

Read the text and mark the statements True (1), False (2), Not Stated (3).

New Year in China and the USA

Jerry: Look, Fei! I got a Christmas card from my sister in the USA.

Fei: It's very beautiful. Why are the words "Happy Holidays" written on the card? Christmas is the only holiday. Shouldn't it be "Happy Holiday", without the "s"?

Jerry: We don't just celebrate Christmas during this season. We also celebrate the coming of the New Year.

Fei: Oh, I've never thought about that before. There's more than one holiday at the end of the year.

Jerry: Now that I'm in China, I want to celebrate the holidays Chinese-style. What do you and your family do for Christmas?

Fei: Actually, we don't do much at Christmas. It's not really a big family holiday. Young people in China usually spend Christmas Eve with their boyfriends or girlfriends.

Jerry: Don't people give gifts to each other like they do in the US?

Fei: Many parents give gifts to their kids. And boyfriends give wonderful, special, romantic gifts to their girlfriends!

Jerry: I see. How about the New Year in China? Is it a bigger holiday than Christmas?

Fei: Not really. We don't celebrate it because the Spring Festival is much more important to us here in China.

Jerry: The Spring Festival is known around the world as "Chinese New Year". It's the beginning of the year according to the traditional lunar calendar, isn't it?

Fei: That's right. The Spring Festival is the biggest family holiday in China, so we don't celebrate the western New Year. How about in New York? Do people celebrate New Year's Eve or New Year's Day more?

Jerry: There are two kinds of people who celebrate quite differently. Single people or couples without children often go out late on New Year's Eve. There are big parties all over, but the biggest is in Times Square in Manhattan. But there are families who don't do anything special on New Year's Eve. Instead, they celebrate with their families on New Year's Day.

Fei: What do they do on New Year's Day?

Jerry: They have a big meal to celebrate and often watch parades in the big cities. The parades are quite spectacular.

Fei: It sounds a little bit like our traditional Lion Dance.

Jerry: Yes, it's a lot like the Lion Dance, except there is no lion!

1. Jerry is American but he lives in China at the moment.
2. Americans celebrate only one holiday at the end of the year.
3. Jerry wants to celebrate winter holidays like Chinese people do.
4. People decorate Christmas trees in China.
5. Children write letters to Santa Claus to ask for Christmas presents.
6. Christmas is an important family celebration in China.
7. Chinese New Year is the Winter Festival.
8. Chinese don't celebrate New Year on January 1.
9. In the USA some people celebrate New Year's Eve, others celebrate New Year's Day.
10. The New Year parade in New York is called the Lion Dance.