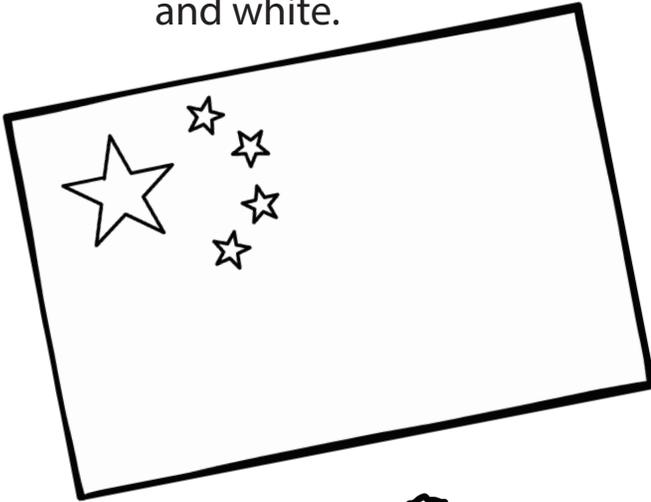


# All About CHINA

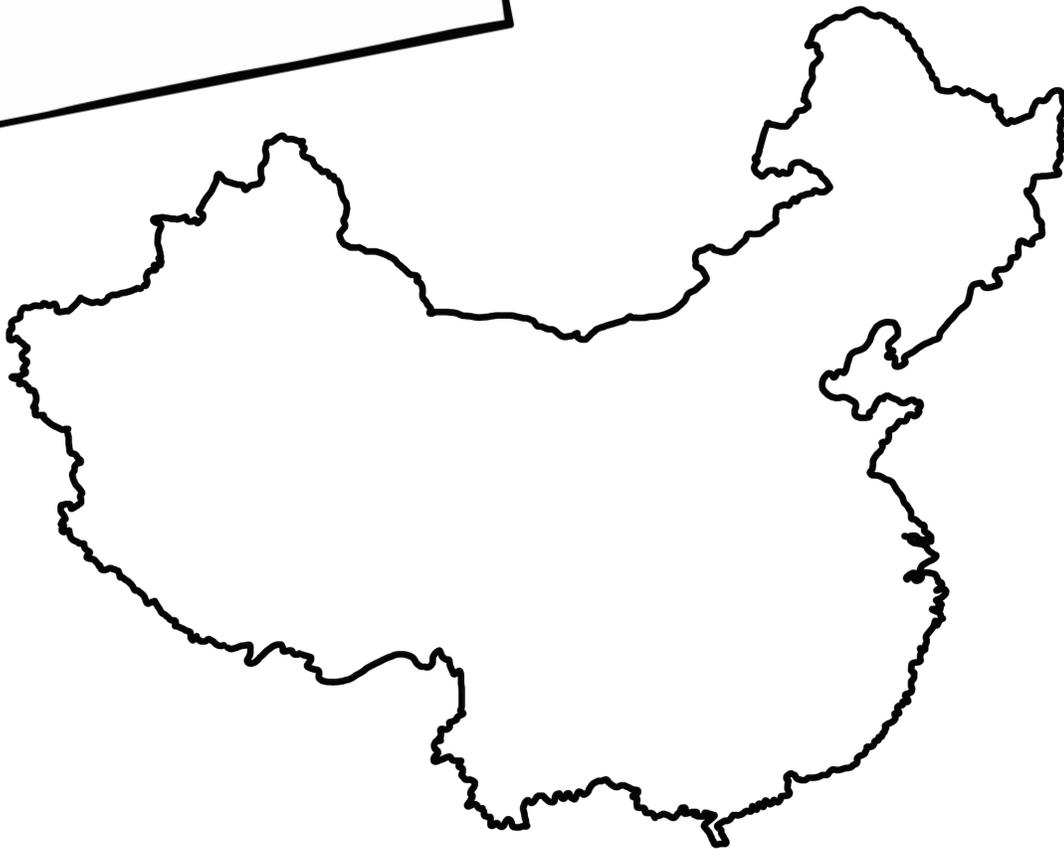
Color the Chinese flag red and white.



China is a country located in Asia. Use an atlas to help you answer the questions. When you are done, color the map, and mark the capital with a star.

The capital of China is:

\_\_\_\_\_



Which languages are spoken in China?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Which religions are common in China?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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How many people live in China?

