



LET'S EXPLORE!

LUNAR NEW YEAR

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Happy Lunar New Year!

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Xīn Nián Kuài Lè!

Lunar New Year is one of the most celebrated holidays in the world. It's a magical time filled with lion dances, firecrackers, and delicious food. This activity booklet is a glimpse into the rich culture of this festive tradition.

Have fun and let's explore!

This booklet belongs to:

Color the scene with your favorite art supplies!

















Get To Know Your Zodiac Animal

The Chinese Zodiac is a fun part of Chinese culture and a popular tale told during the Lunar New Year. According to legend, over 2,000 years ago, the Jade Emperor held a race to decide the order of twelve animals in a calendar. Each animal represents special traits that reflect the characteristics of people born in those years. People use the Zodiac to learn about themselves and others, and even to choose friends and partners!

Use the chart below to discover more about you and your loved ones:

<p>RAT</p> <p>1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020</p> <p>Quick-witted, kind, resourceful, versatile</p> 	<p>DRAGON</p> <p>1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024</p> <p>Confident, intelligent, enthusiastic, brave</p> 	<p>MONKEY</p> <p>1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016, 2028</p> <p>Sharp, smart, competitive, curiosity</p> 
<p>OX</p> <p>1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021</p> <p>Diligent, dependable, strong, determined</p> 	<p>SNAKE</p> <p>1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025</p> <p>Enigmatic, intelligent, charming, wise</p> 	<p>ROOSTER</p> <p>1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017, 2029</p> <p>Observant, hardworking, courageous, decisive</p> 
<p>TIGER</p> <p>1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022</p> <p>Brave, confident, competitive, caring</p> 	<p>HORSE</p> <p>1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026</p> <p>Animated, active, energetic, thrifty</p> 	<p>DOG</p> <p>1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018, 2030</p> <p>Lovely, honest, pays attention, prudent</p> 
<p>RABBIT</p> <p>1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023</p> <p>Quiet, elegant, responsible, kind</p> 	<p>RAM</p> <p>1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, 2027</p> <p>Calm, gentle, creative, sympathetic</p> 	<p>BOAR/PIG</p> <p>1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019, 2031</p> <p>Compassionate, generous, diligent, enthusiastic</p> 



Use the space below to write down your family members' (and your own) zodiac animals and characteristics.

NAME _____ BIRTH YEAR _____

ZODIAC ANIMAL _____

HOW ARE THEY LIKE THEIR ZODIAC ANIMAL? _____

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Zodiac Word Search

Find all the animals of the Zodiac! Words can be hidden across, down and diagonal.

