

Lesson 11 中国的节日 Listening

I. Listening Comprehension

A Listen to the Lesson Text audio, then circle the most appropriate choice. INTERPRETIVE

- 1 Why was the character 福 pasted upside down?
 - a It was put upside down by mistake.
 - b Xuemei's uncle and aunt grew up in the U.S. and can't read Chinese.
 - c The placement is based on a pun.
- 2 A Chinese New Year's Eve dinner should include fish because
 - a eating fish is good for one's health.
 - b fish are auspicious animals.
 - c the word for "fish" sounds like a different word that is auspicious.
- 3 What major traditional Chinese festivals besides Chinese New Year are mentioned in the dialogue?
 - a the Qingming and Dragon Boat Festivals
 - b the Dragon Boat and Mid-Autumn Festivals
 - c the Mid-Autumn and Qingming Festivals
- 4 What do Xuemei and Ke Lin receive from Xuemei's uncle and aunt as a New Year gift?
 - a cash
 - b a cellphone
 - c firecrackers
- 5 Who does Xuemei send Chinese New Year's greetings to after dinner?
 - a her parents and teachers
 - b her teachers and friends
 - c her parents and friends

B Listen to the Workbook Dialogue audio, then mark these statements true or false. INTERPRETIVE

- 1 ____ The speakers have lived in their current residence for less than a year.
- 2 ____ The dialogue most likely takes place at the dinner table.
- 3 ____ The man likes both their residence and their neighborhood.
- 4 ____ The woman thinks that they need more furniture.
- 5 ____ The speakers are happy that they don't have children.
- 6 ____ The speakers toast each other with tea.

C Listen to the Workbook Narrative 1 audio, then mark these statements true or false. INTERPRETIVE

- 1 ____ This voicemail is a Chinese New Year's greeting.
- 2 ____ Little Jiang has been living in China for many years.
- 3 ____ Little Jiang celebrated the Chinese New Year with his parents.
- 4 ____ Little Jiang wants to hear about Little Lin's Chinese New Year's Eve dinner.

D Listen to the Workbook Narrative 2 audio, then circle the most appropriate choice. INTERPRETIVE

- 1 Where does Old Wang live?
 - a Sichuan
 - b Beijing
 - c elsewhere in China
- 2 Why didn't Old Wang and Mrs. Wang make dinner reservations at a restaurant for New Year's Eve?
 - a All the good restaurants in town were completely booked.
 - b Their children prefer to eat at home.
 - c Mrs. Wang wanted to cook for her family.
- 3 Why didn't their son light any firecrackers?
 - a They didn't buy any firecrackers.
 - b They didn't want to disturb others watching TV.
 - c They wanted to go to bed.

E ____ Listen to the Workbook Listening Rejoinder audio. After hearing the first speaker, select the best response from the four choices given by the second speaker. Indicate the letter of your choice. INTERPRETIVE