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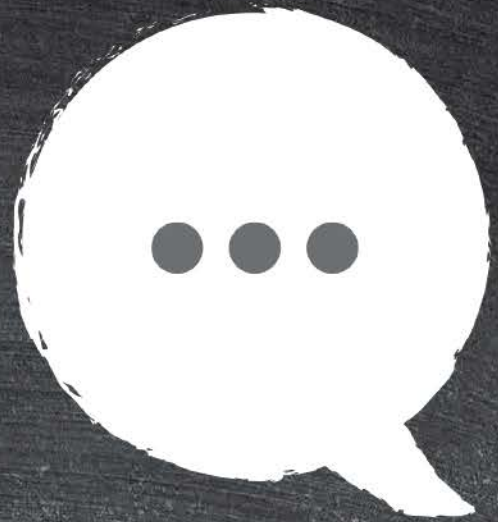
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LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Holidays in China #1

New Year's Day

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- 2 Vocabulary
- 2 Sample Sentences

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
元旦	元旦	yúandàn	New year's day	noun
新年好	新年好	Xīn Nián Hǎo	"Happy New Year"	expression
倒数计时	倒數計時	dàoshǔ jìshí	countdown	phrase
烟花	煙花	yānhuā	fireworks	noun
黑色星期五	黑色星期五	hēisè Xīngqīwǔ	Chinese Black Friday	phrase
贺年卡	賀年卡	hèniánkǎ	New Year's cards	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>让我们一起倒数计时吧!</p> <p>ràng wǒmen yìqǐ dàoshǔ jìshíba !</p> <p>Let's countdown together!</p>	<p>今天的烟花真漂亮!</p> <p>jīntiān de yānhuā zhēn piàoliang !</p> <p>Today's fireworks are so beautiful!</p>
<p>今年你寄贺年卡给朋友了吗?</p> <p>jīnnián nǐ jì hèniánkǎ gěi péngyou le ma ?</p> <p>Have you sent New Year's Cards to your friends?</p>	

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Holidays in China #2

Chinese New Year

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- 2 Vocabulary
- 2 Sample Sentences

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
春节	春節	Chūn jié	Chinese New Year	noun
除夕	除夕	chúxī	New Year's Eve	noun
小除夕	小除夕	xiǎo Chúxī	small New Year's eve	noun
大年初一	大年初一	Dànián chūyī	The first day of the new lunar year	noun
元宵节	元宵節	Yuánxiāojié	Lantern Festival	proper noun
扫房	掃房	sǎo fáng	spring cleaning	phrase
春节晚会	春節晚會	Chūn Jié wǎnhuì	Spring Festival Gala Evening	noun
红包	紅包	hóngbāo	New Year's lucky money	noun
筷落	筷落	kuài luò	"Oh, they fell"	expression

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>这次春节是几号? zhècì Chūn Jié shì jǐ hào ?</p> <p>What day is the coming Chinese New Year?</p>	<p>春节是一个团圆的日子。 Chūn jié shì yí gè tuányuán de rìzi.</p> <p>Chinese New Year is a time for family gatherings.</p>
<p>除夕很冷。 Chúxī hěn lěng.</p> <p>It is very cold on New Year's Eve.</p>	<p>你们怎么过元宵节? nǐmen zěnmē guò Yuánxiāojié ?</p> <p>How do you spend the Lantern Festival?</p>

今年的春节晚会你看了吗？

jīnnián de Chūn Jié wǎnhuì nǐ kàn le ma ?

Have you seen this year's Spring Festival Gala Evening?

