

Chinese New Year

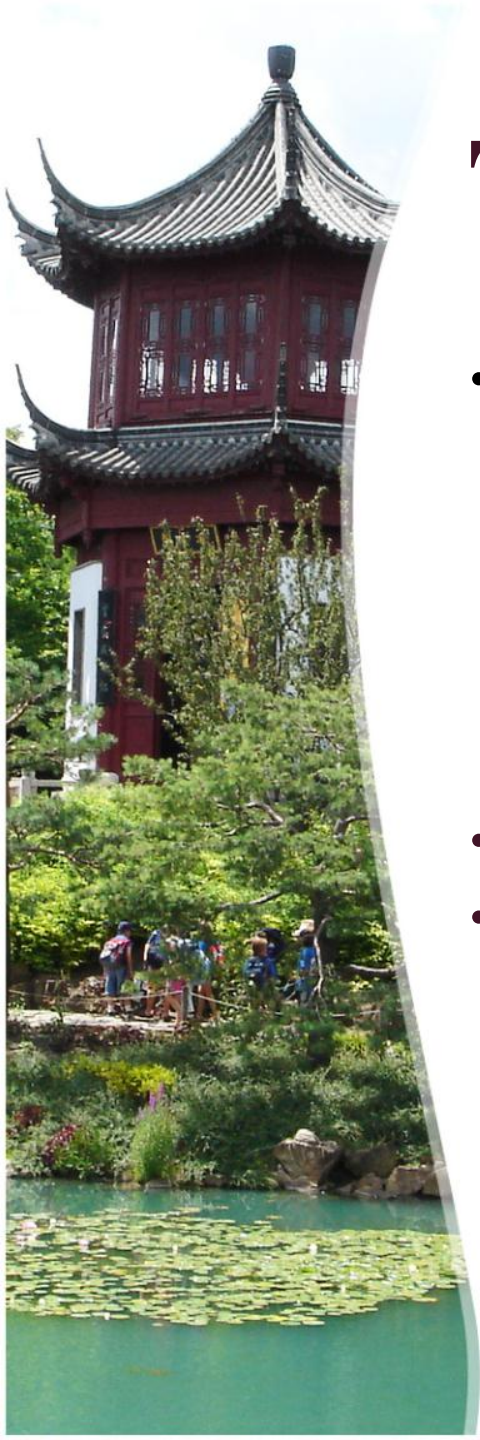
Good Luck Wishes Parts of Speech

Sentences



The Year of the Horse

- **Chinese New Year** or 'Spring Festival' traditionally begins on the first day of the year on the Chinese calendar and ends on the 15th. The Chinese New Year is the second New Moon after the Winter Solstice. Each year is designated by one of twelve animals to designate the Chinese zodiac: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Hare/Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig.
- 2014 is the Year of the Horse, beginning on January 31st.
- Each zodiac sign is associated with different characteristics. The horse represents self-improvement and highly energetic qualities.



The Chinese Zodiac

- Deeply rooted in Chinese mythology. Various legends tell the story of how the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac came to be associated with the new year holiday.

HORSE (2014, 2002)

SNAKE (2013, 2001)

DRAGON (2012, 2000)

RABBIT (2011, 1999)

TIGER (2010, 1998)

OX (2009, 1997)

RAT (2008, 1996)

