

Alpha Level 4

Our New Year Dragon



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Word Study

A Look at the picture and read the definition. Then write the correct word.

bow banner crowd firework new year parade photographer



- 1) A New year is the first day of the year.
- 2) A parade is people or vehicles moving to celebrate an important event.
- 3) A photographer is a person who takes photos of people, things or nature.
- 4) A firework burns brightly and beautifully in the dark sky.
- 5) A banner is a long strip of cloth with something written on it.
- 6) To bow is to bend your body to someone to greet.
- 7) A crowd is a large group of people.

B Read and write the word that matches the meaning.

spirit set off respect relative cousin celebrate

- 1) Some of my cousins live here too.
child of your uncles or aunt
- 2) Most people in my class celebrate New Year on the 1st of January.
enjoy and remember special days
- 3) The mirrors protect the dragon from bad spirits.
a ghost or supernatural being
- 4) People set off fireworks as the parade passed by.
pop or explode
- 5) When the lions meet each other, they bow to show respect.
love and following someone's ideas and words
- 6) We sent if to all our relatives in China.
members of your family

Word Study

- C** Complete the sentences using words in the box. Write them on the line.

always by because from on together with

- 1) My family comes from China.
- 2) Most people in my class celebrate New Year on the 1st of January.
- 3) We always have a parade to celebrate the New Year.
- 4) We have a dragon in the parade because we believe the dragon brings luck.
- 5) My cousin Simon and I helped to **put** the new dragon together.
- 6) The dragon **was covered** with tiny mirrors.
- 7) When the dragon **passed** by people touched it for good luck.

- D** Write your own sentences using the same pattern.

The preposition '**on**' is used to say 'the day when something happens'.

Most people celebrate New Year on the 1st of January.

- 1) On December 25th, lots of people celebrate Christmas.
- 2) I want to get a new bike on my birthday.
- 3) We give some chocolate and a card on Valentines Day.
- 4) On Mother's Day, we show our love and respect to our moms.

Valentines Day

Mother's Day

December 25th

my birthday

Comprehension

A Answer the following questions.

- 1) What is the story about?
 - a) The girl celebrates New Year at a different time every year.
 - ☒ b) The girl tells how to celebrate New Year with the new dragon .
 - c) The girl's photo is in the newspaper.
- 2) Why do they have a dragon in the parade? (pg. 5)
 - a) Because they believe the dragon makes them healthy and strong.
 - b) Because the year is the year of dragon.
 - ☒ c) Because they believe the dragon brings them good luck.
- 3) What are the mirrors on the dragon's body for? (pg. 7)
 - ☒ a) They scare away bad spirits.
 - b) They twinkle brightly and beautifully in the sun.
 - c) They are symbols of people's wish.
- 4) How do people wake up their dragon before the parade? (pg. 8)
 - a) They ring the bells and make a noise.
 - ☒ b) They print the dragon's eyes with small dots of pigs' blood.
 - c) They all shout 'wake up, dragon!'

B Match the picture to the sentences. And write the correct words for each picture.



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The girl celebrates New Year at a different time every year.
They always have a parade to celebrate.

2

The girl helped Uncle to put the new dragon together.
They tied on hundreds of small bells.

1

To wake up the dragon, they painted its eyes with small dots.

4

The lions dance in front of dragon.
They bow to show respect.

3

There are 60 people inside the dragon's body.
As the dragon passed by people touched it for good luck.

Comprehension

C Read and decide 'fact' or 'opinion'.

	Fact	Opinion
1) They have a parade to celebrate the New Year.	V	
2) The dragon brings good luck.		V
3) Uncle Lai joined all the parts of the dragon body and the girl helped.	V	
4) The dragon was covered with tiny mirrors.	V	
5) The mirrors protect the dragon from bad spirits.		V
6) People set off fireworks as the parade pass by.	V	
7) The parade is very noisy and exciting.		V
8) Seven people held up the dragon's head and three people held up the end of its tail.	V	

D Write and Speak.

<My New Year's Day>

1) When is your New Year's Day?

It is always January 1st / different every year in Korea.

2) Do you have a parade with a dragon?

Yes, we do. / No, we don't.

3) What do you do on New Year's Day?

I

visit grandparents / bow to grandparents and parents / get lucky money

4) What promises do you make to yourself for the year?

I promise to

exercise everyday / practice piano everyday / study harder / clean my room