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Holidays in China #3

Mid-Autumn Festival

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- 2 Vocabulary
- 2 Sample Sentences

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
中秋节	中秋節	zhōngqiūjié	Mid-Autumn Festival	noun
月亮	月亮	yuèliàng	moon	noun
交通堵塞	交通堵塞	jiāotōngdǔsè	citywide traffic jam	phrase
月饼	月餅	yuèbǐng	mooncake	noun
赏月	賞月	shǎng yuè	admiring the moon	phrase
国庆节	國慶節	Guóqìngjié	National Day	proper noun
花好月圆	花好月圓	huā hǎo yuè yuán	"Lovely flowers, round moon."	idiom

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>今天的月亮又大又圆。 jīntiān de yuèliàng yòu dà yòu yuán .</p> <p>The moon today looks big and round.</p>	<p>月亮代表我的心。 Yuèliàng dàibiǎo wǒ de xīn.</p> <p>The moon represents my heart.</p>
<p>为了避免交通堵塞，我决定这次假期不出门。 wèile bì miǎnjiāo tōng dǔsè , Wǒ juédìng zhècì jiàqī bù chūmén .</p> <p>To avoid the citywide traffic jam, I decided not to travel during the holidays.</p>	<p>你喜欢吃月饼吗？ nǐ xǐhuān chī yuèbǐng ma ?</p> <p>Do you like eating mooncakes?</p>
<p>这次国庆节我要去西安旅游。 zhècì Guóqìngjié Wǒ yào qù Xī'ān lǚyóu .</p> <p>I want to travel to Xi'an during these National Day holidays.</p>	

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Holidays in China #4 National Day

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- 2 Vocabulary
- 2 Sample Sentences

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
国庆节	國慶節	Guóqìngjié	National Day	proper noun
天安门广场	天安門廣場	Tiānānménguǎng gchǎng	Tiananmen Square	proper noun
阅兵	閱兵	yuèbīng	military parade	phrase
大典	大典	dà diǎn	Grand ceremony	noun
学生	學生	xuésheng	student	noun
爱国主义	愛國主義	àiguózhǔyì	patriotism	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>我要去天安门广场去看升旗仪式。</p> <p>Wǒ yào qù Tiānānménguǎngchǎng qù kàn shēngqí yíshì.</p> <p>I want to go to Tian an men Square to watch the flag-raising ceremony.</p>	<p>阅兵真壮观啊!</p> <p>yuèbīng zhēn zhuàngguān ā !</p> <p>How wonderful the military parade is!</p>
<p>我是北京大学的学生。</p> <p>Wǒ shì Běijīng Dàxué de xuésheng .</p> <p>I am a student of Beijing University.</p>	

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Holidays in China #5

Labor Day

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- 2 Sample Sentences

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
劳动节	勞動節	Láodòngjié	Labor Day	proper noun
五一黄金周	五一黄金周	Wǔyī Huángjīnzhōu	5-1 Golden Week	proper noun
长假旅游	長假旅遊	chángjià lǚyóu	travel on long vacations	phrase
名山大川	名山大川	míng shān dà chuān	famous mountains and rivers	phrase
交通大拥挤	交通大擁擠	jiāotōng dà yōngjǐ	large-scale traffic jam	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

这次五一黄金周有7天长假。
hècì Wǔyī Huángjīnzhōu yǒu qī Tiāncháng jiǎ .

We have a 7-day-long holiday this 5-1
Golden Week.

这次长假旅游你想去哪里？
zhècì chángjiǎ lǚyóu nǐ xiǎngqù nǎlǐ ?

Where do you want to travel to on this long
vacation?

许多人喜欢去名山大川旅游。
xǔduō rén xǐhuān qù míngshān dà chuān lǚyóu .

Many people like traveling to famous mountains and rivers.

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Holidays in China #6 Lantern Festival

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- 2 Sample Sentences

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
元宵节	元宵節	Yuánxiāo Jié	Lantern Festival	proper noun
元宵	元宵節	yuánxiāo	rice glue balls	noun
民以食为天	民以食為天	mín yǐ shí wéi tiān	“food is the paramount necessity of the people.”	expression
汤圆	湯圓	Tāng Yuán	sweet dumplings	noun
游戏	遊戲	yóuxì	play	noun
舞狮子	舞獅子	wǔshīzi	lion dances	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>你会做元宵吗?</p> <p>nǐ huì zuò yuánxiāo ma ?</p> <p>Can you make rice glue balls?</p>	<p>我很喜欢吃汤圆。</p> <p>Wǒ hěn xǐhuān chī Tāng Yuán .</p> <p>I like eating sweet dumplings.</p>
<p>让我们一起玩个游戏吧!</p> <p>ràng wǒmen yìqǐ wán ge yóuxì ba !</p> <p>Let's play a game together!</p>	<p>这是我第一次看舞狮子。</p> <p>zhè shì Wǒ dì yī cì kàn wǔshī zǐ .</p> <p>This is my first time watching lion dances.</p>

