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## Festival Clues Answer Key

1. **Event:** The passage describes the Chinese Lunar New Year (Spring Festival).

*Clues: lanterns, red envelopes, dumplings, firecrackers, start of a new year.*

2. **Red Envelopes:** They symbolize good luck and prosperity, often given by elders to children.
3. **Dumplings:** Eating dumplings represents wealth and good fortune, as their shape resembles ancient coins.
4. **Firecrackers:** Traditionally believed to scare away evil spirits and bring safety for the new year.
5. **Cultural Understanding:** Recognizing these traditions helps the reader grasp the themes of hope, renewal, and community celebration. Without knowing these, the reader might miss the deeper meaning behind the actions described.

*Teacher Note: Emphasize to students that cultural references give context and depth to a story. Encourage them to connect cultural practices in the text to broader themes like family, hope, or protection.*