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Spring Festivals -1

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Spring Festivals -2

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Question Sheet

Text Number		
"What is the name of the festival?"		
"Which people celebrate this festival?"		
"When is it?"		
"How long does it last?"		
"What do people do?"		
"What kind of festival is it?"		

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Festivals – complete texts

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