



Book 17 in the App – Level 2  
“Celebrating is Hard Work”  
《庆祝好累人! 》

Dear Teachers and Parents,

**About the Discussion Questions**

There’s an overarching **Essential Question** that each of our books asks learners to think about.

The Pre-Reading, During-Reading, and Post-Reading questions help to provide scaffolding towards the **Essential Question**.

**Pre-Reading Questions** are questions that activate students’ prior knowledge and get them to start making connections between the text and their own experiences.

**During-Reading Questions** are designed for kids to be active readers—making predictions and developing their own views. Please select only the useful questions, and focus on the flow and expression of the reading and the learner’s enjoyment of the read-aloud rather than the questions. Use these questions only if doing so enhances the children’s enjoyment of the book. Sometimes, too many pauses during read-alouds might be disruptive.

**Post-Reading Questions** are designed with the following sequence to scaffold thinking: Text-Based Questions; Text-to-Self Questions (connecting with students’ own experience); and Text-to -World Questions (prompting students to develop draw connections with the world).

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### Essential Question:

为什么要庆祝节日呢? Why are celebrations important?

#### Pre-Reading Discussion questions

Q	English	中文
1	How do you celebrate the lunar new year?	你如何庆祝农历新年?
2	What do you look forward to the most during this festival?	你最期待在这个节日做什么?
3	What do you dislike about this festival?	你不喜欢这个节日的哪个部分?

#### During-Reading Discussion Questions

Q	English	中文
1	Why do you think Baozi feels like celebrating is hard work? (cover and p. 2)	包子为什么觉得庆祝很累人?
2	What do you think is the purpose of fireworks, according to tradition? (p.8)	根据传统, 放烟花的目的是什么?
3	What do you think is the purpose of wearing red? (p.9)	为什么要穿红衣服?
4	Can you remember some of the items that get hung on the wall during the Lunar New Year?	农历新年会在墙上挂些什么装饰?
5	How many days does the Lunar New Year last?	农历新年会持续多少天?
6	What do you think Baozi looks forward to the most during the Lunar New Year?	包子农历新年期间最期待什么?

#### Post-Reading Discussion Questions

Q	English	中文
1	How are your celebrations compared to the ones described in the story? Why are they different?	你的庆祝方式与故事中的有什么不同? 哪里不一样?
2	How are lunar new year celebrations changing over time?	农历新年的庆祝方式跟以前相比, 有什么变化?
3	Why are celebrations important? Why do we do so much at festivals even though it's tiring?	为什么庆祝节日很重要? 为什么在节日期间要做这么多累人的事?
4	What happens if there are no festivals or celebrations?	如果人类没有节日或庆典, 会发生什么事?

## Key Vocabulary 生词生字

### HSK 1-2 易 Foundational

1	谢谢你	xièxiè nǐ	Thank you
2	灯不关	dēng bùguān	leave the lights on
3	写	xiě	write
4	人日	rénrì	everyone's birthday
5	多久	duōjiǔ	how long
6	钱	qián	money
7	红包	hóngbāo	red packets
8	累	lèi	tired
9	新衣	xīnyī	new clothes
10	鱼生	yúshēng	raw fish salad

### HSK 3-4 中 Intermediate

1	春节快乐	chūnjié kuàilè	Happy Lunar New Year
2	假日	jiàrì	holiday
3	干净	gānjìng	clean
4	放/点燃	fàng / diǎnrán	set off
5	根据	gēnjù	according
6	不过	Bú guò	but
7	里里外外	lǐlǐ wàiwài	from top to bottom
8	除夕	chúxì	Lunar New Year's Eve
9	赶走	gǎnzǒu	chase away

### HSK5-6 难 Advanced

1	庆祝	qìngzhù	celebrating
2	派对	Pàiduì	party
3	煮	zhǔ	cook
4	团圆饭	tuányuán fàn	reunion dinner
5	不锁	bù suǒ	unlocked
6	鞭炮	biānpào	firecrackers
7	传统	chuántǒng	tradition
8	长辈	zhǎngbèi	elders
9	亲朋好友	qīnpéng hǎoyǒu	friends and relatives
10	祝福	zhùfú	blessing
?	收拾善后	shōushí shàn hòu	cleaning up after
11	守夜	shǒuyè	staying up til midnight
12	财神爷	cáishén yé	God of Wealth

13	年兽	niánshòu	The Nian Monster
14	拜访	bàifǎng	visit
15	橘子	júzi	oranges
16	春联	chūnlián	spring couplets
17	剪纸	jiǎnzhǐ	paper cuttings
18	如意结	rúyì jié	decorative knots
19	门神	ménshén	the Door gods
20	妖魔鬼怪	yāomó guǐguài	demons
21	舞龙舞狮	wǔlóng wǔshī	dragon and lion dance
22	盛大	shèngdà	grand
23	元宵节	yuánxiāo jié	Final day of Chinese New Year (known in some places as the 'Lantern Festival', as lanterns are a large feature of the celebrations)
24	结束	jiéshù	end

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