



LET'S EXPLORE!

# LUNAR NEW YEAR

*Activity Book*



**Happy Lunar New Year!**

**新年快樂**

*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!

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## **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:

### RAT

1924, 1936, 1948,  
1960, 1972, 1984,  
1996, 2008, 2020



Quick-witted, kind,  
resourceful, versatile

### DRAGON

1928, 1940, 1952,  
1964, 1976, 1988,  
2000, 2012, 2024



Confident, intelligent,  
enthusiastic, brave

### MONKEY

1932, 1944, 1956,  
1968, 1980, 1992,  
2004, 2016, 2028



Sharp, smart,  
competitive, curiosity

### OX

1925, 1937, 1949,  
1961, 1973, 1985,  
1997, 2009, 2021



Diligent, dependable,  
strong, determined

### SNAKE

1929, 1941, 1953,  
1965, 1977, 1989,  
2001, 2013, 2025



Enigmatic, intelligent,  
charming, wise

### ROOSTER

1933, 1945, 1957,  
1969, 1981, 1993,  
2005, 2017, 2029



Observant, hardworking,  
courageous, decisive

### TIGER

1926, 1938, 1950,  
1962, 1974, 1986,  
1998, 2010, 2022



Brave, confident,  
competitive, caring

### HORSE

1930, 1942, 1954,  
1966, 1978, 1990,  
2002, 2014, 2026



Animated, active,  
energetic, thrifty

### DOG

1934, 1946, 1958,  
1970, 1982, 1994,  
2006, 2018, 2030



Lovely, honest,  
pays attention, prudent

### RABBIT

1927, 1939, 1951,  
1963, 1975, 1987,  
1999, 2011, 2023



Quiet, elegant,  
responsible, kind

### RAM

1931, 1943, 1955,  
1967, 1979, 1991,  
2003, 2015, 2027



Calm, gentle,  
creative, sympathetic

### BOAR/PIG

1935, 1947, 1959,  
1971, 1983, 1995,  
2007, 2019, 2031



Compassionate, generous,  
diligent, enthusiastic

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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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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ZODIAC ANIMAL \_\_\_\_\_

HOW ARE THEY LIKE THEIR ZODIAC ANIMAL? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Menu Item **WORD SEARCH**

Find all menu items listed below! Words can be hidden across, down and diagonal.

W	N	C	H	P	V	T	L	B	R	O	C	C	O	L	I	B	E	E	F
H	E	H	T	R	J	F	R	M	L	I	C	V	K	H	G	D	W	P	I
O	K	W	Z	Q	A	F	A	I	R	O	W	R	U	X	Y	K	U	C	V
N	C	H	R	R	J	R	N	F	X	I	P	K	C	R	E	R	J	E	L
E	I	N	Y	A	R	N	G	O	V	M	G	Q	S	Y	S	Y	F	L	Y
Y	H	Z	S	N	H	D	O	R	Q	K	K	Z	J	I	I	S	P	O	R
W	C	J	A	E	J	L	O	T	L	R	H	E	I	J	R	T	X	I	T
A	I	N	B	K	K	Q	N	U	H	N	G	W	H	W	L	E	M	B	C
L	K	I	Q	C	Z	Q	F	N	S	E	T	Z	T	Y	O	S	N	O	O
N	A	I	C	I	B	H	A	E	I	K	C	S	K	E	T	J	N	Q	V
U	Y	X	J	H	S	H	M	C	S	C	I	M	C	O	Z	H	K	K	G
T	I	R	V	C	Q	K	I	O	K	I	K	C	L	V	K	E	G	P	X
S	R	A	L	O	P	M	L	O	N	H	R	O	X	X	Y	E	E	V	B
H	E	V	E	A	H	U	Y	K	J	C	S	X	Z	L	L	G	Q	I	Z
R	T	C	X	P	N	W	M	I	E	E	G	R	G	C	K	G	F	W	R
I	A	B	O	G	W	D	E	E	S	G	Y	K	X	X	Q	R	P	E	W
M	H	G	N	N	C	L	A	C	N	N	S	S	E	I	K	O	J	P	O
P	H	W	F	U	C	E	L	N	Y	A	Y	W	Z	R	Z	L	H	I	F
A	I	E	S	K	N	T	Q	T	H	R	O	B	X	U	C	L	V	B	O
R	P	N	Y	C	S	A	G	Y	P	O	O	T	W	K	Q	M	X	G	S

