?
- Chris / wake up at 6 a.m. / always?
- How often / Peter / watch TV?
- Sylvia / go out with friends / often?

3) Read the questions and write full answers.



1 Dave: 1 My cousin Ralf never gets up ..... early in the morning.  
(My cousin Ralf / get up / never)

Zoe: What time does he get up?

Dave: 2 ..... at twelve o'clock.  
(he / get up / usually)

Brian: Does he go to bed late, too?

Dave: 3 ..... to bed before five in the morning. (he / go / never)

Zoe: Oh, dear! Does he work?

Dave: Yes, he does. He's a night bus driver!

2 Brian: 4 ..... at nine o'clock?  
(you / go to bed / always)

Adam: No, not always. 5 ..... at eight o'clock. (I / go to bed / sometimes)

Brian: That's early!

Adam: Yes, it is. But 6 ..... at six o'clock in the morning and watch the cartoons on TV! (I / get up / often)

4) Read the email and complete with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Dear Zoe,

My best friends are Isabella and Dario. They <sup>1</sup> live .....  
(live) near my house. We <sup>2</sup> ..... (play / often) at my  
house because I've got a big garden. Isabella <sup>3</sup> .....  
(like) music. She <sup>4</sup> ..... (sing) and she  
<sup>5</sup> ..... (play) the guitar. Dario  
<sup>6</sup> ..... (read / usually) comics and  
<sup>7</sup> ..... (play) football.

At the weekends, we <sup>8</sup> ..... (go / sometimes) to the  
cinema or <sup>9</sup> ..... (watch) a DVD at Dario's house.  
What about you? What <sup>10</sup> ..... you and your friends  
..... (usually / do)?

Love  
Giovanna

5) Write a letter to Giovanna. Write about your friends and what you usually do together. Use her letter in Exercise 4 as a model.

Dear Giovanna,  
My best friends are...

6) Read and say if the sentences are true or false.

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| a. The school is near Genguan Village.  | f. There are a lot of students at the school.                         |
| b. The school's head teacher is Mr Xu.  |   |
| c. The school is in the mountains.      | g. The students play or chat with their friends when school finishes. |
| d. The way to school isn't dangerous.   |   |
| e. The safe path to the school is slow. |   |

### A busy school day for the children of Genguan village

The children of Genguan village in the south of China get up early every day and have breakfast. After breakfast, they start their long journey to school. But these boys and girls don't go with their parents – they always go with their head teacher, Mr Xu.

Mr Xu doesn't take the students by coach or minibus. He goes with the children on foot and they walk on a path to their school in the mountains. The mountains are very quiet and pretty. But the journey is dangerous because the path is old and small.

The children walk behind Mr Xu for an hour. They go through tunnels and they walk on a very dangerous part of the path too. There is a safer path to the school, but it takes two hours. The school is called Banpo School and it's in a nice place in the mountains. It isn't very big and there are only forty-nine students.

At school, the children all have classes with their teachers and in the break, the boys and girls play or chat with friends. When school finishes, it's time to go home, and the students start their long and difficult journey again.