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Holidays in China #7

Tomb Sweeping Day

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
清明节	清明節	qīngmíng jié	Tomb Sweeping Day	proper noun
烧香	燒香	shāoxiāng	day of burning incense	phrase
祭祖	祭祖	jìzǔ	to worship ancestors	verb, phrase
冥币	冥幣	míng bì	joss paper	noun
殡葬业	殯葬業	bìnzàng yè	funeral industry	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>明天我要去祭祖。 míngtiān Wǒ yào qù Jì Zǔ .</p> <p>I am going to worship my ancestors tomorrow.</p>	<p>在中国的传统里，我们会烧冥币给死去的亲人。 zài Zhōngguó de chuántǒng lǐ , wǒmen huì shāo míng bì gěi sǐqùde qīnrén .</p> <p>In Chinese tradition, we burn joss paper for our relatives who are dead.</p>
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LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Holidays in China #8

Dragon Boat Festival

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- 2 Sample Sentences

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
端午节	端午節	duānwǔ jié	Dragon Boat Festival	proper noun
屈原	屈原	Qū Yuán	Qu Yuan	proper noun
粽子	粽子	zòngzi	zongzi, rice dumpling	noun
楚国	楚國	chǔguó	state of Chu	proper noun
龙舟	龍舟	lóngzhōu	dragon boat	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>端午节有什么习俗吗? Duānwǔjié yǒu shénme xísú ma ?</p> <p>What's the tradition of the Dragon Boat Festival?</p>	<p>屈原是中国古代伟大的诗人之一。 Qū Yuán shì Zhōngguó gǔdài wěidà de shīrén zhīyī .</p> <p>Qu Yuan was one of the greatest poets in ancient China.</p>
<p>我非常喜欢吃粽子。 Wǒ fēicháng xǐhuān chī zòngzi .</p> <p>I like eating glutinous rice puddings.</p>	<p>人们通过吃粽子来纪念诗人屈原。 Rénmen tōngguò chī zòngzi lái jìniàn shīrén Qū Yuán.</p> <p>People eat zongzi to commemorate the death of the poet Qu Yuan.</p>
<p>你划过龙舟吗? nǐ huáguò Lóngzhōu ma ?</p> <p>Have you ever been on a dragon boat?</p>	

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Holidays in China #9

Qixi Festival

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- 2 Vocabulary
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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
七夕节	七夕節	qīxī jié	Qixi Festival	proper noun
牛郎织女	牛郎織女	niú láng zhī nǚ	The Cowherd and the Weaving Maid	proper noun
天帝	天帝	tiāndì	Emperor of Heaven	proper noun
七夕	七夕	qīxī	July 7th	proper noun
长距离恋爱	長距離戀愛	cháng jùlí liàn ài	long-distance relationship	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>你听说过牛郎织女的传说吗? nǐ tīngshuō guo niú láng zhī nǚ de chuánshuō ma ?</p> <p>Have you heard the legend of The Cowherd and the Weaving Maid?</p>	<p>七夕是中国的情人节。 qīxī shì Zhōngguó de Qíng rén jié .</p> <p>July 7th of lunar calendar is the Valentine's Day of China.</p>
<p>你谈过长距离恋爱吗? nǐ tán guo cháng jùlí liàn ài ma ?</p> <p>Have you ever had a long-distance relationship?</p>	