\_\_\_\_\_  
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# Chinese New Year

On New Year's Eve, families travel long distances to go home to spend the day with all of their relatives. Everyone will dress in their best clothing and be on their best behavior while the head of the household makes offerings to the various gods of the house and to the family's ancestors.

Each member of the family will kneel in front of the ancestral tablets, which symbolize past generations and all of the people who came before them. Children will also kneel in respect to their elders (parents and grandparents) and if they are very

good, they'll receive a little red envelope with cash in it under their pillow on New Year.

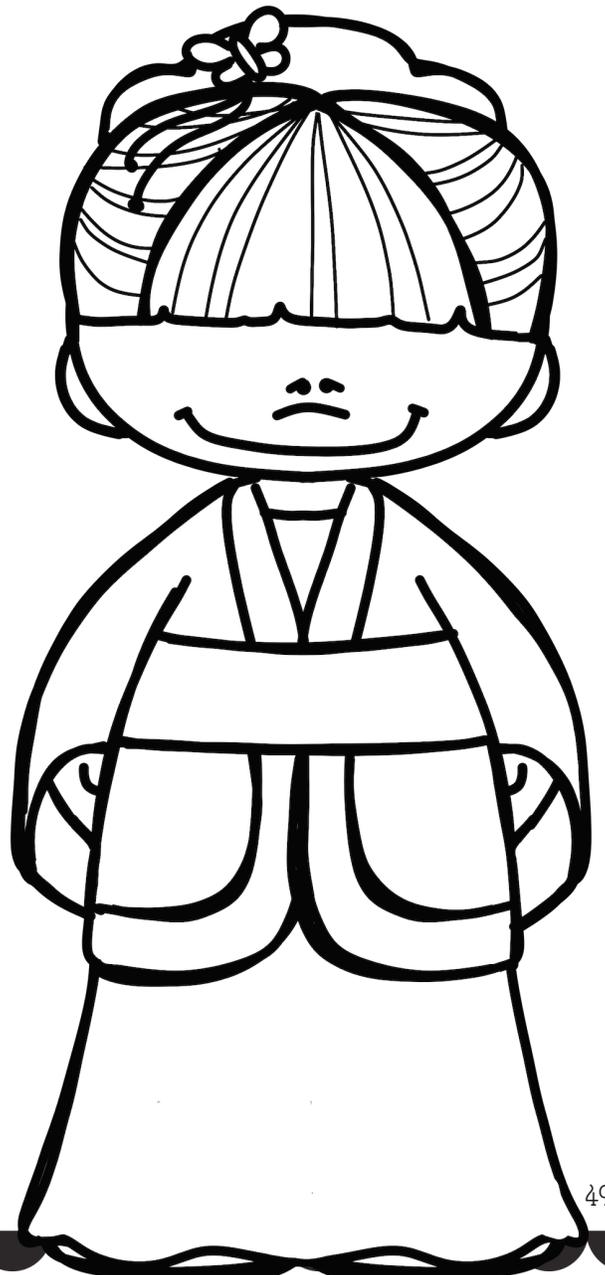
On New Year's Day, family members will visit with each other, with their neighbors and other loved ones. They will serve "lucky" food, say "lucky" phrases and do their best to ensure the New Year will be a good and lucky year for all the people they love!

Honoring ancestors is an important part of Chinese culture. Do you know your family's history? Ask your parents or grandparents to tell you a story about one of your ancestors!

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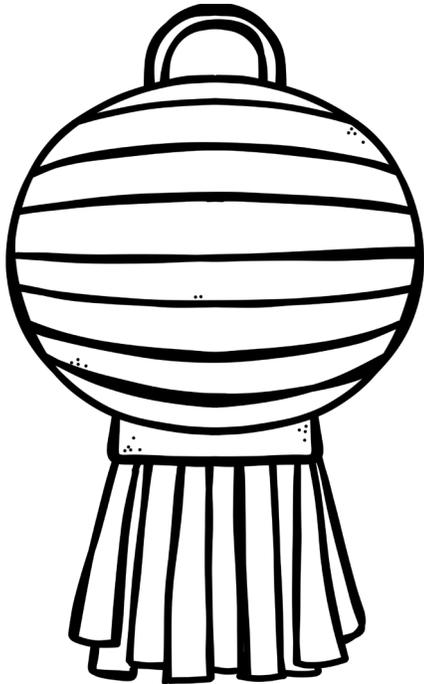


# The Lantern Festival

Use the word bank to fill in the blanks.

