

HAPPY
CHINESE NEW YEAR



Chinese New Year

(exercises)



1) Read the text and fill in the gaps with the prepositions given in the box on the right.

The biggest festival 1 _____ the Chinese calendar is the New Year. The date 2 _____ the New Year depends 3 _____ the moon so it changes every year, but it is always 4 _____ January or February.

5 _____ Chinese culture, each year is named 6 _____ an animal. There are twelve different animals. A traditional part 7 _____ the Chinese New Year celebrations is the Lion Dance. People dress 8 _____ lion costumes and dance 9 _____ the street. Red is the colour 10 _____ good luck 11 _____ Chinese people.

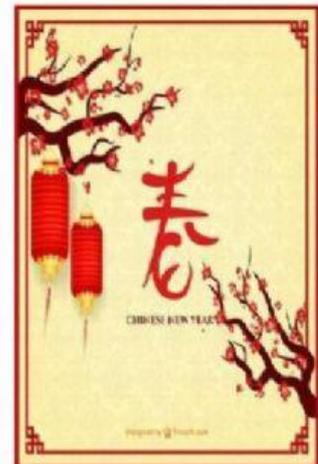
Dancers usually perform the Lion Dance high 12 _____ the air. The show ends 13 _____ singing and dancing 14 _____ traditional costumes.

The New Year celebrations normally finish 15 _____ a beautiful and noisy fireworks display. Chinese people have used fireworks 16 _____ 2.000 years. They are a traditional part 17 _____ any Chinese celebration.

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2) Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)?

1. The Chinese New Year celebrations are on the 1st January? _____
2. It is traditional for people to wear lion costumes for the celebrations. _____
3. In China, people think the colour red is lucky. _____
4. The New Year celebrations can be very noisy. _____
5. Fireworks are a traditional part of some of Chinese celebrations. _____
6. Chinese people have used fireworks for 2.500 years. _____



3) Complete the phrases with the words given in the box on the right.

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| 1. _____ animals | 5. _____ part |
| 2. _____ culture | 6. _____ calendar |
| 3. _____ costumes | 7. _____ celebrations |
| 4. _____ display | 8. _____ luck |

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