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Unit No. 2

Chinese New Year

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Q 1: When does Chinese New Year start?

Ans: Chinese New Year starts somewhere between January 21 and February 20.

Q 2: Why do Chinese families do thorough cleaning of their houses before New Year's Day?

Ans: Chinese families do thorough cleaning of their houses to clear out bad luck and welcome good luck.

Q 3: Which colour is not allowed and which colour is encouraged on Chinese New Year? Why?

Ans: Black colour is not allowed as it is a symbol of death. Wearing red colour is encouraged as it is thought to turn away evil spirits.

Q 4: What do decorations on doors and windows symbolize?

Ans: Decorations on doors and windows symbolize good luck and happiness.

Q 5: What is the significance of New Year's Eve Dinner?

Ans: The significance of New Year's Eve Dinner is that all members of the family get together and enjoy delicious foods.

Q 6: What do the little red envelopes filled with money symbolize?

Ans: The little red envelopes filled with money symbolize wealth and prosperity.

Q 7: What is the importance of Chinese New Year for Chinese families?

Ans: The Chinese New Year provides Chinese families an opportunity to get together and they pay thanks the past year.

Additional Short Questions

Q 1: Why is Chinese New Year never on the same day each year?

Ans: Chinese New Year never falls on the same day each year because it is based on the phases of the moon.

Q 2: What is Chinese belief about cleaning houses before New Year day?

Ans: Chinese belief is that cleaning their houses before New Year day clears out the bad luck and welcomes the good luck.

Q 3: Why does this dinner consist of eight or nine dishes?

Ans: The dinner consists of eight or nine dishes because in Chinese language the word "eight" means "prosperity" and "nine" means "long-lasting".

Q 4: Is Chinese belief about people having character traits of animals' fact or an opinion?

Ans: It is just an opinion that people have character traits of animals.

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Words	Meanings	Words	Meanings
somewhere	کہیں	thorough	مکمل
cleaning	صفائی	good luck	اچھی قسمت
bad luck	بد قسمتی	encouraged	حوصلہ افزائی کی
Wearing	پہننا	evil	برائی
spirits	روحیں	Decorations	سجاوٹ
symbolize	علامت	significance	اہمیت
together	ایک ساتھ	envelops	لفافے
delicious	مزیدار	prosperity	خوشحالی
symbolize	علامت	opportunity	موقع
phases	مراحل	Pay	ادا کریں