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Broccoli Beef

Eggroll

Family Meal

Fortune Cookie

Honey Walnut Shrimp

Kung Pao Chicken

Orange Chicken

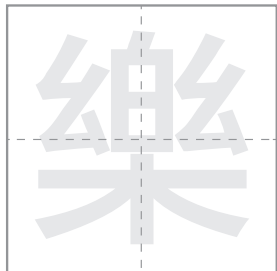
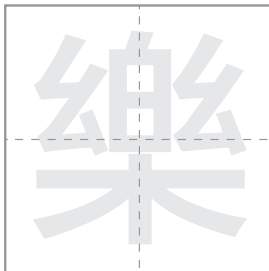
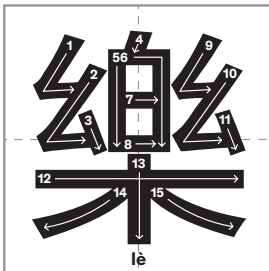
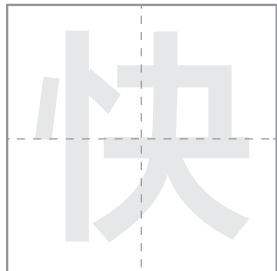
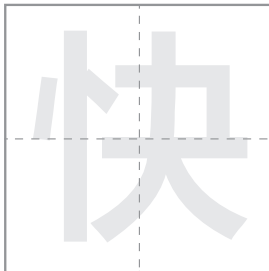
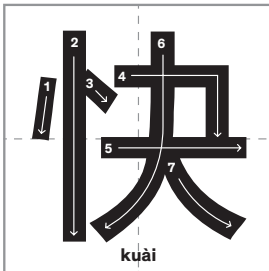
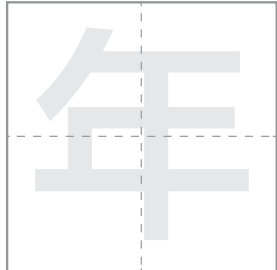
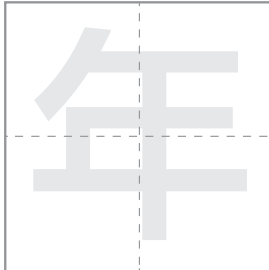
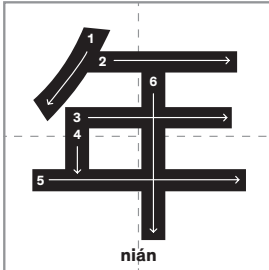
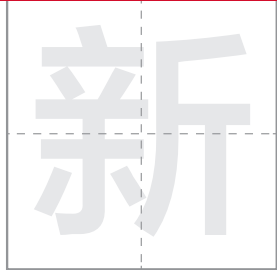
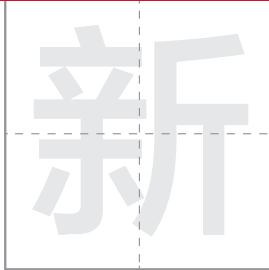
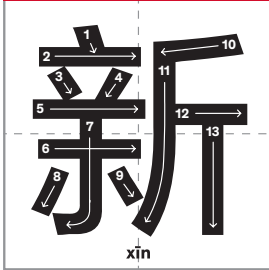
Rangoon

Teriyaki Chicken

Learn to Write Chinese

One important element to writing Chinese symbols in a specific order of strokes. Just like writing a word in English, you would never start with the last letter first. Every stroke in the symbol represents a part of the word, so its important to write each symbol in the order it was intended. For each symbol, try your hand at writing the symbol for yourself – don't forget to follow the steps.

Happy Lunar New Year!



Lunar New Year Crossword

Read the clues below and fill in the answer!



ACROSS

2. A lucky color during Lunar New Year and symbol of good fortune
6. Symbol of wealth because they look like gold bars
7. Last animal to finish the Great Zodiac Race
9. Number of animals in zodiac cycle
12. Symbol of longevity because of the length of the strands
13. Symbol of union

DOWN

1. Lucky food that symbolizes happiness because the Chinese word for it sounds like "smile"
3. Typically red, they're filled with lucky money
4. Fruit symbolizing prosperity and luck
5. What is considered the luckiest number in Chinese culture?
8. The zodiac animal representing 2025
10. This animal has a tradition dance during the Lunar New Year celebrations
11. The term "lunar" is referred to this object in our solar system

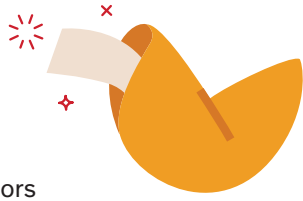
Fortune Cookie Folding Activity

Materials:

- Colored or patterned scrapbook, construction, or origami paper
- Glue or glue gun

- Scissors
- A 4-5 inch round object (like an empty & dry cup from Panda)
- Pen

Fortune cookies are a staple in American Chinese restaurants, especially Panda Express. Unlike other cookies, they have a fortune inside! When you've run out of yummy fortune cookies from Panda, why not make your own (though not as yummy) to share with family and friends? You can even stuff them with your own fortunes (see Fortune Writing Activity)!



Place your round object down on your paper and trace a circle, then cut it out.



Flip the circle over, add a dot of glue, and roll it up like shown.