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Holidays in China

#10

Ghost Festival

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- 2 Sample Sentences

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
中元节	中元節	zhōngyuán jié	Ghost Festival	proper noun
馒头	饅頭	mántou	steamed bread	noun
美味佳肴	美味佳餚	měiwèi jiāyáo	delicacy	phrase
禁忌	禁忌	jìnjì	taboo	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>我喜欢吃馒头。 Wǒ xǐhuān chī mántou .</p> <p>I like eating steamed bread.</p>	<p>除夕之夜，我们全家汇聚一堂，享受美味佳肴。 Chúxī zhī yè , wǒmen quánjiā huìjù yī táng , xiǎngshòu měiwèi jiāyáo .</p> <p>At New Year's Eve, our families all gathered together, and ate delicacies.</p>
<p>你知道有关中国新年的禁忌吗? nǐ zhīdào yǒuguān Zhōngguó Xīnnián de jīnjì ma ?</p> <p>Do you know any taboos about Chinese New Year?</p>	

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Culture Class: Holidays in China

#11

Double Ninth Festival

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- 2 Sample Sentences

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
重阳节	重陽節	chóngyáng jié	Double Ninth Festival	proper noun
久	久	jiǔ	long	adjective
登高	登高	dēnggāo	ascending heights	verb
菊花	菊花	júhuā	chrysanthemum	noun
糕	糕	gāo	cake	noun
高	高	gāo	height	adjective
九	九	jiǔ	nine	numeral
重阳	重陽	chóngyáng	"double ninth" or "double yang"	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>我希望不会要太久。 wǒ xīwàng bùhuì yào tài jiǔ .</p> <p>I hope it doesn't take too long.</p>	<p>菊花是我最喜欢的花。 júhuā shì Wǒ zuì xǐhuān de huā zhīyī .</p> <p>Chrysanthemums are my favorite flower.</p>
<p>菊花是日本皇室的象征。 Júhuā shì Riběn Huángshì de xiàngzhēng.</p> <p>The chrysanthemum is a symbol of Japanese royalty.</p>	<p>他身高比我高。 tā shēngāo bǐ Wǒ gāo .</p> <p>He is taller than me.</p>
<p>他爸爸一九八九年来美国。 Tā bàba yī jiǔ bā jiǔ nián lái Měiguó.</p> <p>His dad came to America in 1989.</p>	

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Culture Class: Holidays in China #12 Winter Solstice Festival

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- 2 Vocabulary
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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
冬至	冬至	dōngzhì	winter solstice	proper noun
饺子	餃子	jiǎozi	dumpling	noun
好吃不过饺子	好吃不過餃子	hǎochī búguò jiǎozi	There is no better food than dumplings.	expression
圆	圓	yuán	round	noun
数九	數九	shǔ jiǔ	"counting nine"	phrase
张仲景	張仲景	Zhāng Zhòngjǐng	Zhang Zhongjing	proper noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

今天是冬至，我们来做汤圆吧。

jīntiān shì dōng zhì , wǒmen lái zuò Tāng Yuánba .

It's the Winter Solstice Festival today, so let's make some sweet dumplings!

我做的饺子大家都喜欢吃。

Wǒ zuò de jiǎozi dàjiā dōu xǐhuān chī .

Everyone likes the dumplings I made.

张仲景是中国古代有名的医生。

Zhāng Zhòngjǐng shì Zhōngguó gǔdài yǒumíng de yīshēng .

Zhang Zhongjing was a famous doctor in ancient China.

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Culture Class: Holidays in China

#13

Children's Day

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
儿童节	兒童節	értóng jié	Children's Day	proper noun
儿童	兒童	értóng	children	noun
集体活动	集體活動	jítǐ huódòng	collective activities	phrase
联合国	聯合國	Liánhéguó	United Nations	proper noun
童心未泯	童心未泯	tóngxīnwèi mǐn	"one's childish heart remains"	phrase
中华人民共和国	中華人民共和國	Zhōnghuárénmín gònghéguó	The People's Republic of China	proper noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>我买了几件儿童穿的衣服。</p> <p>Wǒ mǎi le jǐ jiàn értóng chuān de yīfu .</p> <p>I bought some children's clothing.</p>	<p>你参加这次的集体活动吗？</p> <p>nǐ cānjiā zhècì de jítǐ huódòng ma ?</p> <p>Will you join in on these collective activities?</p>
<p>中国的全称是中华人民共和国。</p> <p>Zhōngguó de quánchēngshì Zhōnghuárénmín gòng hé guó .</p> <p>The full name of China is The People's Republic of China.</p>	

