Fireworks in the Sky

We are going to:
• learn about how people celebrate New Year's Eve.
• compare Chinese New Year to New Year's Day.
Let's talk! (3 min)

What special days do you celebrate?

Which holiday do you like the most?

What are the things that you do on your favorite holiday?
Let's read and discuss. (3 min)

When is Chinese New Year?

New Year's Day is January 1st. It is the first day of the year on the solar calendar.

Chinese New Year is usually in late January or early February. It is the first day of the year on the lunar calendar.

solar: of, relating to, or characteristic of the Sun.

Was there a solar eclipse last year?
People welcome both New Year’s Day and Chinese New Year with celebrations. They always have fireworks, lots of delicious food, and drinks.
Checkpoint. (2 min)

When is New Year’s Day?

How do people celebrate Chinese New Year?
Do you like dumplings? Do your parents drink champagne?

People usually celebrate by drinking champagne at midnight on New Year’s Eve (December 31).

People celebrate Chinese New Year’s Eve by preparing and eating dumplings.

eve: the evening or day preceding a special day, such as a holiday.

Do you receive or give gifts on Christmas Eve?
Let's read and discuss. (3 min)

Who do you like to visit during the holidays?

On New Year’s Day, people usually make resolutions and watch American football.

On Chinese New Year, Chinese people usually visit their family and friends.

resolution: a decision to do or change something.

Will you make a New Year’s resolution?
Let's solve the quiz. (3 min)

**Task**

1. When do people celebrate New Year’s Day?
   - a) December 1
   - b) January 1
   - c) January 31

2. Chinese New Year is the first day of which calendar?
   - a) solar
   - b) polar
   - c) lunar

3. What do people drink on New Year’s Eve?
   - a) water
   - b) champagne
   - c) milk

4. What food do people make on Chinese New Year’s Eve?
   - a) pizza
   - b) apple pie
   - c) dumplings

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Let's discuss. (4 min)

Q1: Do you celebrate New Year’s Day? How?

Q2: Do you celebrate Chinese New Year? How?

Q3: Which New Year do you like to celebrate more? Why?

Q4: Which one of these two holidays is more important in your family? Why?

Think of more questions to talk about with your teacher.
In this lesson, we...

- learned new words: lunar, welcome, solar, eve, dumpling, resolution
- compared the Chinese New Year to New Year’s Day.

Homework:
Write 3-4 short sentences to describe what you usually do during the Chinese New Year/New Year’s Day.
Fantastic work!