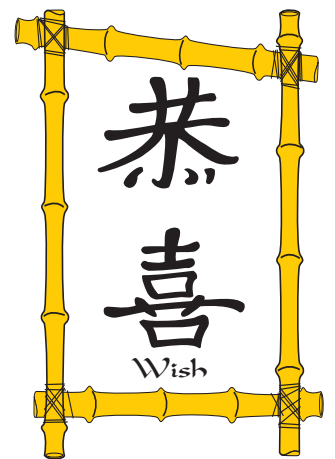




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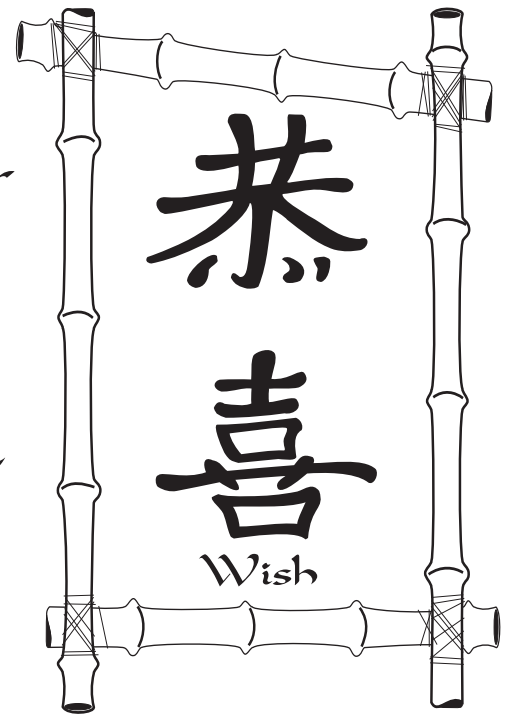
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## The Story of Chinese New Year



In China, New Year has been celebrated for over five thousand years. This celebration begins on "Little New Year", the first day of the first month of the lunar calendar, when families take down the picture of Tsao-Chun, protector of the kitchen. As firecrackers explode, his picture is burned. Legend has it that he goes to heaven, and will not return until New Year's Eve.

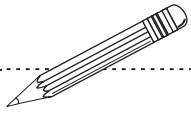
On that evening, a new picture of Tsao is hung in the kitchen - welcoming him back into the home. Families have a New Year's Eve feast together. Firecrackers explode outdoors all night.

On New Year's Day, everyone says "Bai-nien" ... "Happy New Year". People give gifts of money wrapped in red paper. Po-po dumplings are served ... some have surprises inside.

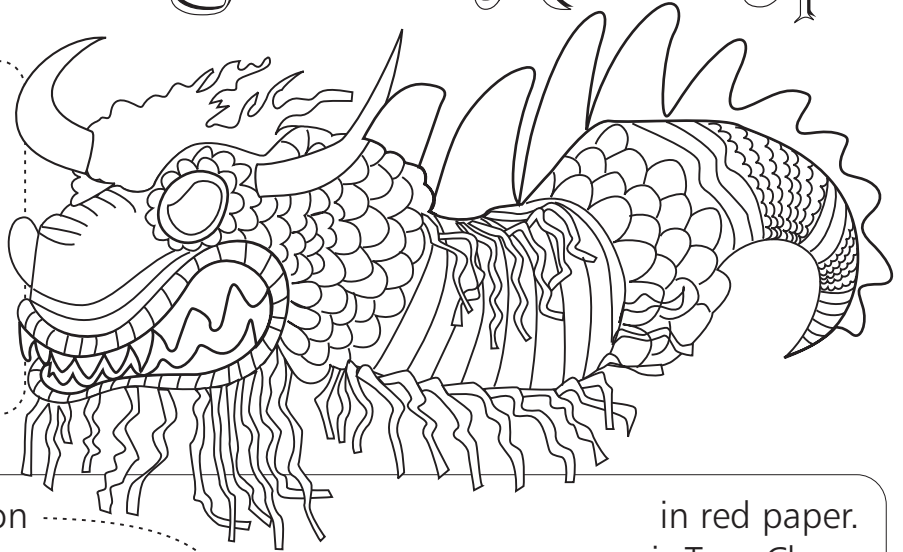
Families display their money trees - decorated with money and paper flowers on the 2nd day. The dragon dance is exciting on the 3rd day ... but he's only made of paper! The lion dance is also on this day. Men wearing a lion costume run through the streets. The 4th and 5th days of New Year are for families and friends to visit. About 10 days later is the lantern festival celebrating the first full moon of the new year. It goes on for three days. Everywhere lovely lanterns sway in the breeze. Everyone enjoys delicious sweet rice cakes ... Happy New Year!

