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## Questions



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## Answers



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**happiness**



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**Chinese New Year is celebrated in January or February.**



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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think I might feel excited and happy to be spending time with my family.**