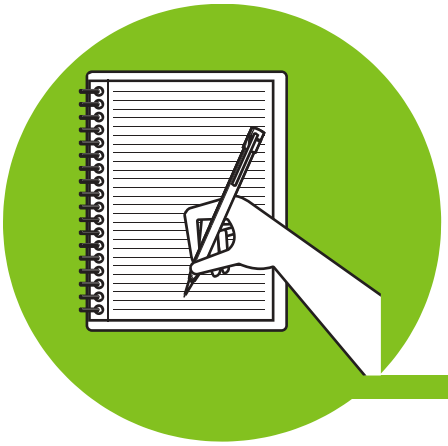

Learn English: Holidays and Continuing Actions in the Past

Student Writing Practice

Write about a holiday you celebrated. When was the holiday? What did you do to celebrate? Use at least eight sentences for this exercise.

Write using past simple and past continuous.

EXAMPLE:

My family celebrated Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year, in February. We decorated our house with many red lanterns and ribbons. While we were decorating our house, my mother went shopping. She wanted to have everything ready for the New Year's Eve feast. The next day, we visited our ancestors' graves and took food offerings to the family temple. Then the New Year's Eve dinner came. People call this meal the "reunion dinner" in Chinese culture. We were still preparing dinner when our family arrived. After dinner, we exchanged gifts. People often receive a red envelope full of money as a gift for Lunar New Year. My favorite activity was the day after New Year's Eve, the New Year's Day parade. It was a lot of fun, and the costumes and fireworks were beautiful!