

Reading Summary

Three friends talk about how they celebrate the New Year in their countries.

A. Russ – the USA



I often go to Times Square with my parents to welcome the New Year. When the clock strikes midnight, colourful fireworks light up the sky. Everybody cheers and sings.

B. Wu – China



On New Year's Day, we dress beautifully and go to our grandparents' houses. We wish them Happy New Year and they give us lucky money. Then we go out and have a day full of fun.

C. Mai – Viet Nam



I learn some customs about Tet from my parents. People give rice to wish for enough food and buy salt to wish for good luck. Dogs are lucky animals but cats are not. A cat's cry sounds like "poor" in Vietnamese.

1 Read and choose who says the sentences. Write A, B, or C.

- I go to Times Square with my parents. ☐
- We get lucky money from our grandparents. ☐
- People buy salt to wish for good luck. ☐
- Everybody cheers and sings at midnight. ☐
- Dogs are lucky animals. ☐

2 Tick (✓) the things that appear in the passages and cross (x) the ones that don't.

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| a. lucky money ☐ | b. fireworks ☐ |
| c. decorating the house ☐ | d. cheering and singing ☐ |
| e. grandparents ☐ | f. a cat's cry ☐ |
| g. peach flowers ☐ | h. salt ☐ |

3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

midnight lucky money grandparents salt fireworks

- When the clock strikes _____, colourful fireworks light up the sky.
- Wu and his family go to his _____' houses on New Year's Day.
- Children often get _____ at New Year.
- People buy _____ to wish for good luck.
- Russ watches _____ in Times Square.

4 Choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D.

- Russ goes to Times Square to _____ the New Year.
A. welcome B. decorate C. clean D. visit
- Wu's family dress beautifully on _____.
A. Tet holiday B. New Year's Day
C. Christmas Day D. Children's Day
- Mai learns some Tet customs from her _____.
A. teachers B. friends C. parents D. cousins
- People give rice to wish for _____.
A. enough food B. good health
C. more money D. new clothes
- In Mai's passage, cats are _____ animals.
A. lucky B. noisy C. not lucky D. beautiful

5 Reorder the words to make complete sentences.

- go / Russ / to / often / Times Square / with his parents _____
- beautifully / dress / we / On New Year's Day _____
- give / us / They / lucky money _____
- buy / People / salt / good luck / to wish for _____
- are / Dogs / lucky animals _____

6 Ex 6. Match the words with their meanings.

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| 1 welcome the New Year | a ăn mặc đẹp |
| 2 strike midnight | b chào đón Năm Mới |
| 3 colorful fireworks | c điểm đúng nửa đêm |
| 4 light up the sky | d thấp sáng bầu trời |
| 5 cheer | e cổ vũ, reo hò |
| 6 dress beautifully | f những màn pháo hoa rực rỡ |



7 Ex 7. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

welcome the New Year strike midnight colorful fireworks light up the sky
cheer dress beautifully wish for enough food wish for good luck

- At New Year, many families _____ together.
- When the clock _____, everybody feels excited.
- _____ make the sky bright and beautiful.
- The fireworks _____ at midnight.
- People clap their hands and _____.
- At Tet, people often _____ and _____.



8 Ex 8. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D.

- On New Year's Day, we often visit our _____ houses.
A. teachers' B. grandparents' C. friends' D. classmates'
- When the clock strikes midnight, colorful fireworks _____.
A. light up the sky B. go to bed C. clean the house D. plant trees
- People often wear warm and beautiful _____ at New Year.
A. food B. customs C. clothes D. luck
- In the passage about Wu, his grandparents give him _____.
A. special food B. lucky money C. fireworks D. furniture
- A day full of happiness and fun is a day that is _____.
A. boring B. exciting C. difficult D. empty



Exercise 9: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) **CLOSEST** in meaning to the bolded word(s).

- Tet is a **special** holiday in Viet Nam.
A. important B. boring
C. late D. dirty
- Children should **behave** well at family gatherings.
A. sleep late B. run fast
C. eat slowly D. act politely
- People **decorate** their homes with flowers.
A. wash quickly B. break
C. make beautiful D. hide
- We visit our **relatives** during Tet.
A. family members B. teachers
C. tourists D. guides
- The festival is full of **fun**.
A. homework B. danger
C. noise D. enjoyment

Exercise 10: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) **OPPOSITE** in meaning to the bolded word(s).

- The house is **clean** before Tet.
A. bright B. new
C. dirty D. big
- This New Year song is **happy**.
A. sad B. fun
C. lucky D. special
- Children should **behave** well.
A. say wishes B. help others
C. behave badly D. smile
- The room is **full** of flowers.
A. empty B. beautiful
C. colourful D. quiet
- My brother is **careful** with the decorations.
A. polite B. careless
C. young D. clever