



# This Is Jia

Hello! My name is Jia.

This is a very special time for my family because it is nearly Chinese New Year.



It is China's most important festival and holiday time.

I am really looking forward to Chinese New Year.

I like spending time with my family and watching the dragon dance.

There is so much to do before Chinese New Year. Come and help me to get ready.





Cleaning the house removes any bad luck from the old year and welcomes in

After New Year's ay, we do not clean the house for a few days because we do not want to sweep away the good luck.



Many of the decorations are red. The colour red brings good luck.



### **A Reunion Dinner**

On New Year's Eve, we have a reunion dinner. This is the most important meal of the year. My family all sit together and eat. Even my big brother is travelling home to have this special meal with us.



## Seeing in the New Year

I am so excited because I am going to stay up until midnight to see in the new year. At midnight I can see lots of fireworks and hear lots of noisy fire crackers.



## Celebrating Chinese New Year

On New Year's Day, my Mummy and Daddy give me an envelope. Inside there is some money. The envelope is red and often has Chinese writing on it.



### **The Festival**

My family walk to a New Year market, where the whole street is decorated for Chinese New Year. There are stalls selling yummy food and gifts.



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My favourite part of the celebrations is watching the dances. There are lions, unicorns and dragons that dance in the streets. They are huge puppets with people inside, making them move and dance.



