

**1st term      Unit 2      Monster Nian**

A long time ago, there was a quiet but poor village called Peace Village. It was located in China. The villagers lived harmoniously and peacefully there. They greeted and helped each other who were in need. One day, their lives changed ... There was a horrifying monster named Nian which lived high in the mountain. It had razor-sharp teeth, enormous claws and a large mouth. It always ate plants and animals for its dinner.

One night, Monster Nian came to the village again. He said, 'I think those villagers are delicious, I need to eat all of them for my dinner,' He roared very loudly. A villager heard it, and they were frightened. One of the villagers screamed, 'I could hear the monster roaring, we must run quickly to the top of the mountain!' All the villagers ran as fast as they could to the top of the mountain!' All the villagers ran as fast as they could to the top of the mountain. A boy asked, 'I am so scared! Are we going to die?' 'Um... I don't know, let's run faster now!' His mother said. While the villagers ran to the top of the mountain, a wise old man appeared unexpectedly and reminded the villagers, 'Don't worry! I am here to save all of you!' 'How can you save us? Nian is very horrifying,' a villager asked. 'I know Monster Nian hates red paper and noisy sound. If we stick some red paper and wear red clothes, it can scare Nian away!' A wise man replied. Some of the villagers promised the wise old man, but some of them didn't listen to him. They said, 'Don't be silly!'

When the next New Year came, some villagers stuck red papers out of their houses and wore red clothes. When Monster Nian came, all the villagers immediately ran into their houses and locked their windows. Monster Nian saw the red papers, he was very scared and said, 'Take them away! I don't like red papers!' When he ran away, some brave villagers ran out of their houses and lighted firecrackers, some of them beat drums. When Monster Nian heard those noisy sounds, he was very frightened and screamed loudly, 'Help me! Help me! Take them away! I promise not to eat the villagers again! Please ... Please take them away!' The villagers heard that, and they were very happy and let Monster Nian go away. He never returned to the village again.

Nowadays, Chinese people stick red papers to decorate their houses during Chinese New Year. Children also can get red packets from the adults. Moreover, people watch lion dances and fireworks to celebrate Chinese New Year.

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Once upon a time, there was a monster who lived near the mountains called Nian. It looked like a fat, yellow, dumpy dragon with a large bloody mouth and curly, messy, pink hair. It enjoyed eating the villagers who lived in a quiet village in China. It loved to listen to the bones cracking sounds. Everyone was afraid of it. One day, Nian ate all the crops and livestock in the fields that were very close to the village before the night of New Year. It still felt so hungry after that. Therefore, it decided to sneak into the village secretly and gobble up all the villagers, even the children, babies and elderly! 'Ha! Ha! Ha! That was such a perfect, evil plan!' Nian thought evilly and began to grin, 'Those villagers are super stupid, so they will all be eaten by me! No one will be alive at the end.' It was very proud of itself.

At night, the silvery moon beamed down. Some stars were shining in the dark night. The villagers were all working hard. Everything happened in a flash, a six-year-old little boy ran to the village and rushed to the village head's office at once. 'Ah! There was a big monster in the fields! It has sharp teeth and an ugly face!' The boy screamed with a shivering body. 'A monster?' the village head yelled at the boy, 'There aren't any monsters in this world! This is not a magical world, this is a real world! Don't tell lies next time, or you will be punished!' The village head didn't believe in the boy and continued his work. 'Roar! Wow! How delicious does the dinner look like? Yummy!' Nian came with a hungry tummy! 'Run! Run! Quick!' The village head shouted. Some of the villagers followed the village head and ran away while Nian

was looking for yummy food. Most of the villagers locked their houses dead. 'Are...we going to die?' A young girl asked her father gloomily. 'Um...I don't know, daughter but maybe...'

