

buy new  
clothes

贴窗花 tiē  
chuāng huā

celebrate the  
Chinese New year

过年 guò nián

celebrate the  
Lantern Festival

过元宵节 guò yuán  
xiāo jié  
/闹元宵 nào yuán xiāo

decorate  
one's house

装饰房子 zhuāng  
shì fáng zǐ

dragon  
dancing

舞龙 wǔ lóng

eat tāng yuán  
/eat yuán xiāo

吃汤圆 chī tāng yuán  
/吃元宵 chī yuán xiāo

eat the New  
Year's Eve family  
reunion dinner

吃年饭 chī nián  
fàn

give out red  
envelope with  
money

发红包 fā hóng bāo  
/给红包 gěi hóng bāo

guess riddles

猜灯谜 cāi  
dēng mí

lion dancing

舞狮 wǔ shī

make  
dumplings

包饺子 bāo jiǎo  
zi

make new  
year rice cakes

做年糕 zuò nián  
gāo

make  
steamed buns

蒸馒头 zhēng  
mán tou

make tofu

做豆腐 zuò dòu  
fu

paste couplets  
on doors

贴春联 tiē chūn lián  
/贴对联 tiē duì lián

paste New Year  
paintings on walls

贴年画tiē nián  
huà

paste paper cut  
on windows

贴窗花tiē  
chuāng huā

paste the Chinese  
character fú

贴福字tiē fú zì

paste the paintings  
of gate gods on one's  
door

贴门神tiē mén  
shén

purchase food and  
other stuff for Spring  
Festival

买年货mǎi nián huò  
/办年货bàn nián huò

sacrifice to the  
stove god  
officially

祭灶神 jì zào  
shén

set off  
firecrackers

放鞭炮 fàng biān pào  
/ 放炮竹 fàng pào zhú

Spring  
Festival

春节 chūn jié

thoroughly clean  
one's house

扫房子 sǎo fáng zi  
/ 大扫除 dà sǎo  
chú

visit and greet  
relatives and  
friends

拜年 bài nián