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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

Hugo's family had a tradition. It was for New Year's Eve. They did the same thing every year. They made a video. In the video, they talked about the year. Hugo picked his best moments. So did his parents and his sister. They shared their wishes for the new year.

1. When does Hugo's family tradition take place?

- (A) in the new year
- (B) on New Year's Eve
- (C) during the previous year
- (D) on New Year's Day

2. What is the text mostly about?

- (A) a holiday
- (B) a family
- (C) a video
- (D) a family tradition

3. Which word from the text has three syllables?

- (A) tradition
- (B) talked
- (C) moments
- (D) wishes

4. Which is an example of a *tradition*?

- (A) riding in the car
- (B) eating candy
- (C) having a family dinner every Sunday night
- (D) eating pizza

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Jack wanted a pet dragon so badly. His mother told him that dragons were make-believe. His father also said that he could not buy a dragon. Jack did not care. He knew that there was a dragon out there. Jack had been reading about dragons. His dream was to have one of his very own.

1. What is Jack's problem?

- ☐ (A) Jack wants a pet dragon.
- ☐ (B) Jack wants a book about dragons.
- ☐ (C) Jack is angry with his parents.
- ☐ (D) Jack wants a pet.

2. Which title describes the main idea?

- ☐ (A) Arguing with Mom and Dad
- ☐ (B) No Pets Allowed
- ☐ (C) Wishing for a Dragon
- ☐ (D) Story Time

3. How many syllables are in the word *dragon*?

- ☐ (A) one syllable
- ☐ (B) two syllables
- ☐ (C) three syllables
- ☐ (D) four syllables

4. Which of the following is *make-believe*?

- ☐ (A) a dolphin
- ☐ (B) a unicorn
- ☐ (C) a skeleton
- ☐ (D) a puppy

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Angie wanted to play checkers, so she asked her sister, Nina, "Will you play checkers with me?"

Nina said, "Only if I can be red."

"But I want to be red," said Angie. The two girls could not agree. Both loved red. It was their favorite color. Finally, Angie had a compromise. Nina could be red first, then she would be red next. That idea worked!

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1. What is the problem?

- (A) Angie and Nina cannot decide what to play.
- (B) Nina won't let Angie borrow her red sweater.
- (C) Angie and Nina both want to use the red checkers.
- (D) There is no problem in the text.

2. What does the text tell you about compromising?

- (A) It happens when you play checkers.
- (B) It makes people angry.
- (C) It's about taking turns.
- (D) It never works.

3. Which word has the same root word as *worked*?

- (A) walked
- (B) worried
- (C) working
- (D) parked

4. Which of these words means *compromise*?

- (A) disagreement
- (B) agreement
- (C) argument
- (D) disappointment

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Happy New Year!

My family celebrates the new year. We do not just do this once. We do this twice each year. How? We greet the new year on January 1st. Then, we have Chinese New Year. It is a different day each year. It follows the Chinese calendar. This calendar follows the moon. It is also called the *lunar calendar*.

Chinese New Year is a big deal. It lasts for 15 days. My entire family gets together. We have many traditions. We wear red. Red is a symbol for fire. It drives away bad luck. So do fireworks. We hear a lot of fireworks during this time. My family has a big feast, too. We usually eat fish. We also love dumplings.

The big finale is the Lantern Festival. It is the last night of the 15 days. People hang glowing lanterns. They carry them, too. There is often a dragon dance. A moving dragon is usually made of paper or silk. Young men hold the dragon. They guide it through the streets. This is my favorite night of the year!



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Read "Happy New Year!" and then answer the questions.

1. Who might make a connection to the text?

- (A) an artist who makes lanterns
- (B) a child who loves fireworks on July 4th
- (C) a man who likes to wear red
- (D) families who celebrate Hanukkah with many traditions

2. What color is good luck?

- (A) rod
- (B) rad
- (C) red
- (D) rid

3. What do people do during the Lantern Festival?

- (A) hung lanterns
- (B) hang lanterns
- (C) bang lanterns
- (D) rang lanterns

4. Which best summarizes the Lantern Festival?

- (A) It lasts for 15 days. My family always makes sure to wear red.
- (B) It is also called the *lunar calendar*.
- (C) It occurs twice a year. We first celebrate it on January 1st.
- (D) It happens on the last day of the Chinese New Year. People hang lanterns and watch a paper dragon move through the streets.

5. Which best summarizes the text?

- (A) A family only wears red.
- (B) A family's traditions for Chinese New Year are very special.
- (C) The Lantern Festival is the last night of the New Year.
- (D) A dragon dance moves through the street.

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Think about a holiday tradition that is important to you and your family.



Write about and describe your tradition. What makes your tradition special?

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