



gōng xǐ gōng xǐ  
恭喜恭喜

Congratulations, Congratulations Lyrics  
(Happy Chinese New Year)





měi tiáo dà jiē xiǎo xiàng

每条大街小巷

Each pathway and street

měi gè rén de zuǐ lǐ

每个人的嘴里

On everyone's lips



jiàn miàn dì yī jù huà

# 见面第一句话

The thing we say first

jiù shì gōng xǐ gōng xǐ

# 就是恭喜恭喜

Is congratulations, congratulations



gōng xǐ gōng xǐ gōng xǐ nǐ ya  
恭喜恭喜恭喜你呀

Congratulations, congratulations to you

gōng xǐ gōng xǐ gōng xǐ nǐ  
恭喜恭喜恭喜你

Congratulations, congratulations to you

dōng tiān yǐ dào jìn tóu

冬天已到尽头

Winter has come to an end

zhēn shì hǎo de xiāo xī

真是好的消息

That's really good news



wēn nuǎn de chūn fēng

# 温暖的春风

The warm spring wind

jiù yào chuī xǐng dà dì

# 就要吹醒大地

Will wake up the earth



gōng xǐ gōng xǐ gōng xǐ nǐ ya

恭喜恭喜恭喜你呀

Congratulations, congratulations to you

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恭喜恭喜恭喜你

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hào hào bīng xuě róng jiě  
浩浩冰雪融解

All the snow and ice is melting

yǎn kàn méi huā tǔ rǔ  
眼看梅花吐蕊

The plum blossoms are seen



màn màn cháng yè guò qù  
漫漫长夜过去

The long nights are passing

tīng dào yì shēng jī míng  
听到一声鸡鸣

I heard the cock crowing



gōng xǐ gōng xǐ gōng xǐ nǐ ya

恭喜恭喜恭喜你呀

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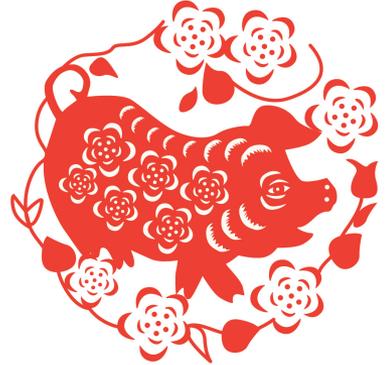
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# Tutor Notes

This module contains the lyrics to the “恭喜恭喜/gōng xǐ gōng xǐ” song, traditionally sung at Chinese New Year, also known as the Lunar New Year or the Spring Festival.

The lyrics “恭喜恭喜/gōng xǐ gōng xǐ” literally mean “congratulations”, but can also be interpreted as “best wishes” or “good luck”.

This module can be used as a complement to the video of the song. The complete lyrics in simplified characters and pinyin are at the end.

The Lunar New Year is the most significant holiday for Chinese people. It is celebrated in China, Macau, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Viet Man, and the Philippines. It marks the beginning of the new year, symbolized by an animal in the Chinese zodiac.

Lunar New Year traditions include cleaning the house, eating dinner with family, hanging decorations with auspicious messages, lighting fireworks, watching a lion dance, giving presents of oranges and “red envelopes” containing money.

Vocabulary: pathway, street, congratulations, winter, spring, wind, snow, ice, melting, wake, plum blossom, night, cock/rooster, crowing

# Slide Notes

Slide 2: The old town of Lijiang in Yunnan, China. Paper lanterns can be seen hanging from the buildings.

Slide 4: Decorations at the Lunar New Year include firecrackers, scrolls with auspicious messages, plum blossoms, and bags of gold coins. The left scroll says “to be promoted step by step” and the right scroll says “bring in wealth and treasure.”

Slide 6: The Great Wall of China

Slide 7: A New Year’s parade with a traditional lion dance. Lion dance used to be a type of sports and a form of dance. It is usually performed on festive occasions.

Slide 8: Plum blossoms can be white, pink or red.

Slide 9: As spring approaches the nights get shorter.

Slide 10: Fireworks are popular to celebrate the Lunar New Year. It was said that the noise of the firecrackers will scare away a monstrous animal called “Nian”. These are above the Forbidden City in Beijing.

Slide 13: There are 12 animals in the Chinese Zodiac. In order, they are: rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, pig. Each animal carries a certain characteristics that are commonly shared by people who are born in the year. For instance, people believe that those who are born in the year of Monkey are usually very smart, and those who are born in the year of rooster are very talkative.

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Suggested discussion questions for each slide:

1. Are there any similarities between how people celebrate the Lunar New Year and how people celebrate? (Family dinners, giving gifts, decorating the house, etc.)
2. In addition to “gong xi”, what else can you say to others?
3. What is Lunar New Year’s most used color? What about Christmas color?
4. Why is Lunar New Year also called the “Spring Festival”?
5. Where is this picture taken? Have you been there?
6. What are they doing in the picture?
7. What kind of flower is this? What does it symbolize?
8. What year is this year? What year were you born?
9. Fireworks are often a part of Lunar New Year festivities. What holidays are fireworks used for in the United States?

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