Her father replied and hugged her daughter very tight. All of a sudden, an old man who wore a simple, red tunic and had grey, long hair came to the village with an old wooden stick slowly. 'Excuse me, lady, could you please let me stay in your house for one night?' The old man asked a granny gently. 'Of course! Why not?' The old lady replied. 'Thank you for your kindness! Now, call your neighbours to your house. I will tell all of them how to scare away Nian.' The old man told the old lady. She followed what the old man said and called all the neighbours in a fast speech. 'No worries,' said the old man, 'I will tell you how to scare Nian away. You know what? It is afraid of the colour red and the sound of gongs, firecrackers and drums. You need to glue the red couplets on the doors and windows. You also need to turn on the bright lights at home. When Nian comes, we hit the gongs, beat the drums and light the firecrackers. What do you think about this plan?' the villagers nodded. After that, they prepared all the things immediately. 'Roar!' Nian had come! 'Ah! Horrible red and lights!' It shivered. The villagers turned up surprisingly and hit the gongs, beat the drums and lit the firecrackers. 'Ah! Very loud! Very loud!' Nian screamed fearfully and ran back to the forest.

'Hurray! Hurray! Hurray Nian went back to the forest! The villagers cheered happily. 'Thank you very much, wise old man.' The granny thanked the old man. 'You're welcome!' The old man said with a smiling face. At present, hitting the gongs, beating the drums and lighting the firecrackers have become Chinese New Year's traditions. Everyone lives happily and doesn't need to worry about Nian anymore.

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Long time ago, there was a quiet village. The villagers lived joyfully and gleefully every day. Until a ferocious monster named Nian with sharp teeth and horns appeared. Secluding itself in the dark sea for a long time, the beast went onshore by the end of the lunar year. It went to a quiet village and hunted the people and animals. Therefore, every time before New Year's Eve, one of the 'villagers screamed, 'Shut the doors and windows!' 'Faster! Nian is coming!' Another villager said frightenedly. However, one night, everything changed...

Suddenly, the village welcomed a strange old man with silver hair. He was a beggar in old clothes. When he asked if anyone was willing to offer him a place to stay. The villagers were too concerned with protecting themselves that they paid no attention to the old man.

When the old man went to the east of the village, an old woman gave him some food and explained why everyone was in such a panic. She pleaded with the beggar to leave as soon as possible or else he might suffer a terrible fate. He requested that if the old woman could offer him a place to stay for a night, he would reward her by banishing the evil creature. Not convinced, the old woman continued to plead with the man. Since the old woman feared Nian, she had no choice but she had to agree to his proposal.

One midnight, the village remained completely silent and dark. However, this year there was something different. At one end of the village, Nian could see lights in the distance. Approaching cautiously, Nian drew closer to the houses. When Nian arrived, it found the house of an old woman. It was covered by red paper. A bright light was coming out from inside. Nian began to growl in fear. Enraged by such unusual things, Nian rushed to the front door but was met by some flashes, stopping Nian in its tracks. Through the smoke, an old man was beating a drum loudly. 'Help! Please stop!' Nian begged. Overcome with fear, Nian fled away through the dark night.

The villagers were shocked that Nian never returned after the old woman and the old man banished it. They explained what Nian hated or was afraid of red things, fireworks and the noise of the drum.

Now, people put red paper on doors and walls at Chinese New Year. People light fireworks and beat the drums to banish evil spirits and even Nian, just in case it was still here.

P.5 (B) Name: Tam Lik Ka, Shiny (20) Unit 2 Writing task

Writing a myth about Chinese New Year in 80-120 words.

Once upon a time, there was a quiet village where the villagers lived cheerfully and happily.

There was a horrifying and ugly monster called Nian. It lived in the mountain. It was enormous and rightening. It ate plants and animals.

Every new year's night, the monster came to the village. One day, Nian entered the village and screamed as loud as the thunder. The villagers were afraid and worried. They ran away as fast as they could. However, a wise old man suddenly appeared and reminded the villagers, 'Don't be afraid! I come to the village to save you! Nian is afraid of noise, light and colour red. You should put up red papers, light the firecrackers and beat the drums. Nian will never come back to the village.'

The villagers put the red paper on their doors to scare the monster Nian away. They also lit firecrackers, beat the drums and hit the gongs. The noise frightened Nian.

