ACTIVITY B | Simple Past Tense

Fill in the blanks with the correct simle past tense from the verbs in brackets

A Chinese New Year To Remember

Last Chinese New Year, my friend Mei Lin (1) _____ (invite) me to celebrate with her family. I (2) _____ (feel) excited, but I was also a little nervous. It was my first Chinese New Year celebration, and I was afraid of doing something wrong. However, Mei Lin assured me that everything would be fine. "Just relax and enjoy yourself!" she said.

When I (3) _____ (arrive) at Mei Lin's house, red lanterns hung above the gate, and the delicious smell of pineapple tarts (4) _____ (fill) the air. Mei Lin (5) _____ (welcome) me with a warm hug and introduced me to her family. As we walked towards the kitchen, I noticed her grandmother making dumplings. I watched in amazement as she carefully folded each dumpling into a beautiful shape. She (6) _____ (ask) me if I wanted to try making one myself. Feeling confident, I (7) _____ (take) a piece of dough and tried to copy her movements. Unfortunately, my first dumpling (8) _____ (look) more like a squashed pillow than something delicious! Everyone (9) _____ (laugh) at my funny-looking dumpling, including me. Mei Lin's grandmother patiently (10) _____ (show) me how to pinch the edges properly. After a few more attempts, I finally made a dumpling that looked almost as good as hers. "Not bad for a beginner!" she said with a smile. Later, we (11) _____ (eat) dinner together while the family shared funny stories about their previous celebrations. The house was filled with laughter and cheerful conversations. Before I left, Mei Lin's grandmother (12) _____ (give) me a red packet and wished me good luck, happiness, and prosperity in the new year. I thanked her warmly and promised to visit again.

Earlier that day, I (13) _____ (worry) about making mistakes and feeling out of place. However, as I walked home, all my worries (14) _____ (disappear). I realised that the most special part of the celebration was not just the delicious food or the red packet, but the warmth and kindness I received from Mei Lin's family. It was certainly a Chinese New Year I would never forget!



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