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For most \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese New Year means \_\_\_\_\_ dancing in \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ - part of a \_\_\_\_\_ programme \_\_\_\_\_ by some of China's early migrants

\_\_\_\_\_ in central \_\_\_\_\_ Chinatown.

But for those newest to the \_\_\_\_\_ it is about house parties, dinners, karaoke and internet conference

calls.

Chinese people \_\_\_\_\_ up the largest single overseas student group in the \_\_\_\_\_

according

to the British Council, and London is their most popular place to study, with \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Plural noun

Celebrations for the Year of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Animal which \_\_\_\_\_  
Verb on 23 January and last for

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number days, will be marked in \_\_\_\_\_  
Location on 29 January with a parade and a \_\_\_\_\_  
Number

strong performance in \_\_\_\_\_  
Location Location Verb ending in ing among others, \_\_\_\_\_  
Location

Song and \_\_\_\_\_  
Verb Troupe and the National Music Orchestra of \_\_\_\_\_  
Location Noun

'Different rules';

But for many young \_\_\_\_\_  
Adjective people, the season - their nation's most important - is more about

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adverb Verb ending in ing the gaps in culture between East and West and much of it \_\_\_\_\_  
Verb

behind \_\_\_\_\_  
Past tense verb doors.

The

biggest difference most young Chinese people find is that London's celebrations \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ a lot less  
\_\_\_\_\_ than the national holiday in \_\_\_\_\_.

Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ dinner on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Students separated from their families \_\_\_\_\_ traditional \_\_\_\_\_ together in  
\_\_\_\_\_

In mainland \_\_\_\_\_ fireworks and \_\_\_\_\_ are an essential part of the start of the

\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ set off in the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ off the evil

monster, \_\_\_\_\_. Apart from the occasional firecracker let off in \_\_\_\_\_ it's a far quieter  
affair here.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22, from \_\_\_\_\_ studying at Goldsmiths College, explained  
that a few years ago he and his friends bought a small rocket to let off in the garden, but he wisely chose against  
letting off any more, conceding "different country, different rules".

While he \_\_\_\_\_  
Past tense verb\_\_\_\_\_to \_\_\_\_\_  
Location\_\_\_\_\_Square for the celebrations a few years ago - "It's OK, but it's  
not \_\_\_\_\_  
Location\_\_\_\_\_"; - this year he chose to celebrate Chinese New Year's Eve at a house party in Lewisham,  
entertaining everyone with his Chinese \_\_\_\_\_  
Verb ending in ing\_\_\_\_\_.

Lunar in Lewisham

However, \_\_\_\_\_  
Pronoun\_\_\_\_\_found it hard to \_\_\_\_\_  
Present tense verb\_\_\_\_\_down the \_\_\_\_\_  
Adjective\_\_\_\_\_white spirit, bai jiu,  
used to toast the new year back home. "I \_\_\_\_\_  
Past tense verb\_\_\_\_\_in the Chinese supermarkets in Lewisham,"; he  
explained, "but it \_\_\_\_\_  
Past tense verb\_\_\_\_\_all sold out.";

Chinese students in London are, at least, spared the arduous task of travelling to their home town. Each year the  
largest

seasonal migration of people in the world takes place in time for the traditional reunion dinner on Chinese New Year's Eve.

He Jui at Silk Road restaurant in Camberwell He Jui's new year celebrations include rapping, and sometimes rockets

Lin Xing is studying business management at King's College London. It is her first new year away from her home in Fujian Province.

She said: "Back home I would go to my grandparents' house."; That involves a five-hour drive.

Asked if she was going to miss her family she said: "It's fine because I have friends here and we will celebrate together.";



Jin Heng, 31, who is Malaysian Chinese, works in a shop in Chinatown and lives in Brixton. He explained that internet conferences were vital.

"We are separated from our families so we don't have the reunion dinner here. We have it by Skype, by internet conference. Because of the time difference we have two celebrations - one with friends in the UK and one over Skype.";

Ying Wang, 27, from Tianjin, works in a restaurant. She explained that in China, people have time off work, but it is, of course, a different story in London.

Making dumplings

"The first year I stayed in London I hung out with friends and we made dumplings but this year I have lots of work so I went to a restaurant for a meal.";

Karaoke, or KTV as it is called in China, is also popular during the holiday season. While London lacks the same number of venues with private singing rooms, there are alternatives. Ting Wang, 19, who lives in Marble Arch and studies pharmacy, said: "We will have a party or go to KTV in some restaurants.";

Like Christmas in the UK, entertainment is a big part of Chinese New Year in China. While some tune in over the internet for the televised gala watched by a reported 700 million, others organise their own entertainment.

Mr He, who performs under the name which translates as 'Little Fat in London'; and works at Silk Road restaurant in Camberwell, said he rapped last year at a new year show put on by London University, which about 2,000 people attended.

This year, University College London's Chinese Students & Scholars Association will present a joint event with LSE on 30 January. A trailer online promotes it.

Uniting the youngsters is good because as He Jui puts it, whose father and grandparents are back in China, "I can get sad because it is when families get together".