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Goodies

Under the full moon

THE Mid-Autumn Festival is coming again! Are you ready to eat mooncakes, play with lanterns and have a family reunion? This year, it is in October instead of September. See how different Asian countries celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival!

That's a big slice of mooncake.

Of course! I've got a big mouth!

Editor's Note

Hi! Hong Kong homes are so small that you have to be responsible and tidy up your toys so that you can move around. My daughter has many toys and I have to tell her to put them away when she has finished playing with them. I particularly do not like it when she does not put away her Lego bricks because stepping on them is painful! What you must not do is expect your parents or domestic helper to tidy up your toys. That is just being lazy and selfish. Stevie can be like that sometimes. Turn to G10 to see what happens when he refuses to tidy up his room.



Simon



Lunar food and fun

MID-AUTUMN Festival began in China thousands of years ago, but it also spread to other Asian countries. Each country has its own moon festival **rituals** in addition to the **traditions** that all these countries share, such as families coming together.

China

IN China, we **celebrate** by eating mooncakes, while kids play with lanterns. In the past, lanterns were lit by candles, but now they have small electric lights. People used to only eat traditional mooncakes with **lotus** seed paste and salted egg yolk, but today we can buy 'snowskin' ones with different types of fillings.



Japan (日本)

THE Japanese call Mid-Autumn Festival 'The Fifteenth Night'. It is one of the few traditional festivals that is still **calculated** using a lunar calendar. Instead of eating mooncakes, they eat *tsukimi dango* – moon-watching dumplings.



More for Big Dee!



South Korea (南韓)

IN South Korea, Mid-Autumn Festival is a big holiday. In addition to **admiring** the full moon, Koreans also meet up with their family and visit the graves of their late relatives. They also give gifts to their family. This is why the holiday is also called 'Korean Thanksgiving'.



Only us adults like the traditional ones.



Different tastes

WHY not try other mooncake fillings if you do not like lotus seed paste. You can try nuts and ham, black sesame, taro, red bean, coconut, green tea, custard cream, chocolate or cream cheese. And if you are really adventurous, try durian mooncakes!



In Chinese legend, who lives on the moon with Chang'e?

- A. The Jade Rabbit
- B. Piggy
- C. The Monkey King

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