Finally, the villagers learnt that they should be brave and co-operative when facing difficulties.

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Write a myth about Chinese New Year in 80-120 words.

The beginning



a quiet village / villagers lived  
happily / peacefully

Once upon a time, there was a quiet and wealthy  
village. The villagers lived harmoniously and freely. They fed  
vegetables to feed the animals. However, the bad things started  
very soon.

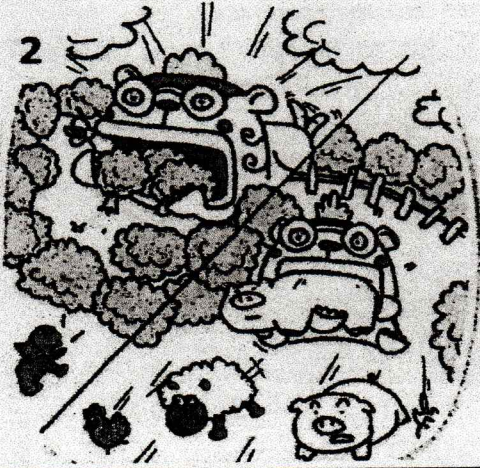


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**The build-up**



Monster Nian / ate plants  
and animals / horrifying

Up in the mountain, there was a horrifying monster called

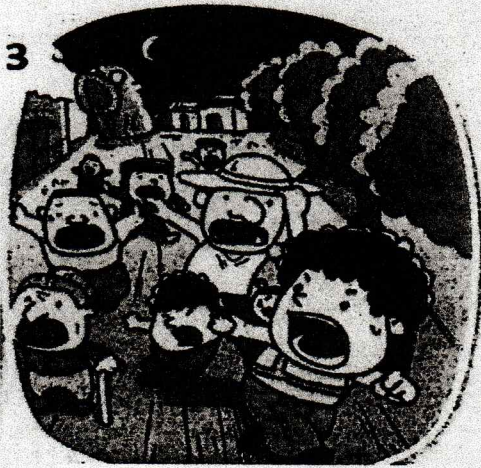
Nian. The monster ate plants, naughty children, animals and

even people's houses for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Nian was

terrifying and gigantic

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The problem

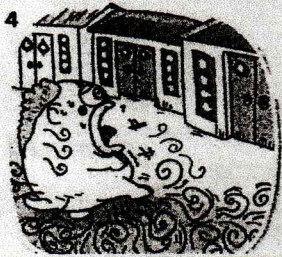


came to the village / shouted  
loudly / villagers / frightened  
/ ran away

*Nian*

On the New Year Eve, the monster entered the village  
and shouted loudly, 'Wow! Lots of people! They can be my  
dinner. I am very hungry!' The villagers were frightened and  
worried. They ran away as fast as they could.

The resolution



put red paper on the doors / to scare Monster Nian away

/ suggested



also lighted firecrackers / beat the drums / hit the gongs / noise / scared / cried

An old man <sup>4</sup> said, Nian has a weakness. He was scared of red colour things. So we <sup>5</sup> could <sup>(T)</sup> stuck red paper, <sup>(T)</sup> lighted firecrackers, beat the drums and hit the gongs. <sup>(P)</sup>

Nian is coming! Nian is coming! <sup>3</sup> The villagers beat the drum to make noises and started <sup>lighting</sup> opened the firecrackers. The noises made <sup>The ending</sup> Nian scared and <sup>(frightened)</sup>

\* panicky / terrified



Nian / ran away / never returned / Nowadays / people put red paper on... / children get red packets / watch lion dances and fireworks

good!

for we said to the man, <sup>6</sup> Thanks, you \* your idea. Nian was not here. Hurray!  
Finally, Nian ran away and disappeared. Nowadays, people put red

paper on the windows. The children get red packets and watch lion dances and fireworks. People learnt to be brave and

P.5 (B/C/D) Name: Shin Sze Ching, Dorothy (20) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Write a myth about Chinese New Year in 80-120 words.