Broccoli Beef  
Rangoon  
Family Meal

Fortune Cookie  
Honey Walnut Shrimp  
Kung Pao Chicken

Orange Chicken  
Eggroll  
Teriyaki Chicken

## Learn to **WRITE CHINESE**

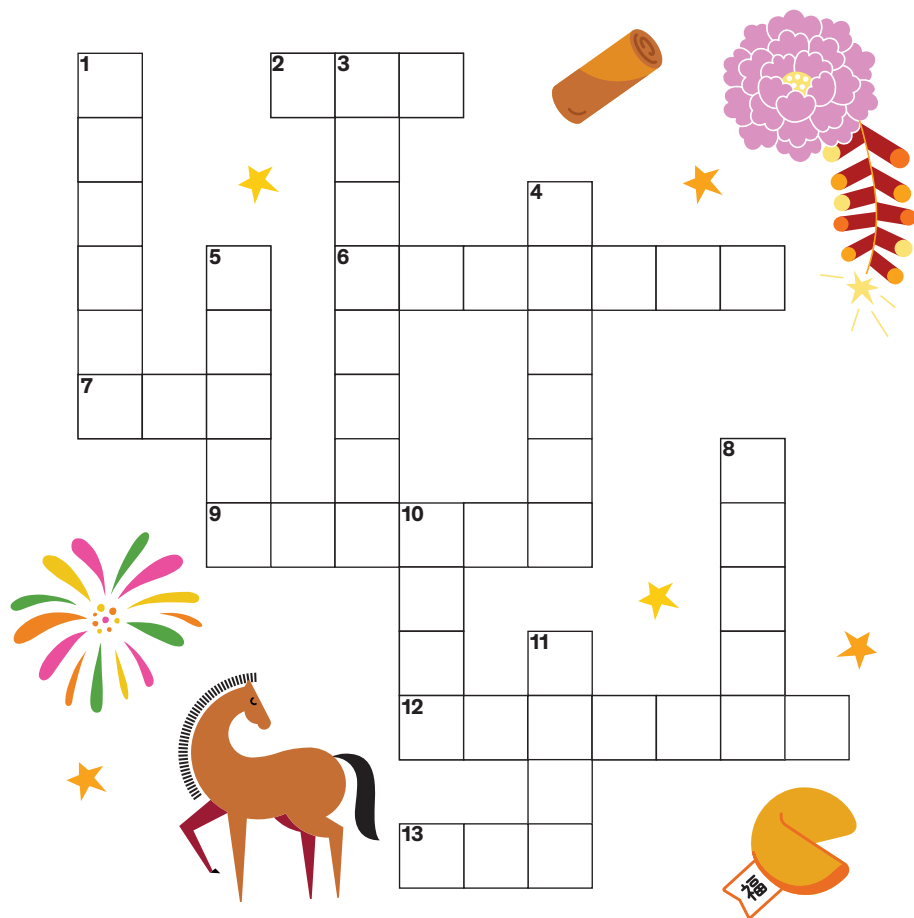
One important element to writing Chinese symbols is a specific order of strokes. Just like writing a word in English, you would never start with the last letter first. Every stroke in the symbol represents a part of the word, so it's important to write each symbol in the order it was intended. For each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

### Happy Lunar New Year!

<p>xīn</p>		
<p>nián</p>		
<p>kuài</p>		
<p>lè</p>		

## Lunar New Year **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 2026
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

## Lunar New Year **ICON SEARCH**

Find all the icons of the Lunar New Year!



# FORTUNE COOKIE Folding Activity

## MATERIALS:

- Colored or patterned scrapbook, construction, or origami paper
- A 4-5 inch round object (like an empty & dry cup from Panda)
- Glue or glue gun • Scissors • 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!



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



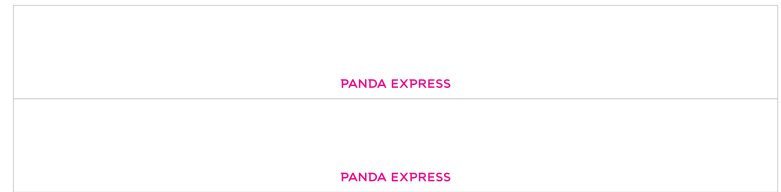
Flip the circle over, add a dot of glue, and roll it up like shown.



