

# New Year in China

People celebrate holidays around the world with color and light.

Every year, people from China celebrate the New Year. They wear red clothes. They decorate with red paper. Adults give children presents of "lucky money" in red envelopes.



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On the last day of Chinese New Year, there is a big festival. Children carry lanterns in parades. Men carry a colorful dragon through the streets.

These New Year traditions are very old. The Chinese celebrated with these same traditions hundreds of years ago.



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# Facts About Dance

All around the world, people dance to celebrate holidays, birthdays, and other special days.

Many cultures have their own dances. The dancers do special steps and often wear special clothes.



The Masai people of Africa do the jumping dance.



The Bon Odori dance in Japan remembers people who are no longer living.



In Ireland, people perform the step dance at festivals and on holidays.



Native Americans in North America dance at special celebrations called powwows.



In New Zealand, the Maori people do the poi dance. During this dance, the dancers swing balls from a string.