

Lunar New Year

Resource Pack


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Lunar New Year

Use the Voice Comment Tool  to provide a brief description of this festival.

Use the Media Tool  to insert an image of the festival.

Use the Media Tool  to insert a YouTube video explaining what the festival is about.

Use the Text Tool  to provide four facts about the festival.

Use the Media Tool  to insert an image of a traditional dessert.

What is the zodiac sign for this year?

What is your Chinese zodiac?

Lunar New Year: A Time of Renewal and Celebration

Lunar New Year, also known as Spring Festival, is an important celebration in various Asian cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean communities. It marks the beginning of the lunar calendar, filled with rich traditions and symbolic meanings.

This festival, which can last up to two weeks, is a time for family reunions, honoring ancestors, and looking forward to prosperity and good fortune in the coming year. Each year is represented by one of the twelve animals in the zodiac cycle, adding unique characteristics to the festivities.

One of the most recognizable traditions of Lunar New Year is the lion dance, believed to bring good luck and scare away evil spirits. Red, symbolizing luck and happiness, is the dominant color in decorations. Families also prepare special meals, each dish symbolizing different wishes for the new year, such as longevity, prosperity, or good health.

The giving of red envelopes, or 'hongbao,' filled with money, is a custom particularly enjoyed by children, symbolizing the passing of fortune from the elders to the younger generation. Firecrackers are set off to ward off evil spirits, and the Lantern Festival, featuring beautiful lantern displays, marks the end of the Lunar New Year celebrations.

Despite regional differences in customs, Lunar New Year is a time for families to come together and hope for a bright and prosperous future.

Questions:

1. What is another name for Lunar New Year?

2. How long does the Lunar New Year celebration last?

3. What animal is used to represent each year in the Lunar New Year?

4. What does the lion dance symbolize?

5. Why is red an important color in Lunar New Year celebrations?

6. What is the significance of the dishes prepared during Lunar New Year?

7. What does giving 'hongbao' signify?

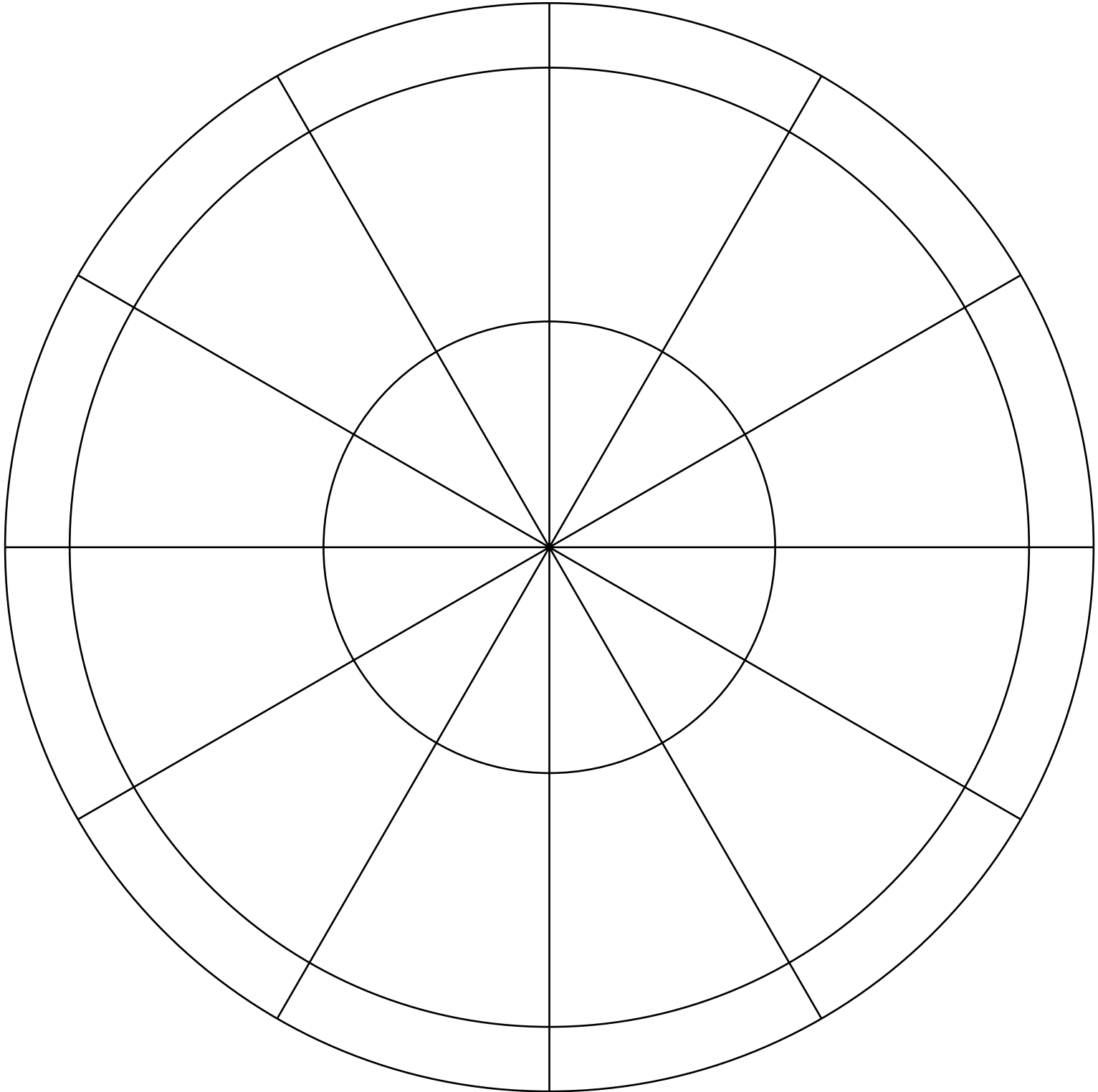
8. Why are firecrackers used during Lunar New Year?

