

CHINESE NEW YEAR

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Activity 1 – Choose One Writing Task

Option A – Article

Title: *Why Food Matters During Family Celebrations*

Write 200–250 words explaining why food is important during festivals and family gatherings. Include examples from Chinese New Year and another celebration you know.

Option B – Opinion Essay

Title: *Should Traditions Change with the Times?*

Write 200–250 words discussing whether cultural traditions should be preserved exactly as they are or adapted to modern life. Give reasons and examples.

Option C – Personal Reflection

Title: *A Celebration I Will Always Remember*

Write 200–250 words describing a memorable family celebration. Explain what happened, what made it special and what it taught you about family or culture.

Activity 2 – Develop Your Ideas

Before writing, make notes:

- What is your main message?
- Which examples will you use?
- What might someone with a different opinion say?
- How will you organise your paragraphs?
- What conclusion do you want readers to remember?

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Activity 3
Useful Language for Writing

Introducing an idea:

- One important aspect of...
- For many people...
- It is widely believed that...

Adding examples:

- For instance...
- A good example of this is...
- This can be seen in...

Comparing ideas:

- In contrast...
- Similarly...
- While it is true that...

Expressing a viewpoint:

- From my perspective...
- I would argue that...
- This suggests that...

Concluding:

- Ultimately...
- Taking everything into consideration...
- What matters most is...

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Activity 4 – Peer Review

Exchange your writing with a partner. Check:

1. Is the main idea clear?
2. Are the paragraphs organised logically?
3. Are examples relevant?
4. Does the writer explain their opinions?
5. Are linking expressions used effectively?
6. Are grammar, spelling and punctuation accurate?

Final Reflection

Complete the sentence:

"After exploring Chinese New Year, I have a better understanding of _____

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