

Lantern Festival

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Suggested Teaching and Learning

Text Type: Non-Fiction

Genre: Recount

Suggested Reading Recovery Level: 5

Word Count: 94

ACARA F-1 References

Learning Areas: English; Humanities and Social Sciences

General Capabilities: Literacy; Intercultural Understanding

Cross Curriculum Priorities: Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia

Understanding Texts

- Build background knowledge with a rich book introduction. Tell students that the Lantern Festival is a time they will see lots of different lanterns; lanterns can be the shape of lions and dragons; people will dance on stilts and play drums and people will play cymbals. *UnT4, UnT5
- After reading, talk with students about the things they do with their family at special times such as birthdays, Christmas and Easter. *UnT4
- Contrast the simple lanterns and stilts that students may be familiar with, to the elaborate ones seen in the text.

Vocabulary: cymbals, dancers, dragon, festival, lantern, special, stilts

High Frequency Words: are, for, here, like, look, our, play, some, the, them, they, will, with

Phonic Knowledge and Word Recognition + Phonological Awareness

- Locate lantern and lanterns. Notice the s at the end of the word to denote plural. Find other words in the text that work the same way - stilts, cymbals, drums. Make two lists of words - one with each word in singular form and the other in plural form. *PKW5
- Make the word big with magnetic letters. Change the medial vowel to make bag, bug, bog. Repeat with other words from the text such as men (man, min), like (lake, luke) and will (wall, well). *PhA3, PKW4

*National Literacy Learning Progressions

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Time To Spend With Your Family

It is the Lantern Festival.
Lantern Festival is a time
to be with our family.



We will see lots of lanterns.

Some lanterns are big.

Some lanterns are little.

SAMPLE





Look at this lantern.
It is like a dragon.



This lantern is like a lion.

Look at the dancers.

They are dancing on **stilts**.

The stilts make them very,
very high.

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Lantern Festival is an informational text that introduces students to the Lantern Festival that is held after Chinese New Year. Lanterns in many shapes and sizes, dancers on stilts and drummers all contribute to making the Lantern Festival colourful and exciting.

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