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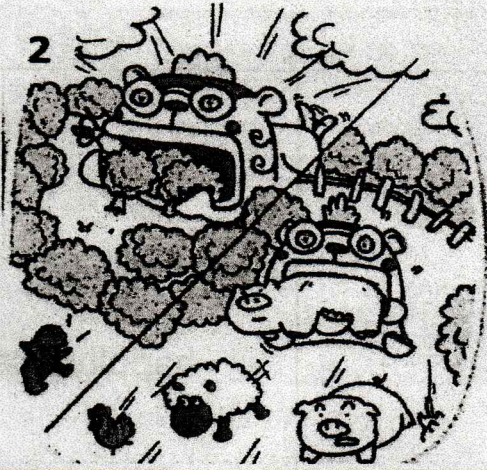


a quiet village / villagers lived happily / peacefully

A long time ago, there was a quiet and beautiful village. The village  
fed animals and grew vegetables. They lived cheerfully and harmoniously. However,  
They did not know there <sup>would be (sp)</sup> something horrible would happen.

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The build-up



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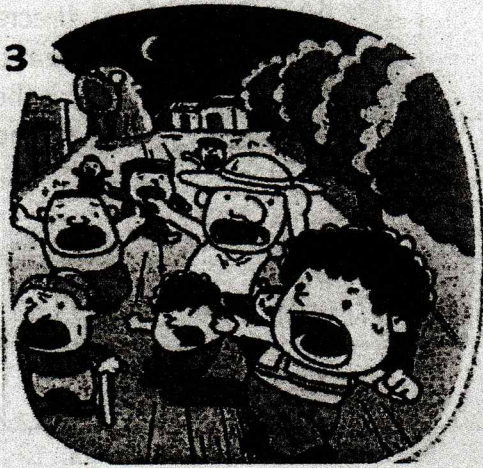
Up in the mountain, there was a monster called Nian. It was

<sup>(sp)</sup> always hungry. It ate plants, animals <sup>and</sup> even humans and houses all the time.

It was <sup>★</sup> enormous and terrifying.

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**The problem**



came to the village / shouted  
 loudly / villagers / frightened  
 / ran away

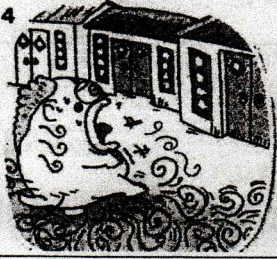
One New Year Eve, the monster Nian showed up in the village and shouted

loudly, "I'm hungry, come to be my dinner!" Then he sucked many villagers in his huge

(sp) mounth! The villagers were frightened and depressed. They screamed, "Help! Get out

of the village." They ran away as fast as they could.

**The resolution**



put red paper on the doors / to scare Monster Nian away



also lighted firecrackers / beat the drums / hit the gongs / noise / scared / cried

Suddenly, there was <sup>A</sup> an old man came to the village. <sup>P</sup> He said "Don't be afraid, I

have an idea to <sup>(sp)</sup> scare Nian away!" The old man told the villagers to put red papers on

the doors and walls. It was scared and angry. It <sup>good!</sup> growled loudly. They also lighted firecrackers,

beat the drums and hit <sup>(sp)</sup> the gongs. The red colour and the noise made Nian scared. <sup>It</sup> Nian cried, "This

village is too <sup>scary</sup> scary! I'll never <sup>(T)</sup> come back here again! Finally, Nian ran away. The villagers were <sup>star</sup> overjoyed and thanked the old man.

**The ending**



Nian / ran away / never returned / Nowadays / people put red paper on... / children get red packets / watch lion dances and fireworks

<sup>(sp)</sup> Nowadays, people do the same things as custom. People learnt to be <sup>lion dances and fireworks</sup> brave and be cooperative when facing difficulties.

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Write a myth about Chinese New Year in 80-120 words.

