The Moon Festival

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Level 22

Running Words 704 **Text Type** Recount (Imaginative)

Curriculum Areas Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia, Humanities – History

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the events in his or her own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Think and Talk About …

Fact boxes in the book encourage each student to explore the statements further and to share the information with others.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 What is a Moon Festival?

2 Why was the school display at the festival exciting to watch?

3 How did the Moon Festival end?

Inferential

4 Why do people celebrate the end of a harvest?

5 Why were people at the festival friendly and cheerful?

6 Why did people selling food give the children small pieces to eat?

7 Why were some moon cakes sold in tins?

8 Why did Eve and Oliver draw moons on their lanterns?

Applied Knowledge

9 Where would a Moon Festival take place? Why?

10 Why is the lion dance an important part of the Moon Festival?

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Chapter 1

Eve's Diary

Yesterday, I went to the Moon Festival with my cousin Oliver and my uncle Han.

We caught the train. I was very excited. I felt like I was going on an adventure.

Uncle Han told us that the Moon Festival takes place every year.
He **explained** that it has been **celebrated** in China for thousands of years. It was a time for families to be together and a time to admire the beauty of the full moon. It was also a time to celebrate the end of the **harvest**.

Think and Talk About ...

The Moon Festival is an important festival in many Asian countries.

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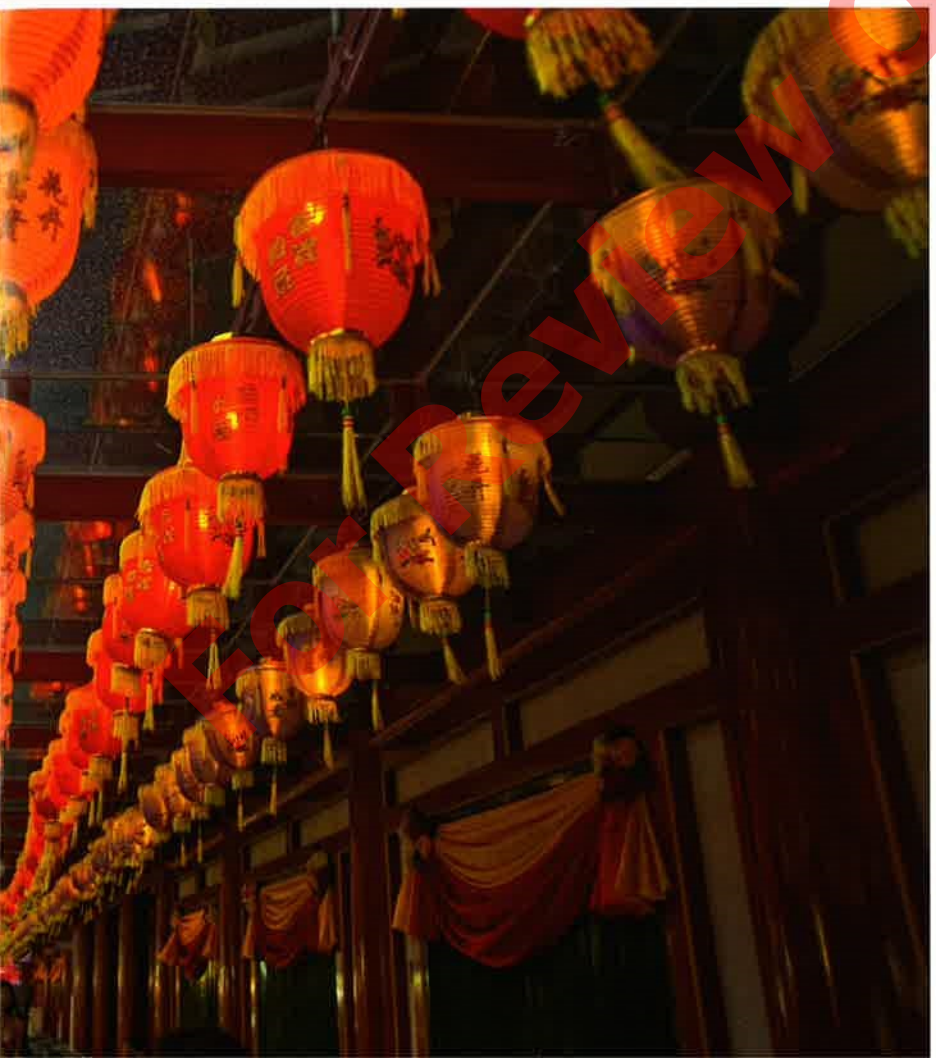
When we arrived at the festival,
there was already a huge crowd.
Everybody seemed friendly and cheerful.

