

Winter celebrations read and respond

Read the four cards. Then answer the questions.

1 Read about four winter celebrations.



Hanukkah

A Jewish festival of lights that lasts **eight nights**, usually in December. Each night, families light one more candle on a menorah and eat foods fried in oil, like latkes.



Christmas

A Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus, on **December 25**. Many families decorate a tree with lights, share a big meal and give gifts.



Kwanzaa

A celebration of African heritage, family and community, from **December 26 to January 1**. Families light **seven candles** on a kinara, one for each of seven principles.



Lunar New Year

The start of a new year on the lunar calendar, in **January or February**. Families with roots in China, Korea, Vietnam and other places share big meals and hang red lanterns.

2 Answer from the cards.

1. Which celebration lasts eight nights?

2. How many candles are on a kinara?

3. When is Lunar New Year?

4. Which two celebrations light candles?

3 Think and write.

5. Write one way these celebrations are alike.

6. Tell about a winter tradition you have or want to learn about.