Grab one of your own fortunes and slide it into the cookie, then turn the cookie so that the seam is on one side. Take the open edges, and bend them together. The center will crease and the cookie shape will form.



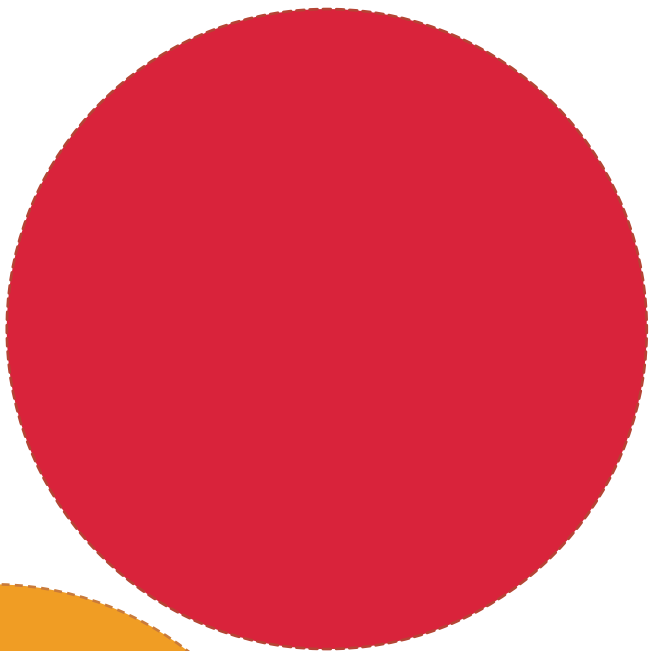
Add a dot of glue about an inch out from the center crease, and press the two halves together. It's finished and ready to share! Can you see the fortune inside? Just slide it right out to read – no need to break the cookie.



