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🔊 Introduction

🔊 People around the world love to celebrate.

In China, people celebrate holidays just like we do.

They go to many festivals during the year.

They gather with family to share special foods and to have fun!

🔊 The Spring Festival

🔊 This festival starts the new year with the loud BANG of firecrackers.

Family members from far away can come together.

People can buy new clothes to replace what is old and worn.

And children are overjoyed to get valuable red envelopes.

There is money inside!

🔊 A kind of food called dumplings is served for this holiday.



Everyone can watch the Dragon Parade on the first day of the new year. The long dragon winds up and down the street. How many people do you think are **concealed** inside the body of the dragon?





🔊 The Festival of Clear Brightness

🔊 People can celebrate this festival in the beautiful spring weather.

The holiday can include a nice picnic lunch.

On this day, many families honor family members who have died.

🔊 The sky is full of kites during this festival.

Chinese people have been flying kites for three thousand years!





🔊 The Dragon Boat Festival

🔊 The Dragon Boat Festival takes place in the summer.

Hundreds of boats can race across rivers and lakes all over China.

Each boat has a leader whose only **task**, or job, is to beat a drum during the race.

At night the dragon boats can parade across the water.

Lanterns can float all around the boats.

It is a beautiful sight!





🔊 The Moon Cake Festival

🔊 Families gather at this festival in the fall when the moon is full and bright.

People of all ages can eat round fruits and round cakes in honor of the moon.



At night, people light candles.
Children can look up at the sky
to find the shape of a rabbit
in the moon.
People feel **content** as they stare
at the **glimmering** moonlight.
They can look forward to
the next festival!

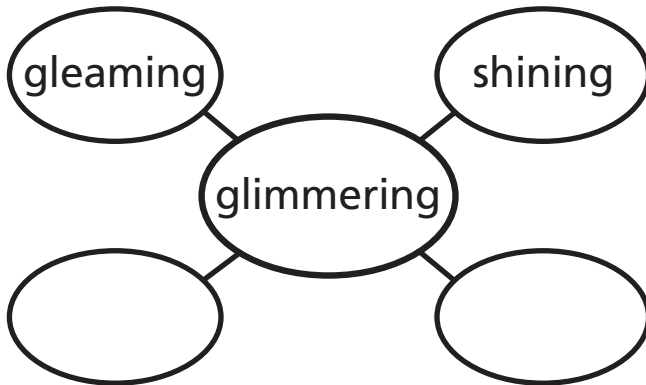


Responding



TARGET VOCABULARY Word Builder

Make a word web around the word **glimmering**. What are other words that mean the same thing?



Write About It

Text to Self Have you ever been to a festival? Write one or two sentences about what happened there. Use words from the Word Builder.



TARGET VOCABULARY

concealed

content

glimmering

overjoyed

served

task

valuable

worn



TARGET STRATEGY

Analyze/Evaluate Tell

how you feel about the text, and why.



Which vocabulary word has the word **tent** in it?

Level: M

DRA: 28

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Strategy:

Analyze/Evaluate

Word Count: 100

2.6.28 Build Vocabulary

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