





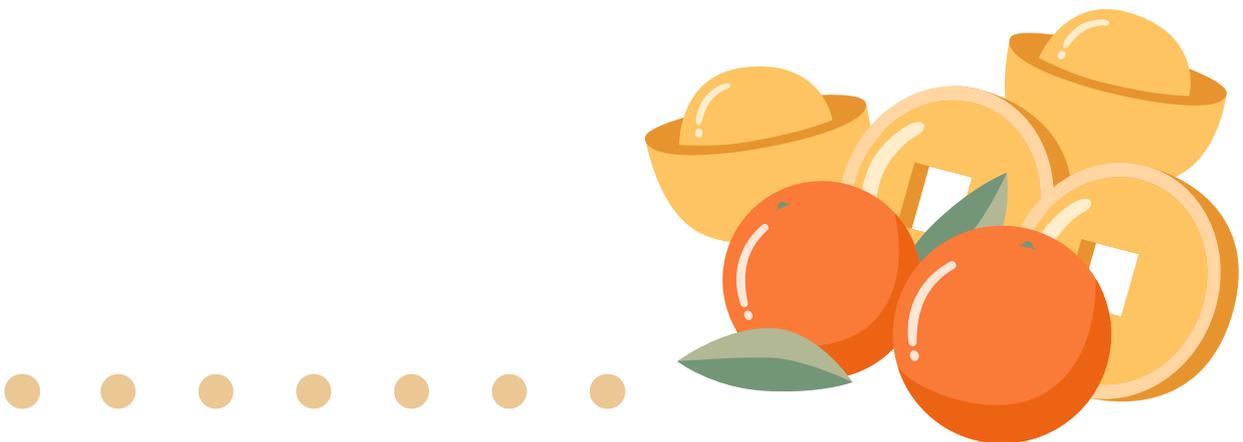


## Lunar New Year,

also known as the Chinese New Year or the Spring Festival, is celebrated by people of Chinese heritage all around the world.

It marks the start of a new year on the lunar calendar and there are many traditions associated with this festival.

Do you know what they are?



# CUSTOMS



Before the new year, families will clean their houses to wash away the bad luck of the previous year.



On Chinese New Year's Eve, families eat reunion

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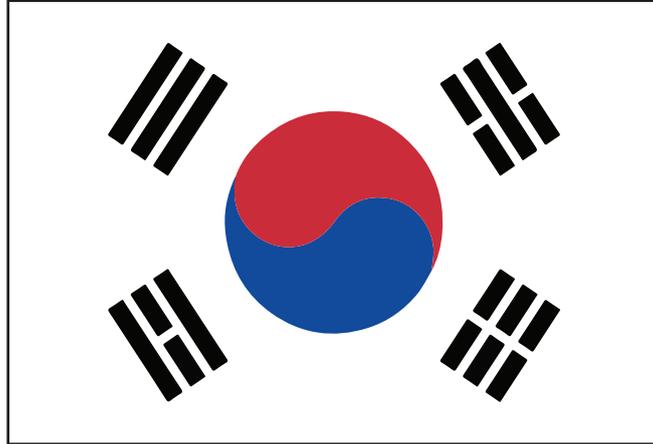


During Chinese New Year, many people wear red clothes to visit friends and relatives to express their good wishes for the new year.



Older family members or married couples will also give red **b) p** \_\_\_\_\_ with money to children or unmarried adults to wish them luck.

# SOUTH KOREA



The Lunar New Year is celebrated in South Korea as well. It is known as **Seollal** (설날).

Koreans wish each other a happy new year with the greeting:

**새해 복 많이 받으세요**  
(sae-hae-bok-mani-ba-deu-se-yo)

which means “Please receive a lot of luck or blessings in the New Year”.



On the first day of the festival, families eat tteokguk (떡국), a rice cake

c) s \_\_\_\_\_ .

It is believed eating one bowl makes one a year older!



The younger generations of Koreans also wear hanbok (한복) – traditional Korean clothing.



They pay their respects to their elders by performing a New Year's d) b \_\_\_\_\_ called saebae (세배).



In return, they receive saebaedon (세뱃돈) — New Year's money in fortune pouches made of silk or cotton called bokjumeoni (복주머니) from their elders.