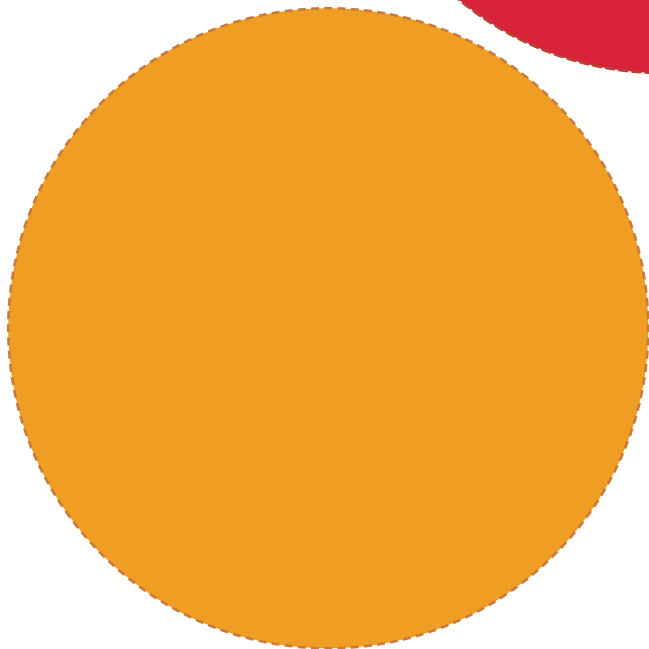
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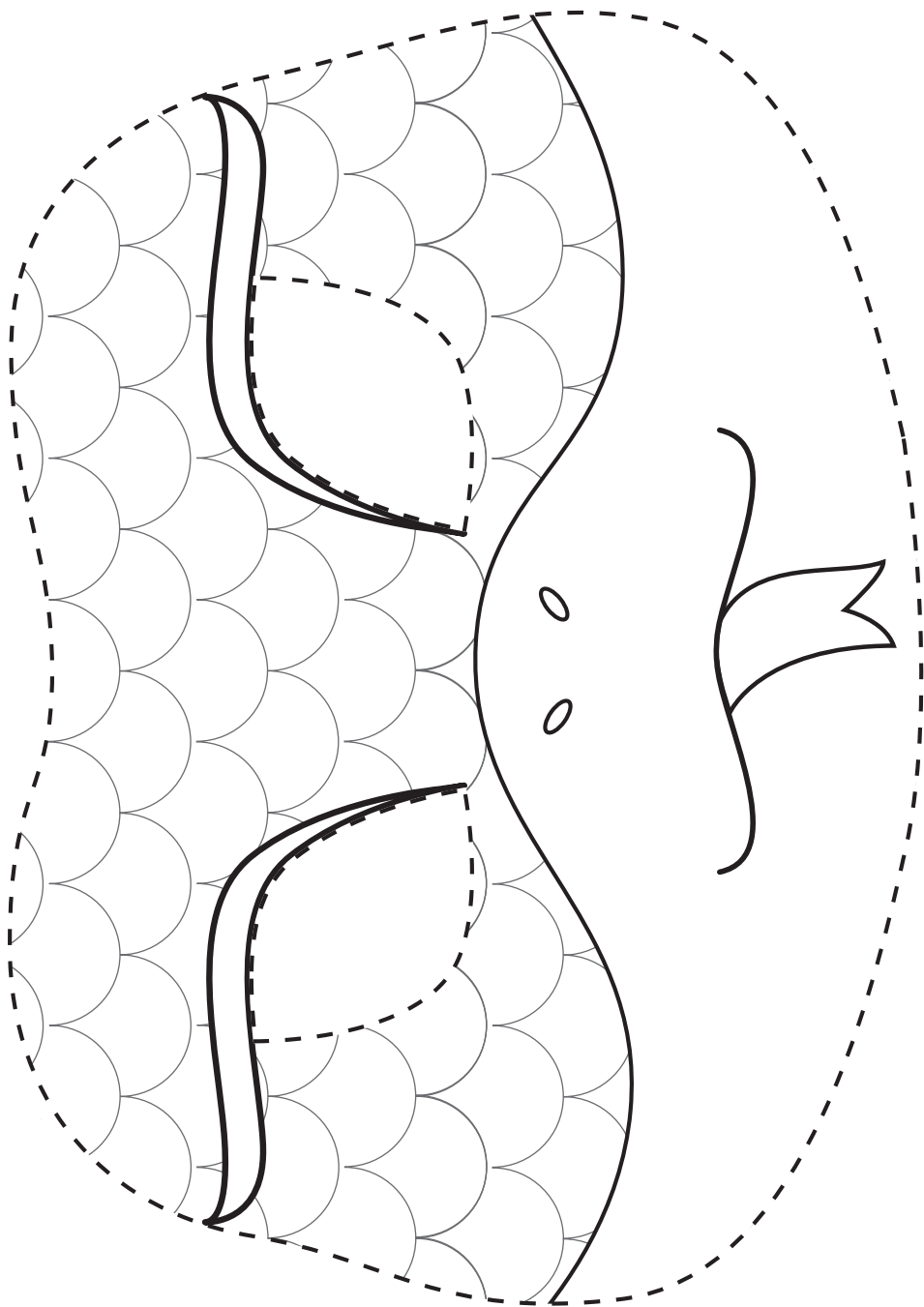


Write your fortune!



