

Practical **Writing**

with a

Traditional Chinese Festival Theme

Based on Thematic Vocabulary Reflection

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Dear Vicky,

I hope this letter finds you well. Recently I've heard about a vlog competition named "Hello China" and I want to sign up for it. My vlog is related to a traditional Chinese festival. **Could you introduce a traditional Chinese festival to me and tell me more information about it?**

I would appreciate it if you could do me a favor. Looking forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,
Taylor

Writing Prompt

Write a letter in reply to recommend a traditional Chinese festival to your penfriend Taylor.

A letter of recommendation





the Spring Festival/ the Lunar New Year



the Chinese Lantern Festival



the Qingming Festival/ Tomb Sweeping Day

The Mid-Autumn Festival



the Double Ninth Festival



the Laba Festival



the Double Seventh Festival



The Dragon Boat Festival



How to introduce a traditional Chinese festival?



CHINA DAILY

中国日报网 bilibili

中秋
Mid-autumn
Festival

the Mid-Autumn Festival

time & origin

the 15th day of the 8th
lunar month;
the legend of Chang'e
Flying to the moon

significance

symbolize
reunion;
express
people's
desire for a
wholesome
happy family

customs & activities

family members
gather together to
have a hearty feast;
savor delicious
mooncakes;
enjoy the beauty of
full moon



Activity 1: Identify and Select Festivals

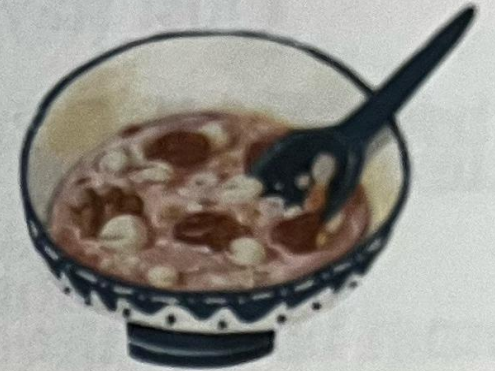
Select your favorite festival

1. Which festival do you select?
2. Why do you select it?
3. What can we do at the festival?



Why should we observe traditional festivals?

Importance of promoting traditional Chinese festivals in modern society



The Double Ninth Festival (the Chongyang Festival), which has a history of over 2,000 years, falls on the ninth day of the ninth month in the Chinese lunar calendar. According to tradition, we should celebrate the festival by going mountain climbing, but how many people today still observe this tradition? In modern society, many traditional Chinese festivals are becoming less and less popular. However, they are an important part of Chinese culture, and we must protect and maintain them.

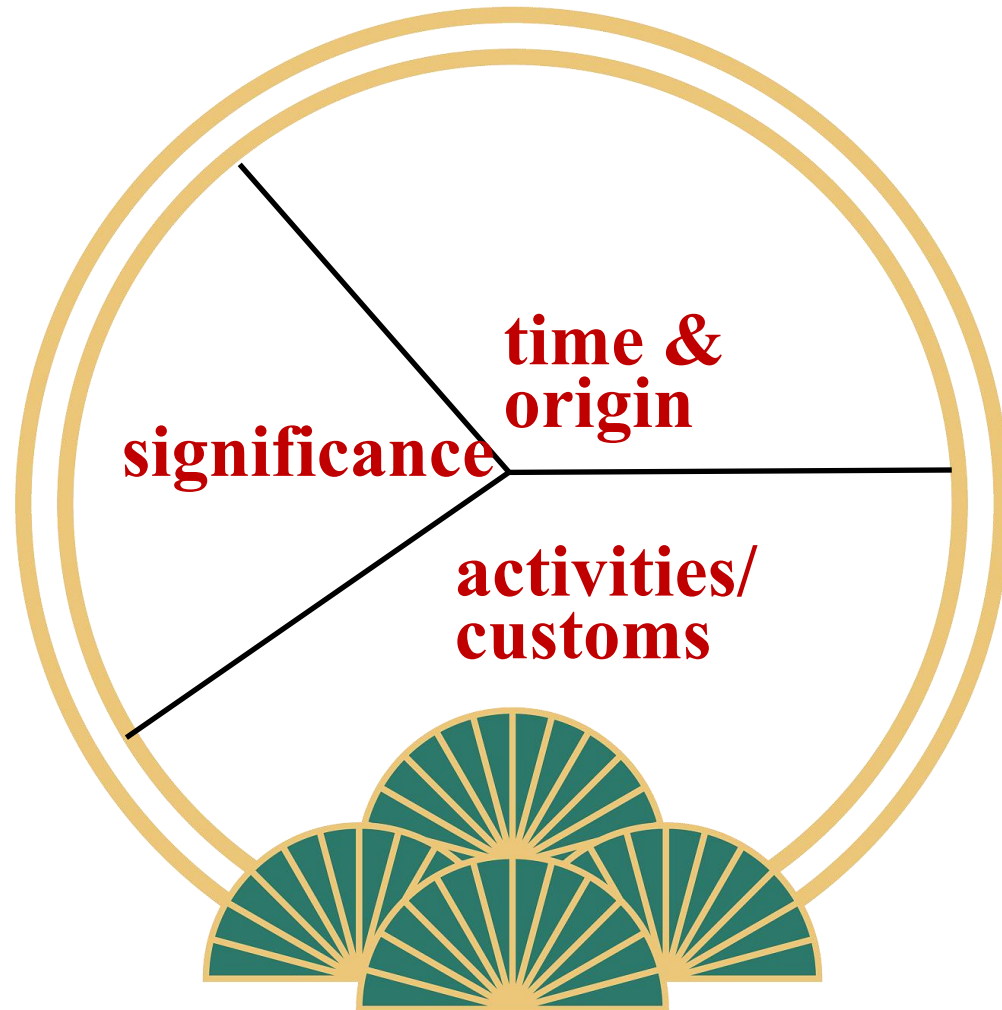
(译林高中英语必修二Unit2)

