

Nian's Night Answer Key

1. Nian attacked the village each year, destroying homes and scaring animals.
2. An old traveler helped the villagers by coming up with a plan.
3. Nian was scared away by loud noises and the color red.
4. The villagers celebrated by wearing red, lighting fireworks, and decorating their homes.
5. The story teaches that courage, creativity, and unity can overcome fear.

Teacher's Guide

Purpose: This worksheet develops **reading comprehension**, **contextual understanding**, and **cultural awareness** through the retelling of a traditional Lunar New Year legend.

Quick Tips for Teachers:

- **Preview key vocabulary:** words like *beast*, *tradition*, *celebrate*, and *fearless* help scaffold understanding.
- **Differentiation:**
 - For **younger students (Grades 3-4)**: read the passage aloud and discuss as a group before answering.
 - For **older students (Grades 5-6)**: assign a short paragraph where they explain how traditions can teach life lessons.
- **Engagement:** act out the scene of Nian's arrival or create sound effects for the firecrackers.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Have students illustrate one scene from the story showing Nian's fear of red and noise.
 - Ask students to research another Lunar New Year legend or tradition from a different region of Asia and compare it to this one.
 - Encourage journal reflections on personal or family traditions that bring comfort or joy each year.