

## Lesson Ten Oral Practice

1. Talk about the tradition of Chinese Spring Festival.

- A. 德生, why has everyplace been thoroughly cleaned and decorated beautifully?  
B. That is because Spring Festival is coming, and all Chinese families are making preparations for the New Year.
- A. What is Spring Festival? Could you please tell me?  
B. According to the Lunar Calendar, Spring Festival is New Year -- the ancient and the most exciting holiday.
- A. Why do people call it as Spring Festival?  
B. According to the Lunar Calendar way of calculating, it is the beginning of a year and spring as well, so people call it as Spring Festival.
- A. During Spring Festival, do Chinese have any traditional customs and habits?  
B. Yes, they have many customs and habits. For instance, they paste New Year pictures and spring couplets on walls and doors, shoot off fireworks and pay New Year tribute, etc.
- A. I saw that the primary color of New Year pictures, spring couplets and fireworks is red. Why?  
B. To Chinese people, red symbolizes happiness.

2. Talk about how Chinese people celebrate Spring Festival.

- A. 海琳, would you please tell me how Chinese people celebrate Spring Festival?  
B. The first day of Spring Festival, people dress up and pay New Year tribute to their relatives and friends.
- A. What is "pay New Year tribute"?  
B. "Pay new year tribute" is to greet each other and celebrate the arrival of the New Year.
- A. What do they say to greet each other?  
B. They say "Congratulations!" and "Congratulations on making good fortune!".
- A. What else do they do in addition to "pay New Year tribute"?  
B. The kids get a red envelope when they pay New Year tribute to elders.
- A. What is the red envelope for?  
B. Inside the red envelope is money. The elders give the kids the red envelope with money inside to wish the kids to have a happy, healthy, and safe year, and to grow up fast.
- A. Sounds interesting. I wish I could get a red envelope during Christmas time.  
B. I will invite you to go to my home and celebrate next year's Spring Festival if you are still here.
- A. Yes, I would love to. Thanks. What do you eat on the holiday?  
B. We usually eat dumplings and New Year cake. Of course, there are some other delicious things.
- A. That would be great! You know I like dumplings very much. I look forward to the next year's Spring Festival.  
B. I will ask my mom to make dumplings and several authentic Chinese foods for you when you come next Spring Festival.