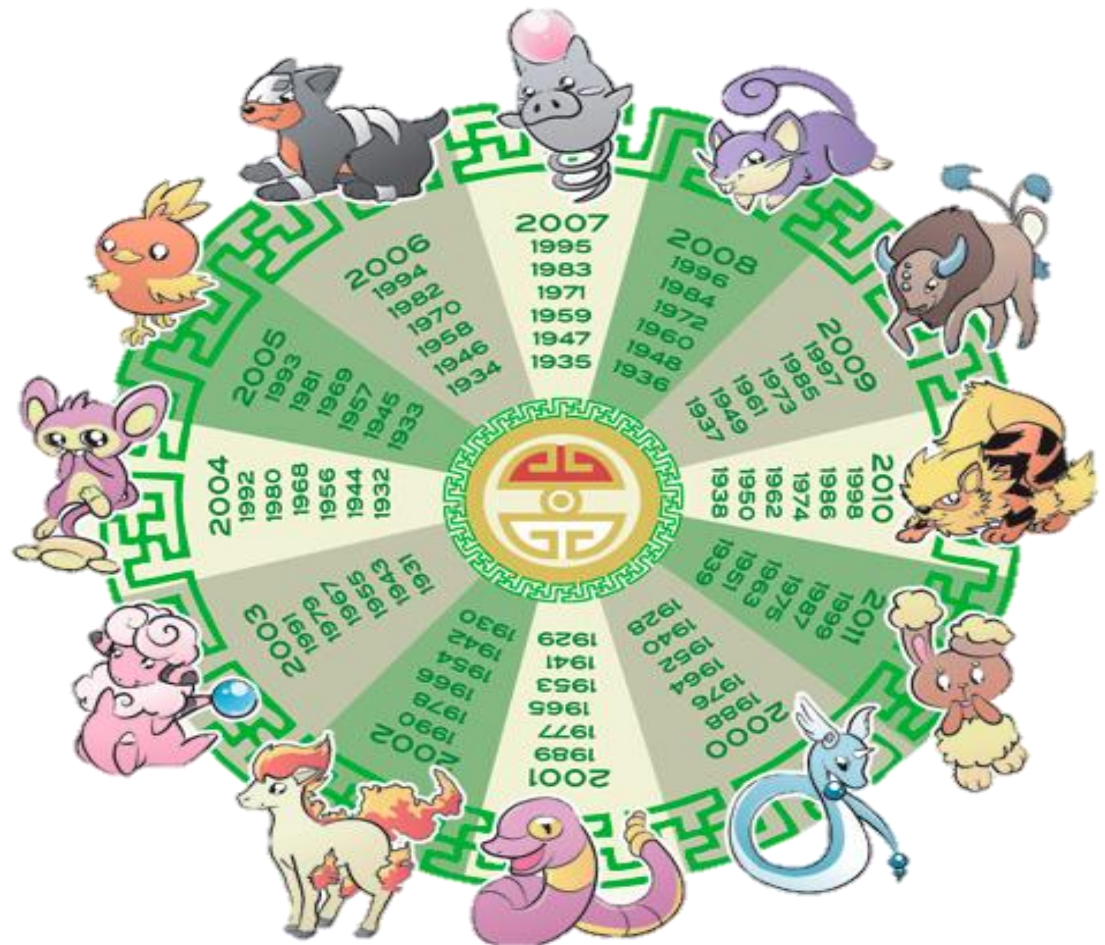
PIG (2007, 1995)

DOG (2006, 1994)

ROOSTER (2005, 1993)

MONKEY (2004, 1992)

SHEEP (2003, 1991)



Other Traditions

- RED: good fortune and joy
- BLACK: spirit
- GOLD: good luck
- **Colors are used as metaphors in every culture.**
- **DRAGONS:** one of the most important mythical creatures in Chinese mythology, considered to be the most powerful and divine creature as well as controller of all waters. They were believed to be able to create clouds with their breath. The dragon symbolized great power and was very supportive of heroes and gods.





Good Luck Poster

In Asian cultures, people write positive wishes to bring good luck into the new year. You will be creating your own « Good Luck Poster » using traditional Chinese colors that demonstrates your knowledge of the 8 parts of speech.

Your « positive wish » must be 1 complete sentence that includes ALL 8 parts of speech.

On a sheet of notebook paper, plan what you want your positive wish to say and make sure you can label each word with the part of speech it belongs to.

You will then receive a red paper. Using black ink, write your finalized sentence on one side. On the back, list each word and identify which part of speech each belongs to. You must do this to receive full credit.

Then, decorate the sentence side with gold and decals as you like. Make it neat and easy to read. Do NOT make it messy!