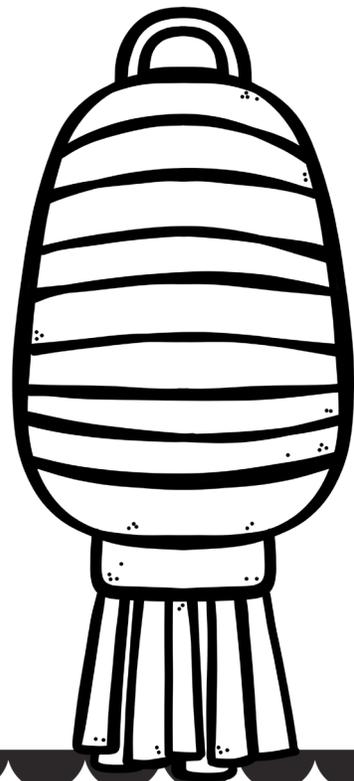
full, family, parades, firecrackers, houses, lantern, fill, festival, dances,  
lunar, beautiful, light, paper

The \_\_\_\_\_ festival happens on the 15th day of the  
New Year's celebrations in China. Because China follows the



\_\_\_\_\_ calendar, this festival  
always lands on the day of the first  
\_\_\_\_\_ moon of the year. The  
night is brightly lit by the moon, and  
children \_\_\_\_\_ the sky with  
their bright \_\_\_\_\_ lanterns.  
Children in China make their  
special paper lanterns with their  
\_\_\_\_\_. Some communities  
have contests to see who can make the  
best and most \_\_\_\_\_ paper  
lantern. When it gets dark, everyone will  
come together and \_\_\_\_\_

their lanterns. Many towns and cities  
will also decorate with paper lanterns  
everywhere. They will be hung from  
\_\_\_\_\_ and businesses and  
in the center of town. It really is a  
beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ of light!  
During the festival, communities will  
also have \_\_\_\_\_ where you  
can see the Chinese lion and dragon  
\_\_\_\_\_ (ask your parents  
to show you a video of this on the  
computer!), and people light off  
\_\_\_\_\_ and fireworks.



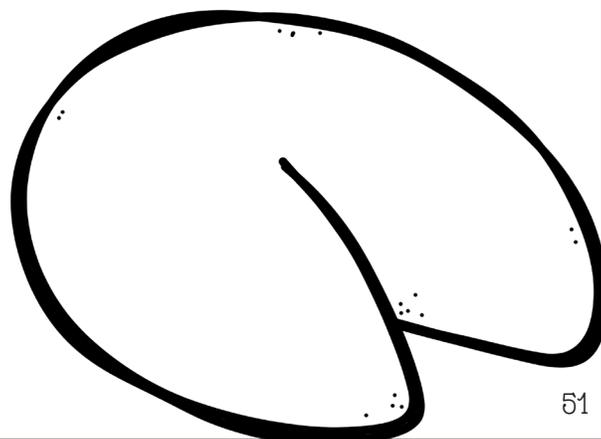
# Make Fortune Cookies

## Ingredients:

- 2 large egg whites
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 4 tablespoons melted butter, cooled
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon extract
- Optional: 2 1/2 x 1/2-inch fortune strips

## Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Grease a cookie sheet thoroughly.
3. Whip the egg whites on low speed until light and foamy. Blend in the sugar and continue to beat until soft peaks form. Pour in the melted butter, flour, salt, and extracts; mix until well combined.
4. Drop a tablespoon of the batter onto the prepared cookie sheet. Using the back of a spoon, spread the batter evenly into very thin 3-inch rounds. You must work quickly to shape these cookies when they are warm so bake just 3 at a time.
5. Bake for about 5-8 minutes or until the edges are a light golden color.
6. Have your parents help you with this step. Quickly remove the cookies with a spatula and place on a work surface. Lay a fortune in the lower middle of the cookie, and fold in half to make a semi-circle. Bend the edges up toward each other to make a crescent and pinch ends together.
7. Cool in mini muffin tins to hold shape until crisp.
8. Repeat with remaining batter.



# Fun with the Chinese Language

Calligraphy, or the art of writing, is an important art form in China. It can be difficult to learn to read and write Chinese because you cannot sound out Chinese symbols. Instead, you need to learn each word by memorizing its unique symbol. Many people do this by writing and rewriting the symbol until they have memorized it.

Try to write these Chinese symbols.

Beautiful

美

Happiness

喜

Hope

希

Wisdom

智