Traditional festivals teach us a lot about our nation's history. The Dragon Boat Festival, for example, is celebrated [redacted] Qu Yuan, a great poet living in the Warring States period of ancient China. By celebrating the Dragon Boat Festival with rice dumplings and dragon boat races, the story of Qu Yuan is passed down from generation to generation. Promoting traditional festivals helps spread knowledge about our national history.

Moreover, traditional festivals enable us to learn more about fine Chinese values. Many festivals, such as the Mid-Autumn Festival, have a caring, family-centred message at their heart. The full moon on the festival is considered to stand for [redacted] and family members will come back home even if they live very far away. With the celebrations of these festivals, younger generations learn to honour fine Chinese values.

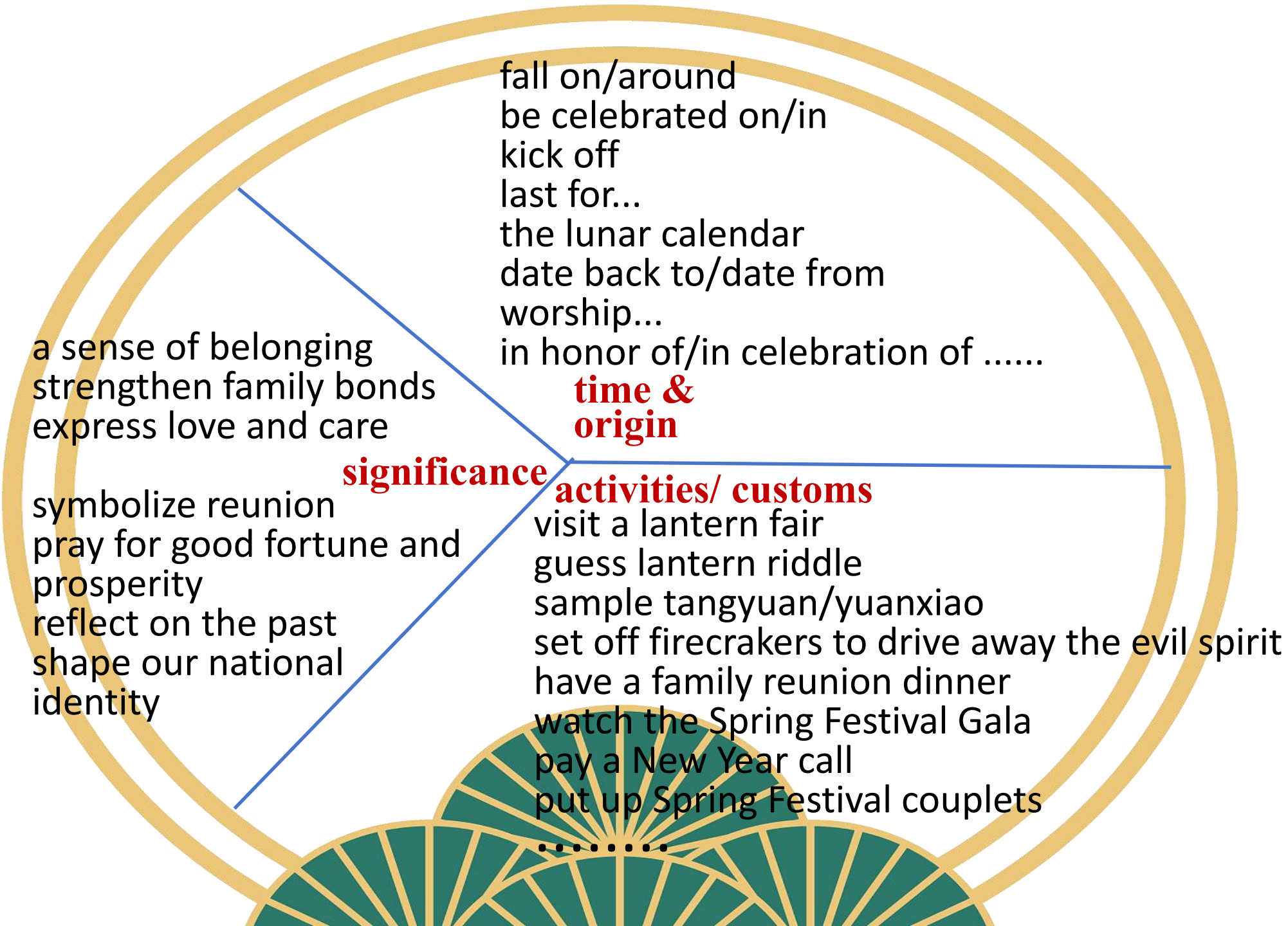
Finally, traditional festivals are a source of national pride and help shape our national identity. For example, we celebrate the Hanshi Festival and the Laba Festival with unique customs, and these shared experiences bring us together as a people. Traditional festivals tell us who we are and fill us with pride in being Chinese. (译林高中英语必修二U2 Integrated skills)

