Read the text about Chinese New Year and then do these exercises to check your understanding.

1. Check your understanding: true or false
   Circle True or False for these sentences.
   
   1. Chinese New Year is a big celebration in London.  
      True  False
   2. Improving your appearance and tidying your house are part of the preparations.  
      True  False
   3. Chinese New Year is always on 31st January.  
      True  False
   4. 2014 is the Chinese year of the snake.  
      True  False
   5. All of the Chinese New Year entertainment on offer in London is traditional.  
      True  False
   6. You can buy Chinese food in the streets of Chinatown.  
      True  False
   7. Modern technology helps to unite families who are living in different countries.  
      True  False
   8. Young Chinese people living in the UK won’t receive any red envelopes of money from their relatives.  
      True  False

2. Check your understanding: gap fill
   Complete the gaps with words from the box.

   exact    evil    lunar    fashion
   huge    red    family    food and craft

   1. Chinese New Year is a _____________ event in London – the biggest celebrations outside of Asia.
   2. The date changes every year, and is calculated according to the _____________ calendar.
   3. The _____________ date in 2014 is 31st January.
   4. The streets are decorated with _____________ lanterns.
   5. In past years in London there have been hip hop acts and even _____________ shows.
   6. In Chinatown the streets are full of _____________ stalls.
   7. People living in Britain can use video conferencing to join in _____________ celebrations in China.
   8. Loud firecrackers are used to frighten away _____________ spirits.

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3. Check your understanding: grouping

Write the activities in the correct group.

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Will you be celebrating Chinese New Year? What will you do?

Which of these celebrations would you most like to see or do?
What’s the most important festival in your country? What do you do to celebrate it?

Vocabulary Box

Write here any new words you have learnt in this lesson.