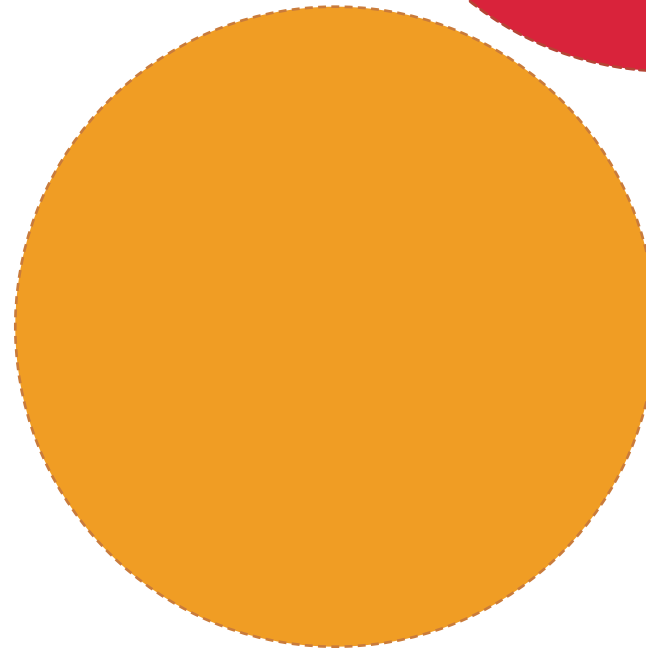
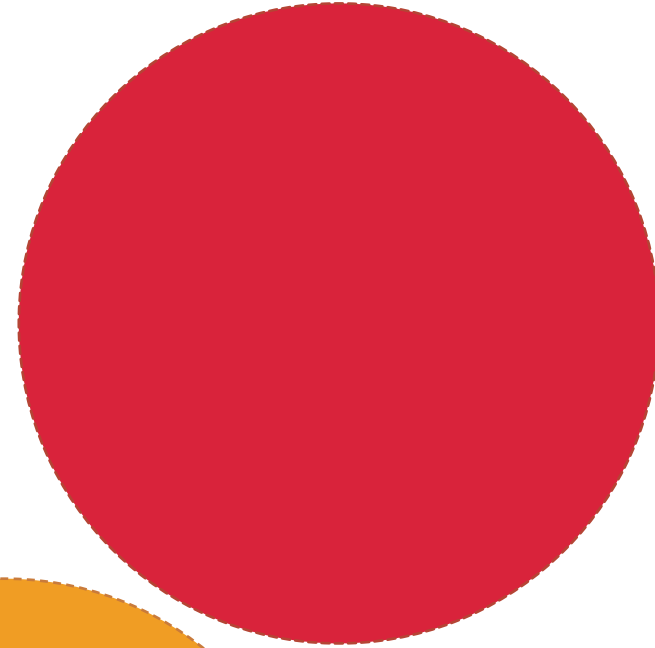
Grab one of your own fortunes and slide it into the cookie, then turn the cookie so that the seam is on one side. Take the open edges, and bend them together. The center will crease and the cookie shape will form.



Add a dot of glue about an inch away 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.



Write your fortune!