Activity 2: Create your word bank



W
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R
D

B
A
N
K



Activity 3: Write a letter of recommendation

假定你是李华，你的美国笔友Taylor来信说她计划拍摄一个介绍中国传统节日的英文vlog参加题为“Hello China”的vlog创作比赛。请你给Taylor写一封回信，向她**推荐**一个中国传统节日，内容包括：

1. 节日的时间和起源
2. 节日的活动或习俗
3. 节日的意义

词数约80词左右

Assessment: 15'

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Language 5'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> 句式多变（定语从句，名词性从句，强调句，倒装句）<input type="checkbox"/> 非谓语表达（-ing/-ed分词短语，不定式短语）<input type="checkbox"/> not only...but also<input type="checkbox"/> with复合结构<input type="checkbox"/> 名词短语作同位语
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Use the following questions and expressions to help you:

- When is the Chinese traditional festival? What do you know about its origin?
- What can we see and do at the festival?
- How do we feel when we celebrate it?

useful expressions

It is celebrated in honor/memory of ...

The festival falls on ...

Legend has it that ...

It's an occasion when ...

It's a custom for people to ...

What highlights the festival is ...

Not only do we... but also....

The festival....., thus strengthening/ expressing...

People....., which symbolizes ...

So popular is the festival that

Not only is it a time for.../do they deepen our understanding of ...,

but also act/serve as



Activity 4: Reflection and conclusion

必修二

U2 Finding a balance: my tai chi experience

选必一

U1 Eating in China
U3 Qingming Scroll
U4 Li Bai and his romantic poetry

选必二

U3 Acupuncture: magic needles

选必三

U4 Follow the silk road

创新
学程一

U2 Tea: China's gift
to the world

Culture bank

Activity 4: Reflection and conclusion

warm-hearted virtuous

热心

善良

easy-going

随和

clever

聪明

warm-hearted

热心

smart 聪明

open-minded

开明

hard-working

勤劳

united

团结

active

活跃

Chinese are great!

active

活跃

intelligent

聪明

honest

诚实

可爱

tolerant

宽容

virtuous

善良

easy-going

随和

harmonious

和睦

open-minded

开明

hard-working

勤劳

warm-hearted

热心

friendly

友善

Homework

- 1. Polishing up your writing based on what we've reviewed.**
- 2. Gather more information about the Chinese civilizations by reviewing the text books and resorting to the Internet.**