# VIETNAM



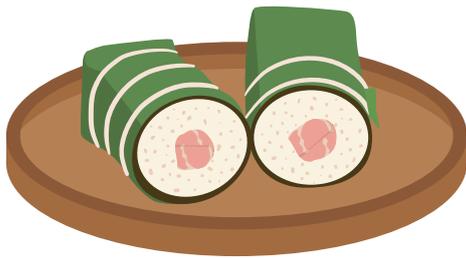
In Vietnam, the Lunar New Year is known as Tết or Hội Xuân (spring festival).

The Vietnamese wish each other happy new year by saying:

**Chúc Mừng Năm Mới**  
(Happy New Year)



During the festival,  
families decorate their  
houses with peach or  
apricot blossoms.



Families also feast on **bánh chưng** or **bánh tét**  
– Vietnamese rice

e) c \_\_\_\_\_ made from glutinous  
rice, mung beans and pork.

Children and young adults receive red envelopes with money called lì xì from their elders.



The red envelopes symbolise good luck and wealth.



The first f) v \_\_\_\_\_ to the house in the new year, known as xông nhà, is important to the Vietnamese as they believe it will determine their fortunes for the rest of the year. Families usually select someone who has good moral character, is in good health or is successful to be the first visitor.

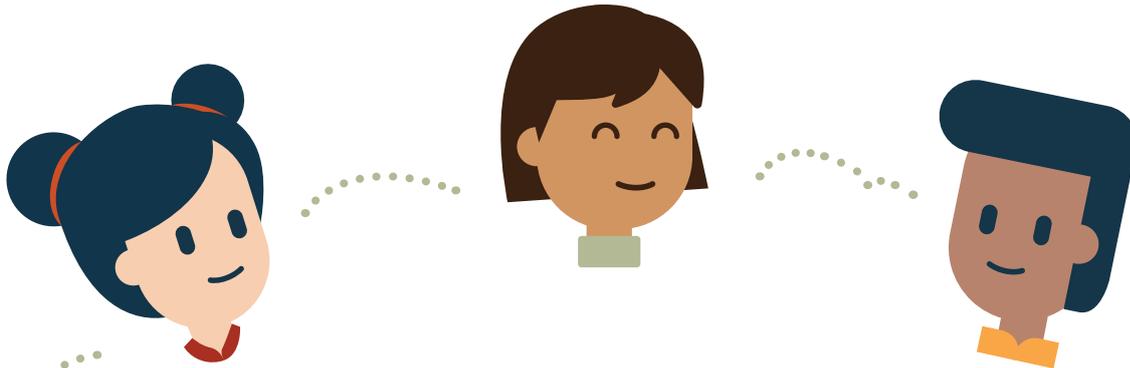
# Answer Page



How many answers have you filled in correctly?  
Let's review the answers!

- a. dinner
- b. packets
- c. soup
- d. bow
- e. cakes
- f. visit

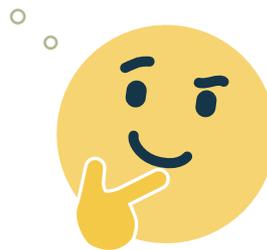


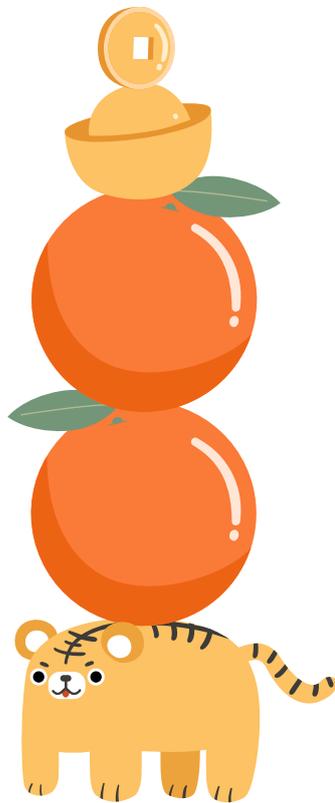


Do you know what other countries  
celebrate **Lunar New Year**?

What are the festivals called and  
how are they celebrated?

**Research and find out more!**





CELEBRATING  
**LUNAR**  
NEW YEAR





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