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Holidays in China #14 Dragon Head Raising Day

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
风调雨顺	風調雨順	fēngtiáoyǔshùn	favorable weather	phrase
降雨	降雨	jiàngyǔ	rainfall	noun
吃龙耳	吃龍耳	chī Lóng ěr	eating dragon ears	phrase
吃龙须面	吃龍鬚麵	chī Lóng Xū miàn	eating dragon beard	phrase
太阳糕	太陽糕	tàiyáng gāo	sun cake	noun
中和节	中和節	zhōnghé jié	Dragon Head Raising Day	proper noun
龙	龍	lóng	dragon	noun
皇帝	皇帝	huángdì	emperor	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>降雨后，空气很清新。 jiàngyǔhòu , kōngqì hěn qīngxīn .</p> <p>After the rainfall, the air becomes fresh.</p>	<p>我从来没有吃过太阳糕。 Wǒ cónglái méiyǒu chīguò tàiyáng gāo .</p> <p>I have never eaten a sun cake.</p>
<p>你见过真的龙吗？ nǐ jiànguò zhēnde Lóng Ma ?</p> <p>Have you ever seen a real dragon?</p>	<p>你喜欢哪一位皇帝？ nǐ xǐhuān nǎ yī wèi huángdì ?</p> <p>Which emperor do you like the most?</p>

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Holidays in China #15 International Women's Day

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
女性权利	女性權利	nǚxìng quánlì	women's rights	phrase
姑娘节	姑娘節	gū niang jié	Goddess Festival	proper noun
女儿节	女兒節	nǚér jié	Girl's Day	proper noun
三八	三八	sānbā	Three Eight	proper noun
国际妇女节	國際婦女節	guójì fùnǚ jié	International Women's Day	proper noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

她决定要为维护女性权利奉献一生。

tā juéding yào wéi wéihùnǚxìng quánlì fèngxìàn yīshēng .

She decided to dedicate her life to working to protect women's rights.

女儿节是七夕节的另一种说法。

nǚér jié shì qīxī jié de lìngyī zhǒng shuōfa .

Girl's Day is another expression for Chinese Valentine's Day.

三八是指3月8日。

sānbāshìzhǐSān yuè Bā Rì .

"Three Eight" refers to March 3.

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Holidays in China #16 National Tree Planting Day

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
植树节	植樹節	zhíshù jié	National Tree Planting Day	proper noun
植树活动	植樹活動	zhíshùhuódòng	tree-planting activities	phrase
三北	三北	sān běi	Three Norths	proper noun
森林	森林	sēnlín	forests	noun
野生动物保护区	野生動物保護區	yěshēngdòngwù bǎohùqū	wildlife reserves	phrase
国父孙中山	國父孫中山	guófù Sūnzhōngshān	Sun Yat-sen	proper noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>孩子们正在参加植树活动。 háizimen zhèngzài cānjiā zhíshùhuódòng .</p> <p>Children are taking part in tree planting activities.</p>	<p>三北是指哪些区域? sān běi shìzhǐnǎxiē qūyù ?</p> <p>Which areas does "Three Norths" refer to?</p>
<p>这些动物都住在森林里。 zhè xiē dòngwù dōu zhù zài sēnlín lǐ .</p> <p>These animals all live in forests.</p>	