The beginning



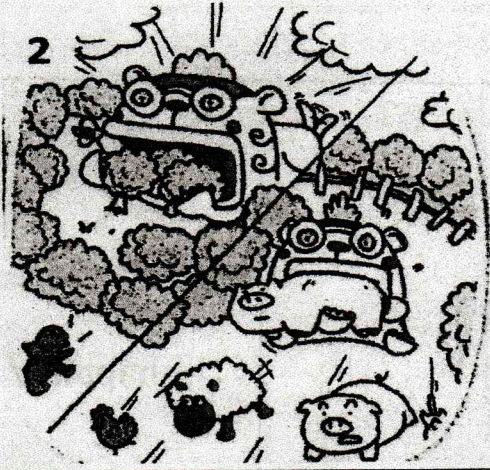
a quiet village / villagers lived happily / peacefully

Once upon a time, there was a quiet wealthy village. The villagers lived pleasantly and freely. However, they did not know <sup>there was</sup> ~~but~~ a monster which ate lot of animals and ~~grew~~ vegetables. ✓



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The build-up

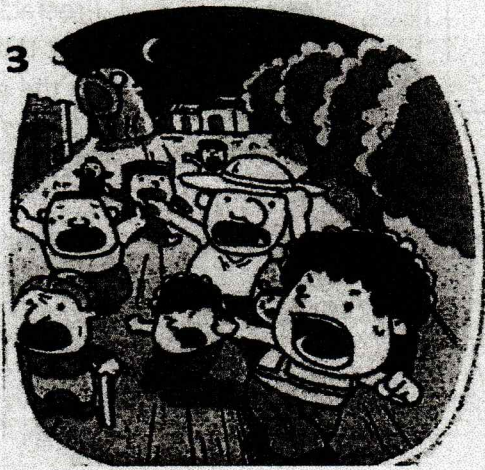


Monster Nian / ate plants  
and animals / horrifying

There was a monster named Nian. It lived  
in the mountain. It loved eating plants and animals  
for lunch and dinner. It was ugly and horrifying.

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The problem



came to the village / shouted  
 loudly / villagers / frightened  
 / ran away

Nian

One New Year's Eve, the monster came to

the village and shouted loudly. 'Come here, I am very hungry.'

Then he ate a lot of children <sup>for</sup> <sub>(prep)</sub> to his dinner. The villagers were

frightened and depressed. They ran away as fast as they

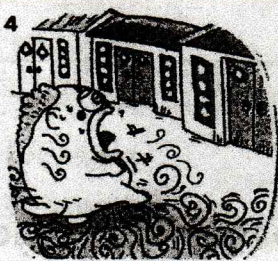
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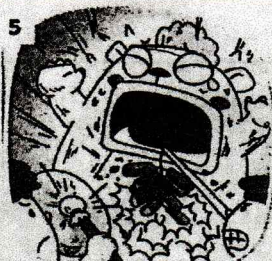
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The resolution



put red paper on the doors / to scare Monster Nian away



also lighted firecrackers / beat the drums / hit the gongs / noise / scared / cried

<sup>(p)</sup> Suddenly <sup>(p)</sup> a smart old man suddenly appeared, <sup>and</sup> said to the villagers <sup>(p)</sup> "Don't

be afraid. We can put red paper on the door. We can <sup>(p)</sup> also light

firecrackers, beat the drums and hit the gongs to scare Nian <sup>away</sup>

Then the villagers put all the <sup>things that scared Nian away</sup> Alien scar thing. Nian

cried <sup>(p)</sup> <sup>The</sup> the red colour and the noise <sup>are</sup> is <sup>(sp)</sup> to <sup>scary</sup> scar. I <sup>will</sup> never come <sup>(p)</sup> back to this village. Nian ran away as fast <sup>(sp)</sup> as he could.

The ending



Nian / ran away / never returned / Nowadays / people put red paper on... / children get red packets / watch lion dances and fireworks

<sup>(sp)</sup> flee away / escaped

Finally <sup>(p)</sup> Nian ran away <sup>(sp)</sup> and never came to hurt people <sup>in the village</sup>

They felt happily. Nowadays, people do the same things as custom

during every Chinese New Year <sup>(sp)</sup> <sup>(sp)</sup> people <sup>(sp)</sup> learnt to be brave

and co-operative to deal <sup>(sp)</sup> with difficult.