Cut the dotted lines



## 2026 Is The Year Of **THE HORSE**

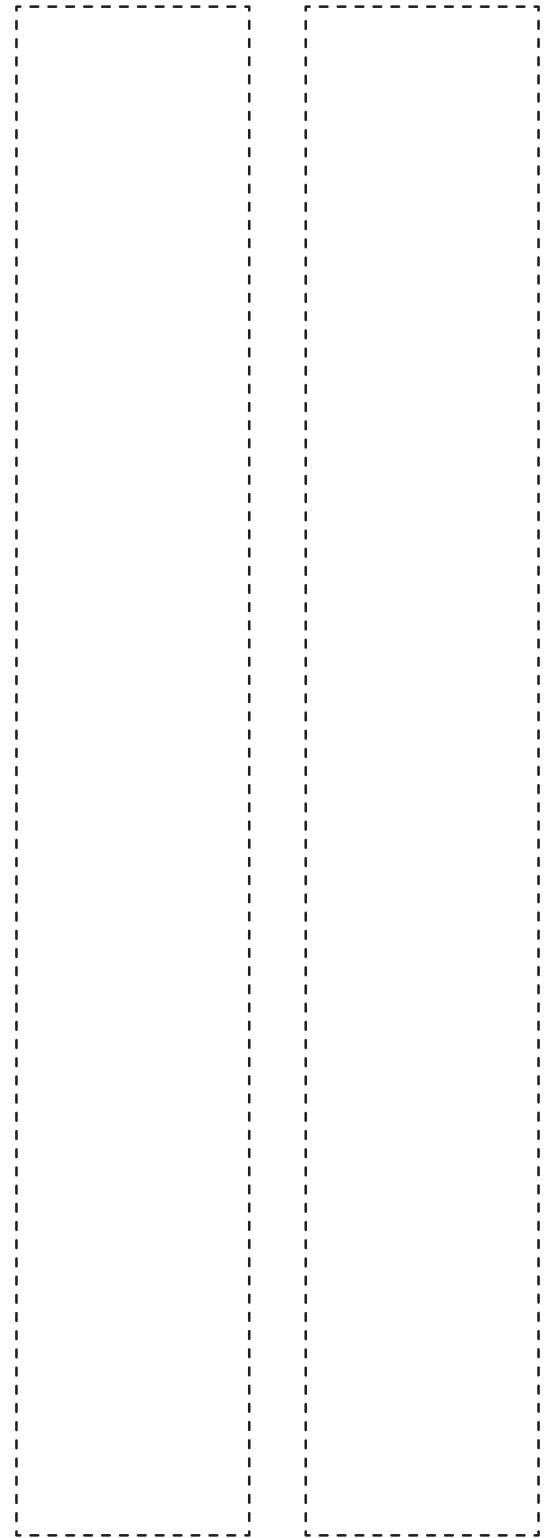
Color and cut out your own horse mask!



**Make a band to wear  
your horse mask!**

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

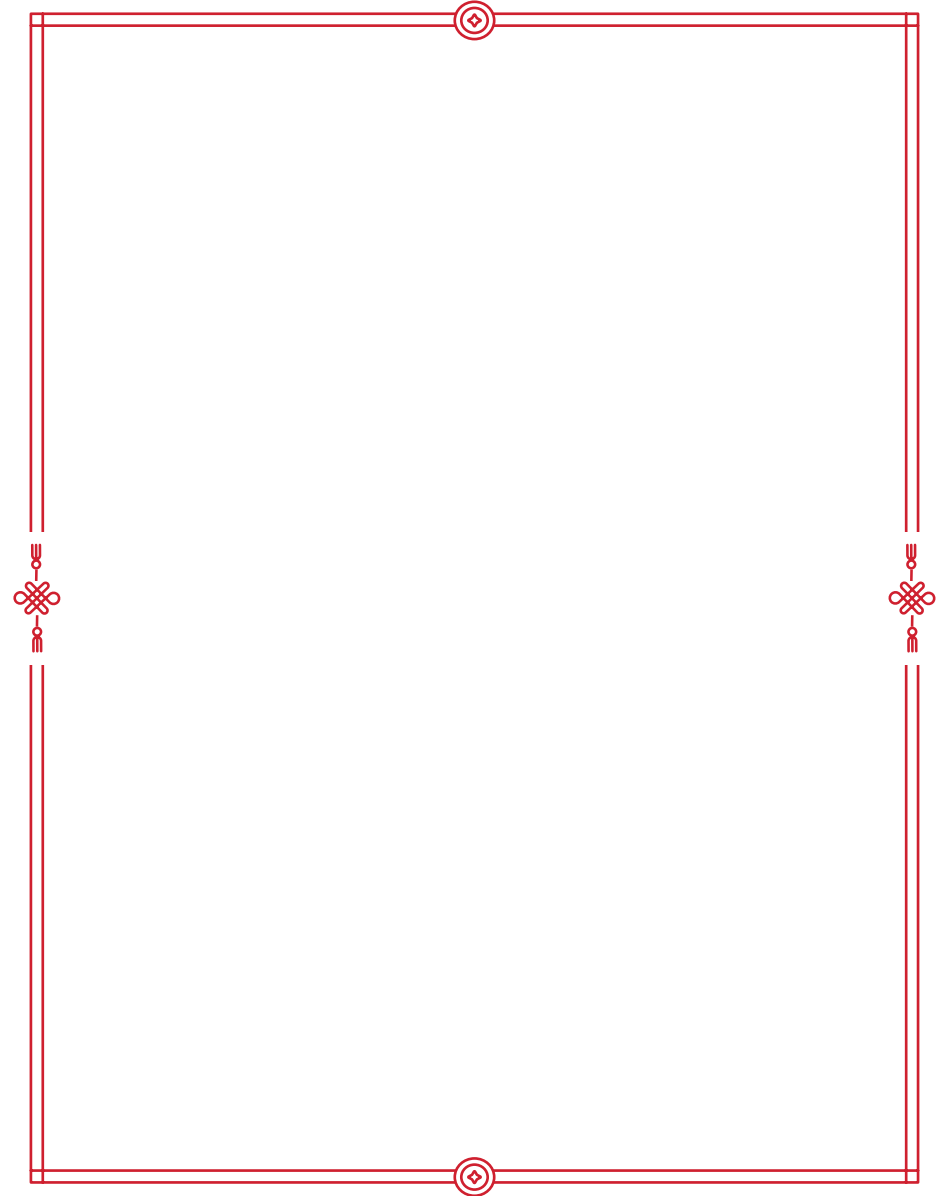
**Next, adjust the  
strips so they fit your  
head and tape or  
glue in place.**





