

# Talk and Learn: Chinese New Year Topic Summary

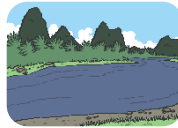
## Things I Will Learn

I can talk about what happens in the Chinese New Year story.

Jade Emperor



river



animals in a race



I can talk about the different ways families can prepare to celebrate Chinese New Year at home.

clean



new clothes



fill red envelopes



hang decorations



cook traditional food



I can talk about some Chinese New Year celebrations that may be seen outside.

dragon dance



lion dance



parade



wishing tree



fireworks



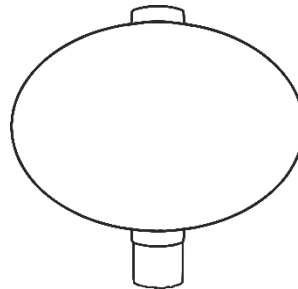
lanterns



I can compare Chinese New Year to other festivals I celebrate or know about.

I can compare life in China (or another country where the Spring Festival is celebrated) to life in the country that I live in.

My Chinese New Year lantern



## Things to Talk About and Find Out:

- Where is Chinese New Year celebrated?
- Have you seen any signs of Chinese New Year celebrations nearby?
- Who won the Chinese New Year race? Did they win fairly?
- How did the other animals get across the river?
- Which animal is this year named after?
- How do families celebrate Chinese New Year together?
- Why are many Chinese New Year decorations red and gold?
- How is Chinese New Year the same and different from other celebrations you know about?
- Which traditional dishes are eaten during Chinese New Year? Have you tried any of them?
- What happens as part of the Lantern Festival on the last day of Chinese New Year celebrations?
- Which tradition of the Chinese New Year celebrations would you most like to take part in or look forward to?

## Topic Words

First, I can try to use these words:

Rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, pig, Jade Emperor, cat, river, race, lanterns, fireworks, red decorations, parade, celebrations, family, new year, food, good luck.

Then, I can try to use these words:

Chinese zodiac, firecrackers, reunion dinner, feast, dumplings, rice, fish, noodles, chopsticks, good fortune, wealth, bad luck, bad spirits, festival, moon, Lunar New Year, Spring Festival, Lantern Festival.