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# Sentence Match-Up



Read the background page "The Story of Chinese New Year". Draw a line to connect the beginning of each sentence with the correct ending. Then write each whole sentence on the lines below.



- |  |       |                                  |
|--|-------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Chinese New Year begins on              | ..... | in red paper.                    |
| 2. The kitchen protector                   |       | is Tsao-Chun.                    |
| 3. Firecrackers explode                    |       | with money and paper flowers.    |
| 4. "Bai-nien" means                        |       | the 3rd day of New Year.         |
| 5. Gifts of money are wrapped              |       | ..... "Little New Year".         |
| 6. Money trees are decorated               |       | the first full moon of the year. |
| 7. The <i>dragon dance</i> is performed on |       | sweet rice cakes.                |
| 8. On the 4th and 5th days of New Year     |       | Outdoors all night long.         |
| 9. The lantern festival celebrates         |       | families and friends visit.      |
| 10. People enjoy delicious                 |       | "Happy New Year".                |

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

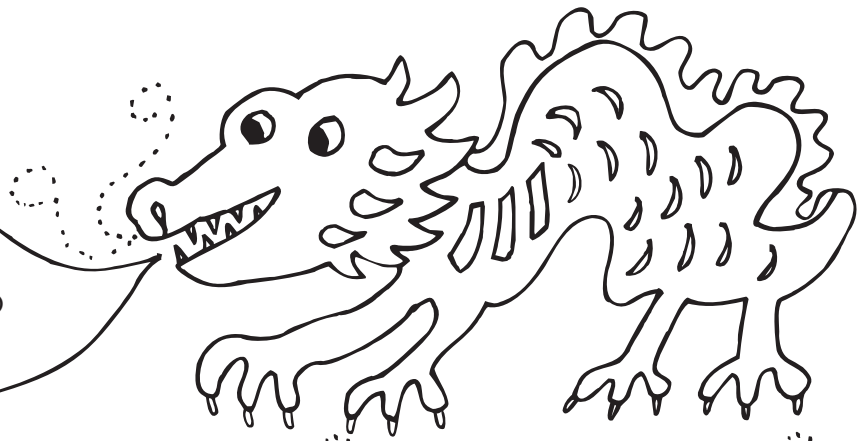
9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Chinese New Year Message

Directions: Find each matched pair on the decoder grid . . . then fill in the missing letters to discover a Chinese



Decoder Grid

	1	2	3	4	5
△	A	B	C	D	E
☆	F	G	H	I	J
□	K	L	M	N	O
○	P	Q	R	S	T
♡	U	V	W	X	Y

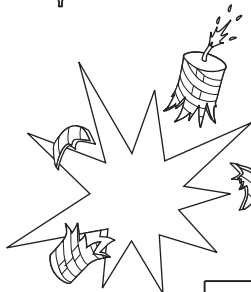
♡,3	☆,3	△,1	○,5

△,4	□,5

△,4	○,3	△,1	☆,2	□,5	□,4	○,4

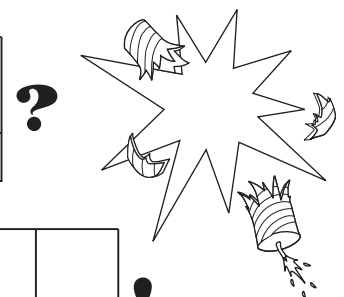
☆,3	△,1	♡,2	△,5

♡,3	☆,4	○,5	☆,3



○,5	☆,3	△,5	☆,4	○,3	

○,4	□,5	♡,1	○,1



☆,1	☆,4	○,3	△,5	△,3	○,3	△,1	△,3	□,1	△,5	○,3	○,4