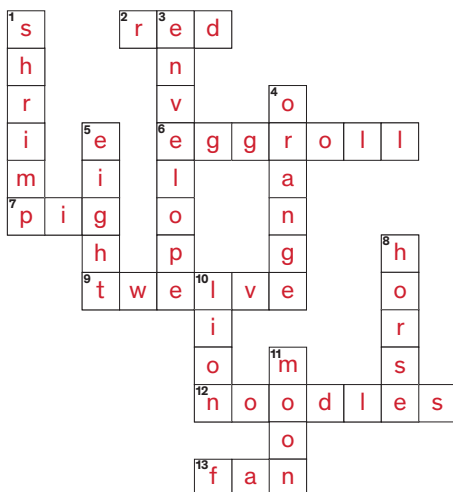
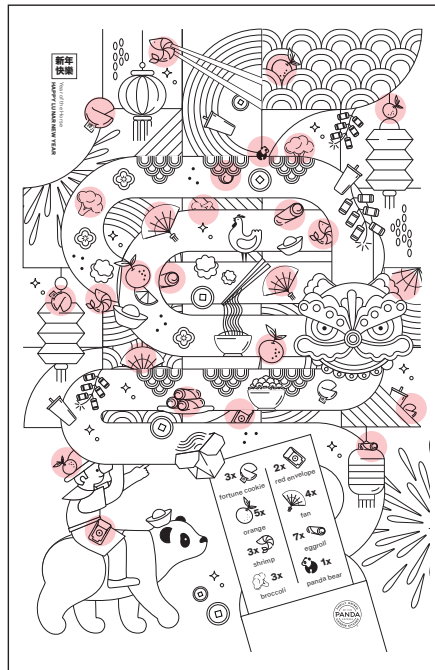
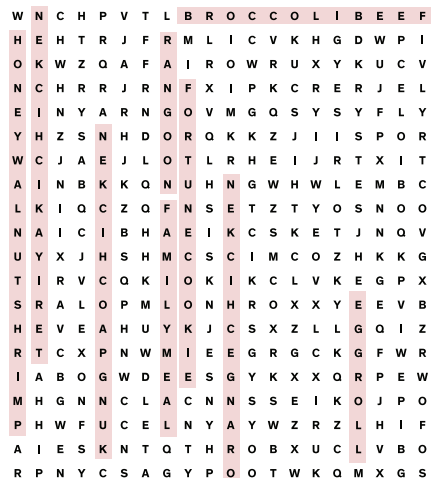
## Draw Your Own **CELEBRATION**

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!



Find all the answers to the Lunar New Year activities!

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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. horse 10. lion 11. moon

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





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