

# LUNAR NEW YEAR NON-FICTION ARTICLE PDF & DIGITAL FORMATS



## RESOURCE INCLUDES



- ✓ Detailed Lesson Plan
- ✓ 1 Non-Fiction Article (Regular & Modified Versions)
- ✓ Audio Files For Each Article
- ✓ 3 Post-Reading Activities – Comprehension Questions, Journal Entries and Multiple Choice Questions
- ✓ Answer Key
- ✓ Print & Digital Formats

# LESSON OVERVIEW

1. K-W-L Chart
2. Introduction Video Links
3. Non-Fiction Article
4. Post Reading Questions
5. Journal Entry Assessment
6. Google Forms Quiz



**WHOLE CLASS  
LESSON**

**JOURNAL  
ENTRIES**

**INDEPENDENT  
WORK**

## LUNAR NEW YEAR

### What is Lunar New Year?

The Lunar New Year marks the first new moon of the lunar calendar and is celebrated across Asia, as well as in other countries and major cities around the world.

The lunar calendar is based on 12 full cycles of the moon (354 days). Periodically, an extra month is added to the lunar calendar to keep it close to the solar year (365 days). This is why the start date of the Lunar New Year changes.

### Countries That Celebrate

The celebration has different names in different countries. The most well-known has been Chinese New Year (in Chinese, it is called Chunyu). Others celebrating Lunar New Year include Vietnam (Tet in Vietnamese), the Korean Peninsula (where it is called Seollal), Indonesia (where it is called Imlek), Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and more.

Lunar New Year is also known as the Spring Festival in China. It is celebrated by one-sixth of the world's population and usually occurs between January 21 and February 20.



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### How To Celebrate

The themes of celebration for Lunar New Year are similar in many countries. Festivities focus on family, food, and the new year. However, there are differences in the celebrations, depending on which country is marking the Lunar New Year.

Red decorations are a popular way to celebrate (gold is another popular colour), as is preparing and serving traditional foods at family meals.

In China, popular foods served throughout the holiday are dumplings, rice cakes, spring rolls, and fish. In Malaysia, mandarin oranges are a symbol of good luck, while in the Philippines, families enjoy a midnight feast that includes round-shaped fruits (since that

## ARTICLE QUESTIONS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Answer the following questions on this paper.

1. Why was the image on page 1 selected for this article?  
A. It has flowers in the background.  
B. It has red and gold decorations, which are used for the holiday.  
C. The objects are on a nice table.  
D. None of the above.
2. What do mandarin oranges symbolize in Malaysia?  
A. Good health.  
B. Good fortune.  
C. Good luck.  
D. Good sleep.
3. Why is the article broken up into multiple pages?  
A. Too much text to fit on one page.  
B. To make the reading easier to read.  
C. To maintain the reader's interest.  
D. All of the above.
4. Which sentence has the correct spelling and punctuation?  
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ENGAGING  
LITERACY LESSON

# DETAILED TEACHER PAGES

## LESSON PLAN



### Lunar New Year

#### Lesson Overview:

Students will work on their non-fiction reading skills while reading this article.

#### Materials Needed:

Photocopy a class set of the following or use the provided Google Slides version for 1:1 technology schools:

- K-W-L Chart
- Non-fiction article, regular or modified version (audio file also included)
- Comprehension questions, regular or modified version
- Thinking questions (select 1)
- Grammar questions (also available as a self-marking Google Forms Quiz)

#### Video

- Video #1: "[Lunar New Year for Kids – Educational Video](#)"
- Video #2: "[Why Lunar New Year's Day is the best day for kids but not really for adults in Korea](#)"

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# SAMPLE PAGES

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of lined paper.

### Comprehension Questions:

1. The lunar calendar is based on \_\_\_\_\_ full cycles of the moon, but periodically, an extra \_\_\_\_\_ is added to keep it close to the solar year. (2 marks)
2. When does the Chinese New Year usually take place?
3. What is the most well-known Lunar New Year celebration called?
4. What are some ways the Lunar New Year is celebrated? (2 marks)
5. In many countries, \_\_\_\_\_ are exchanged with money, as well as paying respects to \_\_\_\_\_. (2 marks)
6. Explain 2 traditions that are part of Lunar New Year celebrations. (2 marks)

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