

PART 5 Reading

Read Jian's email and choose the best option for each of the following questions.

Hi Sammy!

Thanks for your email. We're celebrating Chinese New Year at the moment. We celebrate it in the first month of spring. It's a very important festival for Chinese people. Before the celebrations, we clean our house. This is a tradition – we wipe away all the bad things. On New Year's Eve, we have a special meal with our family. We eat traditional food and watch fireworks at

midnight. We also wear red clothes. Red means fire, so we believe that our red clothes help chase away bad spirits. When we wake up on New Year's Day, we always find red envelopes in our beds. There is money in them – they're presents from our parents and grandparents. We watch dragon dances, too. They're my favorite part of the festival. I love Chinese New Year, because I like all the traditions and I like being with my family.

Write to me about one of your festivals.

Take care.

Jian

33. When do Chinese people celebrate Chinese New Year?

- A. At the moment
- B. In the first month of spring
- C. In the first spring
- D. On New Year's Eve

34. What do people often do before the celebrations?

- A. wear red clothes
- B. eat traditional food
- C. have special meals
- D. clean their houses

35. What is the meaning of the color 'red'?

- A. fire
- B. bad spirits
- C. New Year
- D. fireworks