

**1. Answer the questions.**

a) When is the Chinese New Year celebrated?

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b) What did the old man do to get rid of the beast called *Nian*?

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c) Why do people light fireworks and burn bamboo sticks and firecrackers at midnight?

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d) What kinds of gifts do people exchange on the Chinese New Year?

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e) Why do lion dance troupes visit the houses and the shops?

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**2. Find the words in the text and write them next to their meanings.**

a) god or goddess .....

d) connected with the moon .....

b) the act of people coming together .....

e) a small firework .....

c) to make someone go away .....

f) a lamp that has a handle .....