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Holidays in China #17

CPC Founding Day and Anniversary of the Return of Hong Kong

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
建党节香港回归	建黨節香港回歸	jiàndǎng jié Xiānggǎng huíguī	CPC Founding Day and Anniversary of the Return of Hong Kong	phrase
中国共产党	中國共產黨	Zhōngguó gòngchǎndǎng	Chinese Communist Party (CPC)	proper noun
一国两制	一國兩制	yìguóliǎngzhì	one country, two political systems	phrase
邓小平	鄧小平	Dèng Xiǎopíng	Deng Xiaoping	proper noun
主权	主權	zhǔquán	sovereignty	noun
毛泽东	毛澤東	Máo Zédōng	Mao Zedong	noun, proper noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>中国共产党是中国最大的党。 Zhōngguó gòngchǎndǎng shì Zhōngguó zuì dà de Dǎng .</p> <p>The Chinese Communist Party is the biggest party in China.</p>	<p>主权是什么意思？ zhǔquán shì shénme yìsi ?</p> <p>What's the meaning of sovereignty?</p>
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毛泽东是一位伟大的领导人。
Máo Zédōng shì yī wèi wěidà de lǐngdǎorén .

Mao Zedong is a great leader.

1949年，毛泽东在北京宣布中华人民共和国成立。

Yījiūsìjiǔ nián, Máo Zédōng zài Běijīng xuānbù
Zhōnghuárénmíngònghe chénglì.

In 1949, Mao Zedong announced the
establishment of the People's Republic of
China in Beijing.

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#18

The Little New Year

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
小年	小年	xiǎo nián	The Little New Year	proper noun
灶神	灶神	zàoshén	Kitchen God	proper noun
祭灶节	祭灶節	jìzào jié	Kitchen God Festival	proper noun
官三民四船五	官三民四船五	guān sān mǐn sì chuán wǔ	official three civilian four fisherman five	phrase
柴米油盐酱醋茶	柴米油鹽醬醋茶	cháimǐyóuyán jiàng cù chá	firewood, rice, oil, salt, soy, vinegar and tea, firewood	phrase
玉皇大帝	玉皇大帝	yùhuángdàdì	Jade Emperor	proper noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>我每年都和好朋友一起过小年。 Wǒ měi nián dōu héhǎo péngyou yìqǐ guò Xiǎo Nián .</p> <p>Every year, I stay with my close friend during the Little New Year.</p>	<p>在中国，人们认为每个灶头都有一个灶神。 zài Zhōngguó , rénmen rènwéi měige zào tóu dū yǒu yī ge zào shén .</p> <p>In China, people think there is one Kitchen God in each kitchen.</p>
<p>玉皇大帝是神仙们的皇帝。 yù huáng dàdìshì shénxiān men de huángdì .</p> <p>The Jade Emperor is the emperor of the immortals.</p>	

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
教师节	教師節	jiàoshī jié	Teachers' Day	proper noun
人有三尊： 君、父、师	人有三尊： 君，父，師	rén yǒu sān zūn : jūn , fù , Shī	three to respect: the emperor, father and teacher	expression
感谢	感謝	gǎnxiè	to appreciate	verb
学年度优秀教师	學年度優秀教師	xuénián dù yōuxiùjiāoshī	Excellent Teacher	phrase
孔子	孔子	Kǒng Zǐ	Confucius	proper noun
毕业生	畢業生	bìyè shēng	alumni	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>对得到的一切都要怀着感谢的心。 duì dé dào de yīqiè dū yào huáizhe gǎnxiè de xīn .</p> <p>We must appreciate everything we get.</p>	<p>孔子是儒家学说的创始人。 Kǒngzǐ shì rújiā xuéshuō de chuàngshǐrén .</p> <p>Confucius is the founder of Confucianism.</p>
<p>孔子又被叫作孔夫子。 Kǒngzǐ yòu bèi jiàozuò Kǒng Fūzǐ.</p> <p>Confucius was also called Kong Fuzi (Master Kong).</p>	<p>毕业生们都回母校庆祝校庆。 Bìyè shēng men dōu huí mǔjiào qìngzhù xiào qìng .</p> <p>The alumni all went back to the school to celebrate the anniversary.</p>

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Holidays in China #20 Valentine's Day