Cut the dotted lines



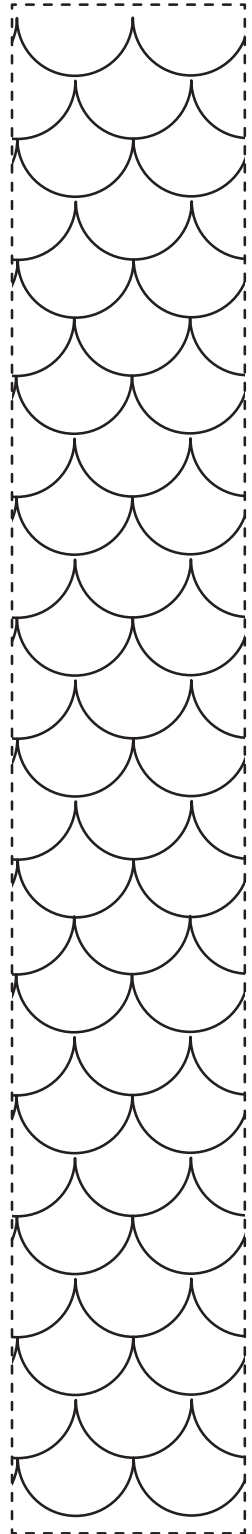
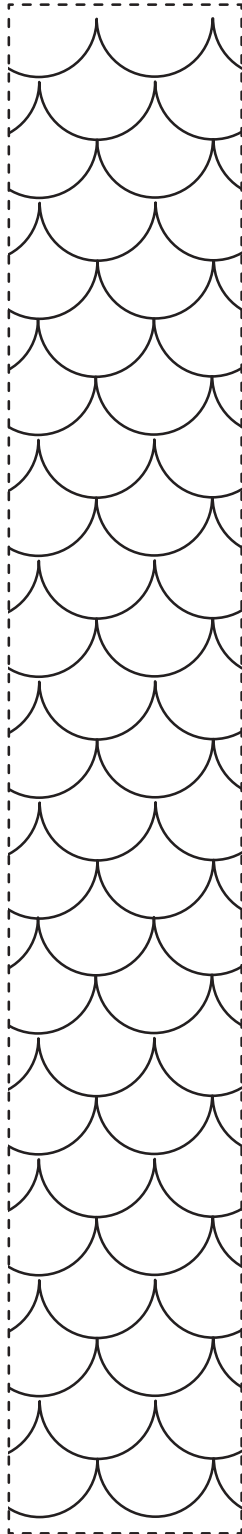


**2025 is the year of the
snake. Color and cut out
your own snake mask!**

Make a band to wear your snake mask!

Color the strap if you'd like. Then attach the end of each strip to the sides of the snake mask with glue or tape.

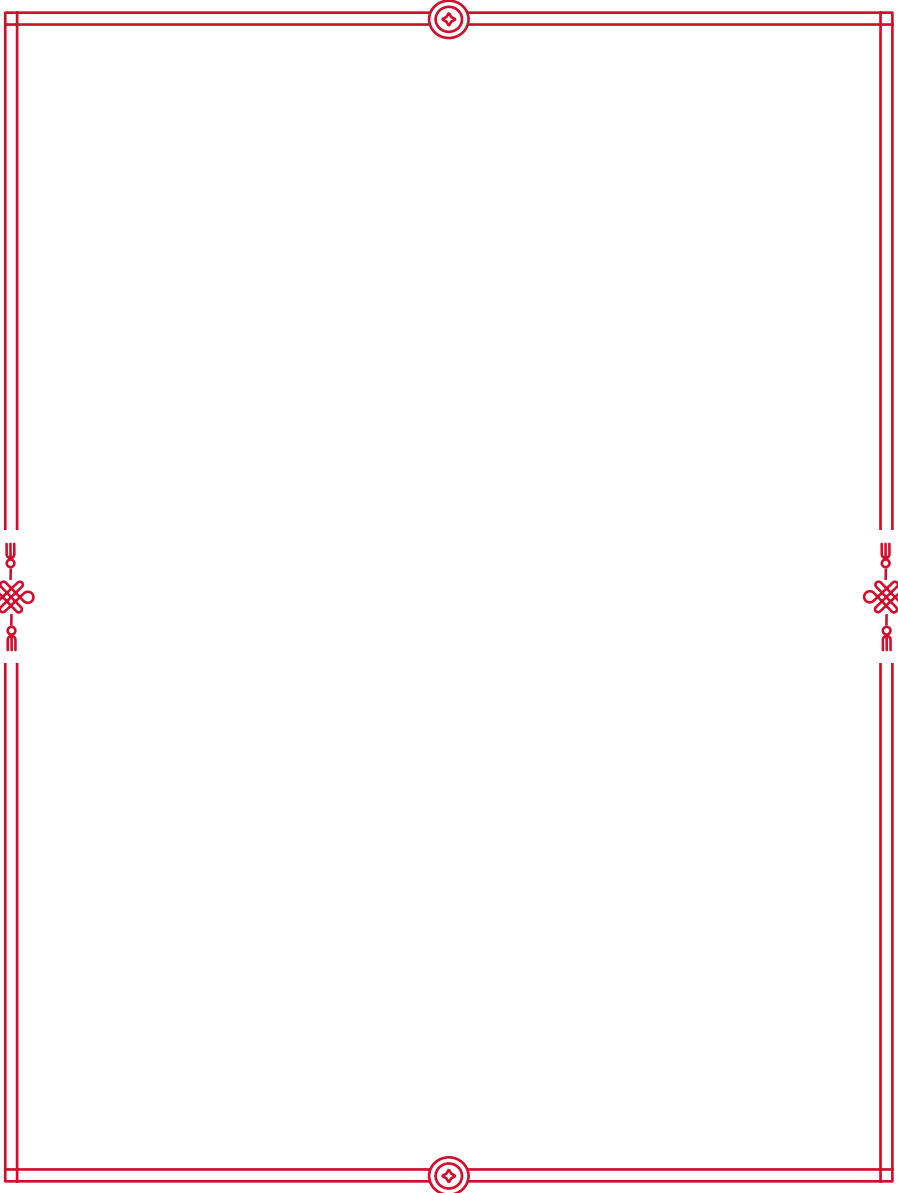
Next, adjust the strips so they fit your head and tape or glue in place.