There were lots of colourful stalls.



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I loved the gold and red lanterns
that swung and spun in the wind.
Some of the lanterns
were covered with Chinese **characters**.
Other lanterns had faces on them, like masks.



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Chapter 2

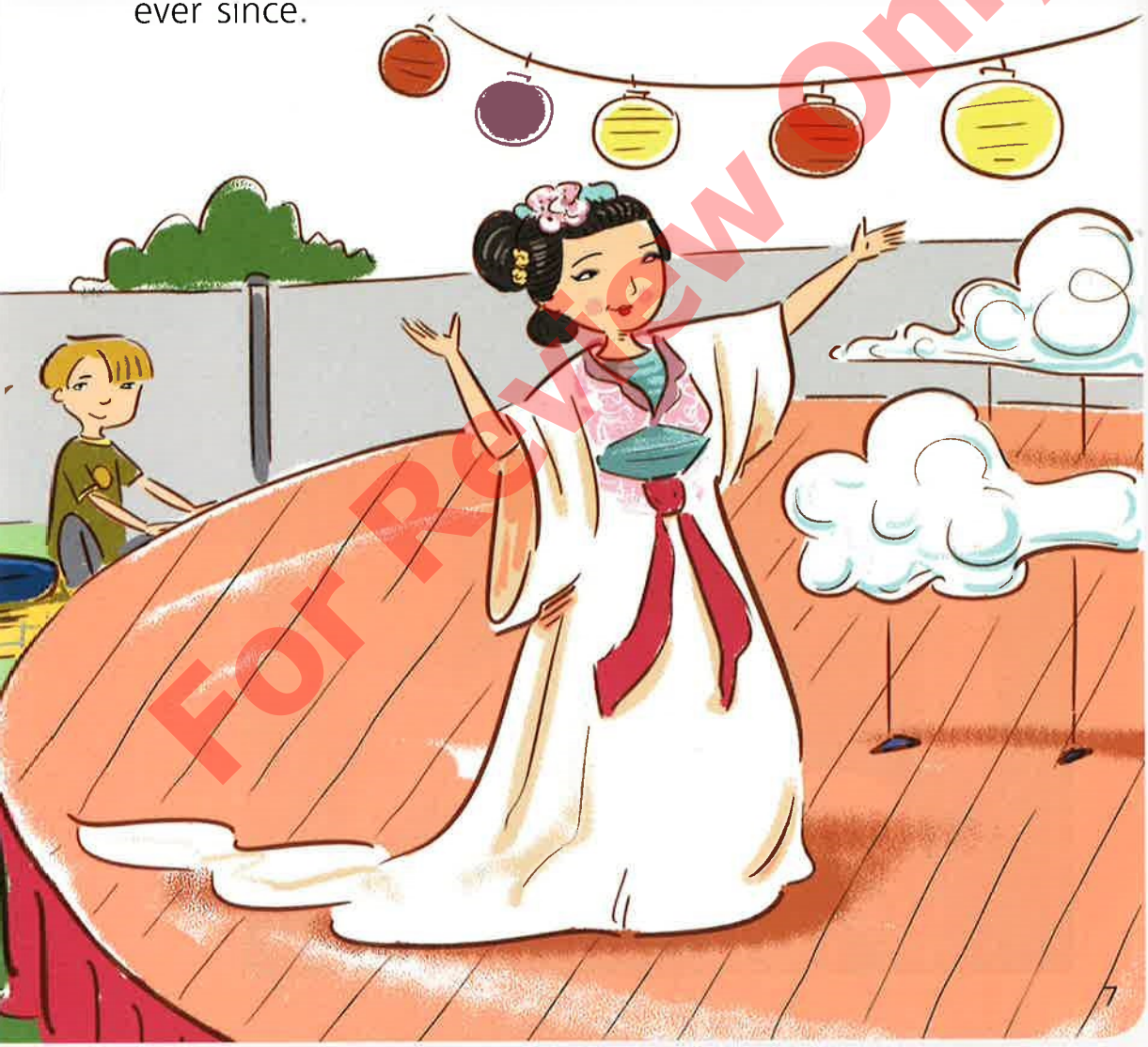
A Concert

Uncle Han led Oliver and me to the concert stage.
We sat and watched a short play.
It was a famous Chinese story about a woman
who became the Moon Goddess.



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My favourite part was when the woman swallowed a special drink.
The drink turned the woman into a goddess.
Uncle Han explained that this meant she could never die.
The goddess flew to the Moon and has lived there ever since.



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