

Monster Nian

A long time ago, there was a quiet village called Pig Village which was located in China. Villagers lived happily there. They not only fed animals like pigs and chickens but also grew crops in the fields.

But one day, their life changed. A horrifying monster called Nian came from the dark forest. It had electric claws, sharp teeth, poisonous skin, an ugly face and a big mouth. It ate all the plants and animals in the forest.

One breezily night, Nian came to pig village to find food while the villagers were having New Year's Eve dinner. Nian rushed to the village all of a sudden. It destroyed the plants and ate the animals and crops. The villagers were frightened and ran to the mountain to escape from Nian. When they came to the top of the mountain, they met a wise man.

The old wise man told the villagers, 'Nian is afraid of red paper and loud sound.' Therefore, the villagers prepared red paper, firecrackers and gongs and went back to the village. They put red paper, lighted the firecrackers and hit the gongs hard. When Nian saw the red paper and heard the loud sound, it was so scared and went away.

The old wise man suddenly appeared again and told the villagers, ‘In fact, Nian was a divine beast in the heaven. Because of its bad deeds, it was banished to the Earth by the Jade Emperor and became Nian from then on.’ When the villagers heard the story of Nian, they knew that Nian did not mean to hurt them. The villagers finally chose to forgive Nian, and Nian returned to the heaven with the old wise man.

Peace is not absence of conflicts, it is about handling conflicts by peaceful mean. Although Nian ate the villagers’ crops and animals, they finally chose to forgive it. The village became quiet and full of joy again.



Monster Nian By Eunice Chan 5B

A long time ago, there was a quiet but poor village. The villagers lived happily and harmoniously. They greeted each other every day and also helped each other when in need.

There was a horrible demon creature which lived high in the mountain. It was called Nian. It was enormous and horrifying as it had sharp horns and razor-sharp teeth. It looked like a lion. It would devour crops, gobble up livestock and any child it found would disappear.

On the day before Chinese New Year, Nian came to the village and screamed as loud as the thunder. The villagers were frightened and depressed. They ran away as fast as the wind shouted the villagers.

Therefore, some of the villagers suggested, 'How about putting some red paper on the door?' Luckily, it really worked. The red paper could scare Monster Nian away.

On the first day of Chinese New Year, some villagers lighted firecracker. Some villagers beat the drums. Some villagers hit the gongs. As a result, the frightening noise scared Nain and it cried, 'Help! Help!'

Finally, Nian ran away and got out of the village. He had butterflies in his stomach and never returned. The villagers learnt that they should be brave and be co-operative when facing difficulties.

Nowadays, Chinese people used to put red paper to decorate their houses before Chinese New Year. They believe that 'Fai Chun' bring them luck. Besides, children also get red packets as lucky money. Moreover, people always watch lion dances and fireworks to celebrate Chinese New Year.

Monster Nian (1st Draft)

Long time ago, there was a quiet village surrounded by mountains. The villagers lived happily and peacefully. They helped each other every day. The children played interesting games and studied together. However, the first day of the year was the most horrifying day to them since a monster called Nian came to the village.

One day, a monster called Nian came to the village. It ate plants and many animals. It destroyed many house, too. Monsters Nian was very horrifying.

Suddenly, a wise old man turned up at the

entrance of the village unexpectedly and shouted loudly to tell the villagers, 'Don't be frightened! I am here to help you. Monster Nian is afraid of red things.' The villagers said, 'Yes, we should try this way to scare Monster Nian away.'

All the villagers put red paper on the doors to scare Monsters Nian away. They also lighted firecrackers, beat the drums and hit the gongs. Monster Nian was scared of the noise and it cried loudly.

Monster Nian ran away and it never returned. Nowadays, people put red paper on the doors. Children get red pockets and people

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Many thousand years ago, there was a quiet village near the lake. It was ^{in the} morning, so all the villagers went outside to say hi to everyone. The villagers headed to go to the farm to get some wheat. The kids went outside to play, too. All the villagers lived happily and peacefully!

One day, a monster called Nian came to the village. It ate all plants and many animals. It destroyed many houses, too. Nian also drank the lake water, too. Monster Nian was full, he

was horrifying and Nian left the village.

At night, Monster Nian came back to the village again. The man shouted loudly to the villagers and said, 'Come on guys, keep going!!' They kept running back to their houses. However, the monster was too fast, so they were frightened and they ran away.

All the villagers put red paper on their doors to scare Monster Nian away. They also lighted firecrackers, beat the drums and hit the gongs. Monster Nian heard the noise, so he was scared and he cried. Monster Nian ran away and never returned.

Nowadays, villagers put red paper on their doors,

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Monster Nian (1st Draft)

Many thousand years ago, there was a quiet village. The villagers lived in the wooden huts happily and peacefully.

The villagers were living in the village joyfully until the horrifying monster, Nian, came.

He ate all the things he could see. He ate all the plants and caught the animals. The villagers

and the animals ran as quickly as they could since they were terrified. Luckily, the monster ran away

after he was full.

However, the next day, the monster came to the village at night again. Monster Nian roared loudly and destroyed the things he passed by. The villagers were fightent and ran away. They hid in the caves worriedly since they were cold and hungry.

Suddenly an old wise man said, 'Don't be scared please, I have an idea!' They all listened to the old man attentively. All the villagers took out their course and put red paper on the doors to scare Monster Nian away. They also lighted firecrackers, beat the drums loudly and hit the gongs. Monster Nian

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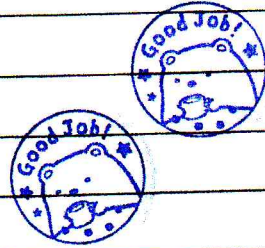
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was scared about the noise, so he cried. Monster Nian was too frightened, he ran away and never returned. Since the old man helped the villagers, they wanted to thank him. However, the old man disappeared.

Nowadays, the people put red paper on the door, children get red packets and all the people like watching lion dances and fireworks during Chinese New Year.



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(Book 5A) Unit 2 Writing: Monster Nian

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Once upon a time, there was a small but peaceful village in a deep forest. People had been living a quiet life and everything went quiet well. One day, on the first day of one year, a monster came to the village. His name was Nian.

He ate the village's plants and animals. Since the people were afraid, some of them ran away and some of them hid themselves inside their house.

The villagers saw Monster Nian. After that, the villagers shouted, 'Ahh! Ahh! Ahh! Help! Help!' The villagers ran fast. They were anxious and worried. That was the most horrifying thing they saw. However, Nian had already come to the village house. Nian shouted loudly because he wanted to horrify the villagers.

One day, the villagers had an idea. They put red paper on the doors and lighted firecrackers, beat the drums and hit the gongs to scare Monster Nian away. When Monster Nian saw that, he screamed

loudly. He shouted, 'No! I hate red.' He ran away. The villagers laughed at him. They felt happy.



Finally, Monster Nian never came to the village and didn't annoy the villagers anymore. However, the villagers were still nervous. They learnt that they need to be brave.