

## READING RACE

**Aim:** Give Ss practice scanning a text for specific information.

**Preparation:** Make one copy of the worksheet for every two Ss. Cut the copies in half. Make copies of the Reading on page 55 to be hung on a classroom wall.

**Comment:** Use with the Reading on page 55.

- Give each S a worksheet. Ss read the questions.
- Explain the task. On the word “Go,” Ss go to the Reading texts hanging on the classroom walls and scan the text to find the answers. Then Ss return to their places and write the answers on the worksheet. The S with the most correct answers wins.
- Model the task. Then Ss complete the task. Set a time limit of ten minutes.
- Ss read the text to check their answers.
- **Option:** Have Ss compare their answers in pairs for extra speaking practice.

### Answers

1. to make good luck enter the house and bad luck leave
2. Spain and Mexico
3. Brazil and China
4. Because colors have meaning./Because white is for peace, yellow might mean success, and red means love is in the air.
5. it brings good luck
6. red envelopes with money
7. a dummy (filled with sawdust, newspaper, or old clothes)
8. Ecuador
9. Germany
10. Nobody knows!

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2. In what two countries do people eat 12 grapes on New Year's Eve?
3. What countries have New Year's traditions that relate to color?
4. Why do Brazilians choose their clothes carefully on New Year's Eve?
5. What do the Chinese believe about the color red?
6. What do Chinese people give to friends and family on New Year's Eve?
7. What do people destroy on New Year's Eve in Colombia?
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