9. What event marks the end of the Lunar New Year celebrations?

10. What is a common theme across all Lunar New Year celebrations?

Chinese Zodiac Wheel

Research and find the correct Chinese zodiac animals and their corresponding images to fill in the zodiac wheel provided.



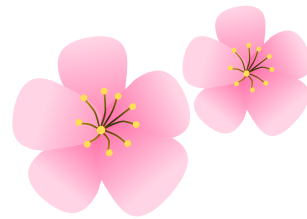
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Mix and Match

Red envelope



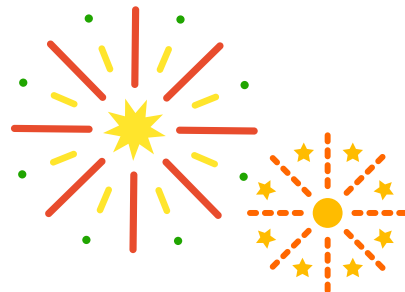
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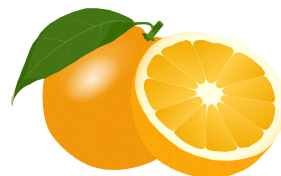
Spring blossoms



Mandarins



Fireworks



Lunar New Year Around the World


Research the unique customs and traditions observed during Lunar New Year in at least three different countries.

Research and compare special events or festivities held during Lunar New Year in different parts of the world.
Consider parades, performances, or other community gatherings associated with the celebration.

Consider how regional cultures and influences shape the way Lunar New Year is celebrated. Explore how geography, history, and local traditions contribute to the unique character of the holiday in different regions.

Conclude your worksheet with a personal reflection on what you found most interesting or surprising about the diverse ways in which Lunar New Year is celebrated around the world.

Lunar New Year Zodiac Signs

Use the **text tool**  to explain the meaning behind each zodiac sign.

rat

ox

tiger

rabbit

dragon

snake

horse

sheep

monkey

rooster

dog

pig

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What is a traditional Chinese dumpling often eaten during Lunar New Year?

