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Vocabulary

above

eight

laugh

moon

touch

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It was the day of the Moon Festival.
Mai's whole family was coming
for dinner.

"Did you get moon cakes?"
Mai asked.

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"I want moon cakes," cried Mai.
"We have eight moon cakes,"
said Mother. "But it's wrong
to touch them now. We must make
dinner first."



"We'll tie lights above us like more
moons," said Mother. "We will say
thank you for all we have."
"I will say thank you for moon cakes,"
thought Mai.





The family ate dinner together.
Grandfather told the story about a lady
who lived in the moon.
“We can each make a wish,” he said.



Mai looked at the moon cakes.
She made the same wish she had
made all day. Then she gave a happy
laugh. She knew her wish would soon
come true!





Moon Cakes and the Moon Festival

Read Together

The Chinese Moon Festival is a little like Thanksgiving. It is celebrated at the end of the harvest season. On this day, Chinese families gather together. They tell the story about a lady who lived in the moon. They give each other small, round moon cakes. Some moon cakes have a yellow egg yolk in the middle. The yolk looks like a bright, full moon!



Think and Share

Read Together

1. Could this story happen in real life? Tell why you think as you do.
2. You read about the Moon Festival. If you did not know what the Moon Festival is, how could you find out more about it?
3. Mai gives a happy laugh after she makes her wish. Show how you laugh when you are happy.
4. Use a diagram like the one below to show how Moon Festival and Thanksgiving are alike and different.