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
光棍节	光棍節	guāng gùn jié	Single's Day	proper noun
光棍的聚会	光棍的聚會	guānggùnde jùhuì	party for single sticks	phrase
情人	情人	qíng rén	lover	noun
情人节	情人節	Qíng rén Jié	Valentine's Day	noun
礼物	禮物	lǐ wù	gift	noun
情侣	情侶	qíng lǚ	couple	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>这个酒吧今年会举行光棍的聚会。 zhège jiǔbā jīnnián huì jǔxíng guānggùnde jùhuì .</p> <p>This bar will hold a party for single sticks this year.</p>	<p>她是他的情人。 tā shì tā de qíng rén .</p> <p>She is his lover.</p>
<p>星期一是情人节，你有时间吗？ Xīng qī yī shì qíng rén jié, nǐ yǒu shíjiān ma?</p> <p>Monday is Valentine's Day. Do you have time?</p>	<p>挑选礼物真的很令我头疼。 tiāoxuǎn lǐ wù zhēnde hěn lǐng Wǒ tóuténg .</p> <p>Choosing a gift is a real headache for me.</p>
<p>这一套家具是专门为情侣设计的。 zhè yī tào jiājù shì zhuānmén wèi qíng lǚ shèjì de .</p> <p>This set of furniture is specially designed for couples.</p>	

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
商机	商機	shāngjī	opportunity	noun
圣诞果	聖誕果	Shèngdàn guǒ	Christmas Fruit, apple	noun
圣诞老人	聖誕老人	Shèngdàn Lǎorén	Santa Clause	noun, proper noun
圣诞夜	聖誕夜	Shèngdànyè	Christmas Eve	noun, proper noun
圣诞节	聖誕節	shèngdàn jié	Christmas Day	proper noun
改革开放	改革開放	gǎigé kāifàng	economic reform and opening-up policy	proper noun, phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>聪明的商人总是能从细小的方面发现商机。</p> <p>cōngmíng de shāngrén zǒngshì néng cóng xìxiǎo de fāngmiàn fāxiàn shāngjī .</p> <p>A clever businessman can always find an opportunity in a small matter.</p>	<p>圣诞老人驾着驯鹿来到孩子们的家。</p> <p>Shèngdànlǎorén jiàzhe xùnlù láidào háizimen de jiā .</p> <p>Santa Claus came to the children's homes by riding a flying reindeer sleigh.</p>
<p>街上有很多圣诞老人。</p> <p>Jiēshàng yǒu hěn duō Shèngdàn Lǎorén.</p> <p>There are a lot of Santa Clauses on the street.</p>	<p>和家人们一起过圣诞夜真开心。</p> <p>hé jiārénmen yìqǐ guò Shèngdànyè zhēn kāixīn .</p> <p>The happy family is together on Christmas Eve.</p>

圣诞夜我们有个派对。

Shèngdànyè wǒmen yǒu gè pàiduì.

On Christmas Eve, we are having a party.

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#22

April Fools' Day

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
愚人	愚人	yúrén	fool	noun
开玩笑	開玩笑	kāi wánxiào	playing tricks	phrase
网络世界	網絡世界	wǎngluò shìjiè	online world	noun
愚人节	愚人節	yúrén jié	April Fools' day	noun
愚公移山	愚公移山	yúgōngyíshān	Old man Yu Gong who moved away to the mountains	phrase, expression

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>当你被叫做愚人的时候你会生气吗?</p> <p>dàng nǐ bèi jiàozuò yúrén de shíhou nǐ huì shēngqì ma ?</p> <p>Do you feel angry if you are called a fool?</p>	<p>别生气，我是开玩笑的。</p> <p>bié shēngqì , Wǒ shì kāi wánxiào de .</p> <p>Don't be angry, I'm just joking.</p>
<p>在网络世界里，我们可以和不认识的人聊天。</p> <p>zài wǎngluò shìjiè lǐ , wǒmen kěyǐ hé bù rènshi de rén liáotiān .</p> <p>We can chat with people we don't know in the online world.</p>	

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Culture Class: Holidays in China #23 Chinese New Year's Eve

