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Evaluate and Draw Conclusions

Evaluating information means deciding if a source is reliable. To be reliable, it must be factual, complete, and up-to-date. To **draw conclusions**, think about what you learned from the source and tell what it means or shows.

Directions Read this section from a nonfiction book called *Festivals Around the World*. Then answer the questions below.

Chinese New Year

Since ancient times, Chinese people have been celebrating the start of the new year. In China, this event is known as the Spring Festival. It celebrates the beginning of a new growing season.

The party begins on New Year's Eve. After a family dinner, most people stay up until midnight. At that time, firecrackers are lit. A parade of dancers and drummers marches through the streets. At the front is a large cloth dragon chasing a ball that represents the sun. This festival takes place in China and in cities around the world where Chinese people live.

1. Why is this a reliable source for information about the Chinese New Year?

It is a nonfiction book about festivals around the world.

2. Do you think this information is up-to-date? Explain.

Possible response: probably—the celebration is ancient

3. What kind of information does this passage tell about the Chinese New Year?

It tells why Chinese New Year is celebrated and what happens at the festival.

4. Is this an important Chinese festival? Explain.

Possible response: Yes, the growing season is important.



Home Activity Your child evaluated the information in a passage and used it to draw conclusions. Ask your child to explain why some sources are more reliable than others.