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He is so homely, not at all as handsome as his brother.

根据“not at all handsome”可以猜测出homely的意思是not handsome

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Dragon stands for China and we are all descendants of the dragon (龙的传人).

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Lantern Festival (农历正月十五)

Tomb-sweeping Day (4月5日)

Dragon Boat Festival (农历五月初五)

Mid-Autumn Day (农历八月十五)

Double-ninth Day (农历九月初九)

New Year's Eve (农历十二月三十日)

Post reading

1. Do you know any western traditional holidays?



Western traditional holidays

Valentine's Day (西方情人节: 2月24日)

April Fool's Day (愚人节: 4月1日)

Easter

(复活节: 春分月圆后的第一个星期日, 3月21-5月25日之间。今年4月12日)

Mother's Day (5月的第二个星期日)

Father's Day (6月的第三个星期日)

Halloween (万圣节前夕, 10月31日晚)

Thanksgiving Day (11月的第四个星期四)

Christmas Eve (12月24日)

Christmas Day (12月25日)

Make a poster

Choose a Chinese traditional holiday to talk about and make a poster. If you know the legend (传说故事) of the holiday, write it in your poster. And don't forget to stick some pictures on your poster.

It should include:

What day does it fall on?

How do people celebrate it?

How do you like it?

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