What are red couplets or banners with auspicious phrases used for decoration?

What is a common New Year greeting that wishes happiness and prosperity?

What is a symbol meaning "luck" or "good fortune" often displayed upside down?

What is a raw fish salad often eaten for good luck and prosperity?

What is a Chinese New Year cake, a sweet rice cake symbolizing growth and progress?

What are traditional paper or silk decorations illuminated during the festival?

What is a common greeting that wishes a happy and prosperous New Year?

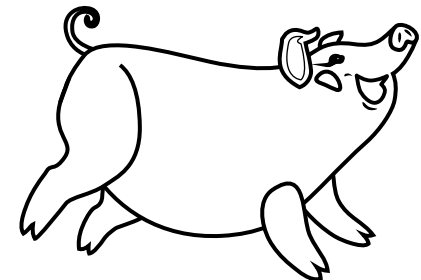
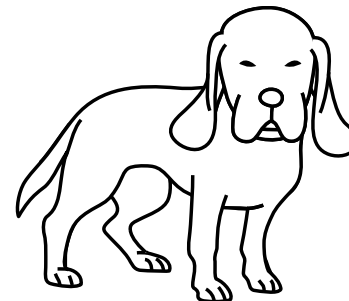
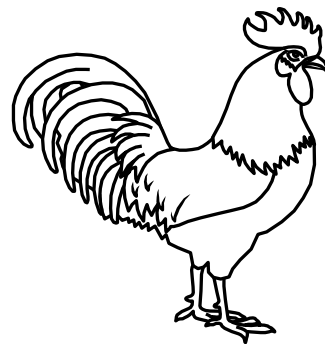
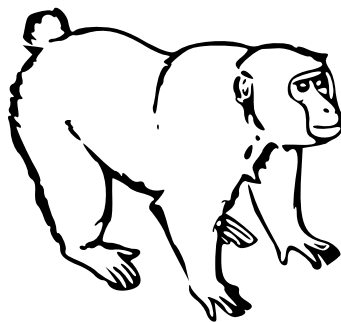
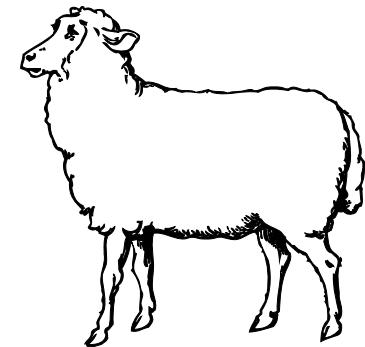
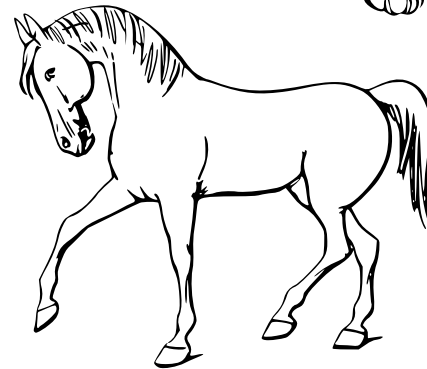
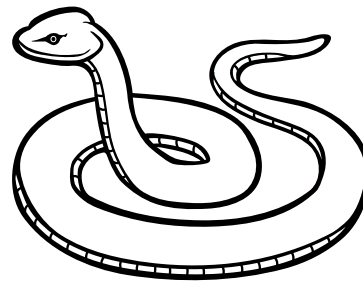
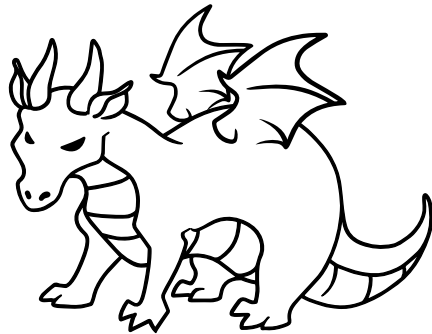
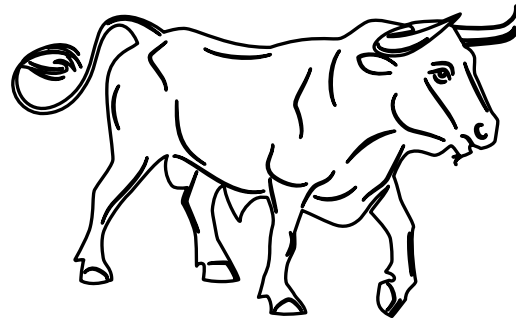
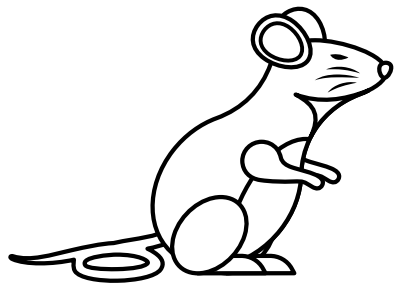
Lunar New Year Writing Assignment