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
岁岁平安	歲歲平安	sui sui ping an	Peace all year round!	expression
除夕	除夕	Chúxī	Chinese New Year's Eve	noun, proper noun
门神	門神	ménshén	door god	noun
团圆饭	團圓飯	tuányuán fàn	reunion dinner	none
鱼	魚	yú	fish	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>在除夕，我们通常和家人一起吃饭。</p> <p>zài Chúxī , wǒmen tōngcháng hé jiārén yīqǐ chīfàn .</p> <p>We usually have meals with our families on Chinese New Year's Eve.</p>	<p>今天是除夕，明天是春节。</p> <p>Jīntiān shì Chúxī, míngtiān shì Chūnjié.</p> <p>Today is Chinese New Year's eve. Tomorrow is Chinese New Year.</p>
<p>我和家人吃着团圆饭，迎接新的一年到来。</p> <p>Wǒ hé jiārén chīzhe tuányuánfàn , yíngjiē xīn de yī nián dào lái .</p> <p>I have a reunion dinner with my family and wait for the new year to come.</p>	<p>鱼在河里游着。</p> <p>yú zài hé lǐ yóuzhe .</p> <p>The fish are swimming in the river.</p>
<p>鱼不能离开水。</p> <p>Yú bù néng líkāi shuǐ .</p> <p>Fish cannot live without water.</p>	

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Culture Class: Holidays in China #24 Laba Festival

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
吃冰	吃冰	chī bīng	eating ice	phrase
算	算	suàn	to calculate	verb
腊八节	臘八節	làbā jié	Laba Festival	proper noun
腊八粥	臘八粥	làbāzhōu	Laba congee	noun, proper noun
腊八蒜	臘八蒜	làbā suàn	Laba garlic	noun, proper noun
腊月	臘月	làyuè	the twelfth lunar month	noun
蒜	蒜	suàn	garlic	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>让我算一算这些一共多少钱。 ràng wǒ suàn yī suàn zhè xiē yīgòng duō shǎo qián .</p> <p>Let me calculate how much they are.</p>	<p>中国人习惯在腊八节的时候喝腊八粥。 Zhōngguó rén xíguàn zài Là bā jié de shíhou hē là bā yù .</p> <p>Chinese people used to eat Laba congee during Laba Festival.</p>
<p>一到腊月，大家都很忙。 yī dào làyuè , dàjiā dōu hěn máng .</p> <p>When the twelfth lunar month comes, all people become busy.</p>	<p>我很喜欢吃蒜。 Wǒ hěn xǐhuān chī suàn .</p> <p>I like eating garlic very much.</p>
<p>她对蒜过敏。 Tā duì suàn guòmǐn.</p> <p>She is allergic to garlic.</p>	

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#25

Youth Day

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VOCABULARY

Simplified	Traditional	Pinyin	English	Class
大规模游行	聲勢浩大 大规模游行	dà guī mó yóuxíng	massive protest	phrase
社会实践	社會實踐	shèhuì shíjiàn	social activities	noun
五四青年节	五四青年節	wǔsì qīngnián jié	Youth Day	proper noun
成人冠礼	成人冠禮	chéng rén guān lǐ	coming of age ceremony	noun, phrase
爱国主义	愛國主義	àiguózhǔyì	patriotism	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>3000个学生参加了这次大规模游行。</p> <p>ānqiān ge xuésheng cānjiā le zhècì dà guī mó yóuxíng .</p> <p>Three thousand students participated in this massive protest.</p>	<p>五四青年节是为纪念五四运动而设立的。</p> <p>Wūsìqīngniánjié shì wèi jìniàn wǔ sì yùndòng ér shèlì de .</p> <p>Youth Day was set to commemorate the May 4th movement.</p>
<p>举行过成人冠礼，就是大人了。</p> <p>jǔxíng guo chéng rén guān lǐ , jiùshì dàren le .</p> <p>After the coming of age ceremony, we are recognized as adults.</p>	<p>学校举行活动来进行爱国主义教育。</p> <p>xuéxiào jǔxíng huódòng lái jìnxíng àiguó Zhǔyì jiàoyù .</p> <p>The school held an activity for patriotism education.</p>



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