Draw Your Own Celebration

In the space below, draw what celebration means to you. Some ideas to get you started: would you have decorations? Would you celebrate with your favorite foods? Who would be at your celebration? When you are finished with your drawing, share your celebration with your friends and family!



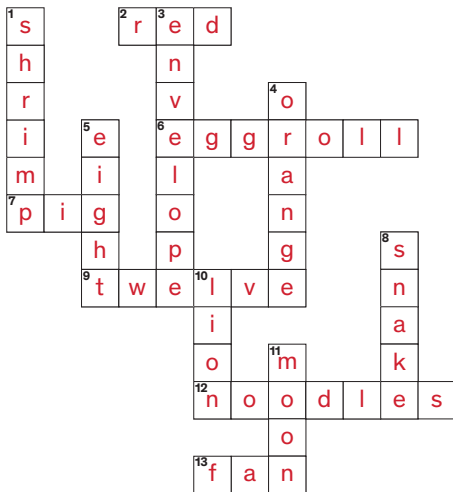
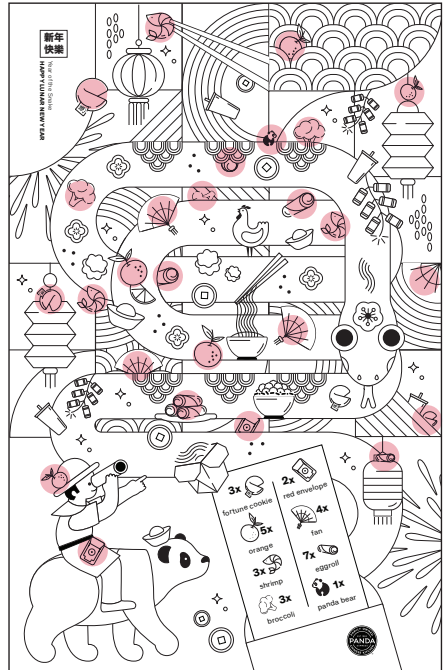
Answer Key

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ACROSS

- 2. red 6. eggroll 7. pig
- 9. twelve 12. noodles 13. fan

DOWN

- 1. shrimp 3. envelope 4. orange
- 5. eight 8. snake 10. lion 11. moon



*Wishing you and your
family good fortune and a
Happy Lunar New Year!*

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