Write a paragraph or essay reflecting on your favorite Chinese New Year tradition or the aspect of the celebration that you find most interesting, incorporating details from your research and expressing your personal thoughts and feelings.

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The Chinese Zodiac





rabbit



dragon



snake



horse



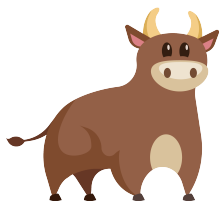
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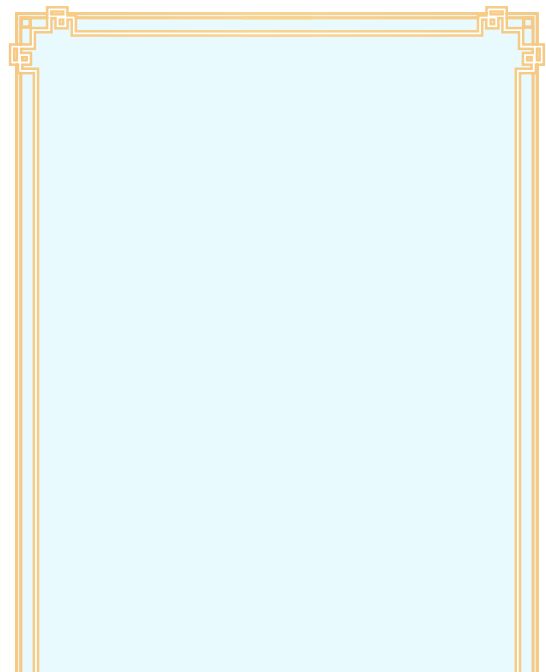
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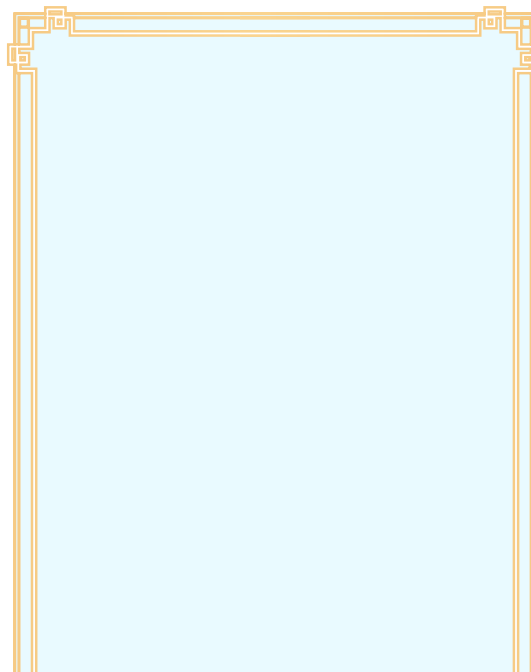
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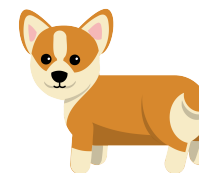
This is the year of the



I was born the year of the



rooster



dog



pig