

## GE7 UNIT 2 TIME TO CELEBRATE 2

### 1. Read and use the words in the box to complete the text:

lunar	symbolises	arrival	get together
happiness	spring rolls	decorate	packets
lanterns	celebration	dragon dance	celebrate
calendar	wisdom	wealth	dumplings

### Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is the most important \_\_\_\_\_ in the Chinese calendar. It is also known as the spring festival because it is the time when people welcome the \_\_\_\_\_ of spring. It \_\_\_\_\_ the start of new life and the season for planting crops. It is the oldest Chinese festival.

New Year celebrations start when there is a new moon, on the first day of the lunar month in the Chinese \_\_\_\_\_, in January or February (between 25<sup>th</sup> January and 20<sup>th</sup> February). Celebrations go on until the fifteenth day, when the moon is brightest. Just before New Year, people clean their houses and throw away anything that is old or broken. They \_\_\_\_\_ their homes with pieces of paper with words such as " \_\_\_\_\_" and " \_\_\_\_\_" written on them. On New Year's Eve, families \_\_\_\_\_ and have a special meal, which may include soup, fish, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and rice cakes. People dress in red, which \_\_\_\_\_ fire and set off fireworks. Children receive gifts of money in red \_\_\_\_\_.

At the start of the first week of New Year, people visit friends and family. The second week ends with the Lantern Festival on the fifteenth day of the \_\_\_\_\_ month. People light \_\_\_\_\_ to put in the windows of their houses. They walk in the streets carrying them under the light of the full moon.

One of the highlights of the Chinese New Year is the \_\_\_\_\_. The dragons are made of paper, silk, and bamboo. Chinese people think of dragons as helpful, friendly creatures which symbolise long life and \_\_\_\_\_.



Where is Bradley? He isn't                    the party.

If you get                    a plane            the UK, it would take about 24 hours to get there.

Many festivals take place in spring.

\_\_\_\_ Vietnam, \_\_\_\_ the first and fifteenth days of a lunar month, people often go to pagodas and put flowers and offerings on the altar.

— Easter, people attend church services, bake hot buns, and decorate eggs.

The ceremony takes place \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday morning. Don't miss it.

I'm not so sure but I think she was born \_\_\_\_\_ February.

On New Year's Eve, some Christians attend a watchnight service.

They got divorced \_\_\_\_\_ June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1985.

My son-in-law's parents live \_\_\_\_\_ 56 Hai Ba Trung street.

People who love tanned skin often sunbathe \_\_\_\_\_ summer as they believe it looks more attractive.

\_\_\_\_\_ midnight \_\_\_\_\_ December 31<sup>st</sup>, it is traditional in Cuba to eat 12 grapes to make 12 wishes come true.

Use \_\_\_\_\_ with countries, cities, closed areas, months, years, and seasons.

Use \_\_\_\_\_ with days and dates.

Use \_\_\_\_\_ with time, festivals, the weekend, the start/ beginning/ end of ....