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Chinese New Year

China recently underwent its biggest celebrations: The Chinese New Year. What does it mean?

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Didn't we celebrate New Year on January 1st? Why are Chinese people celebrating it again?

Soccer

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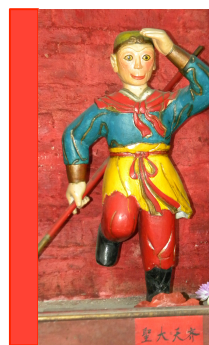
The world's population recently reached this number. What does this mean?

12 Years and Older

Elementary

Chinese New Year: The Year of the Dragon

On January 23, Chinese people received the New Year, and they celebrated!



Chinese statue in a temple devoted to deities and emperors in ZengCheng, GuangDong

Vocabulary

Use the dictionary to look up the following words (You can also go to <http://www.wordreference.com>).

1. Lunar (adj.): _____

2. Solar (adj.): _____

3. BC (abbreviation): _____

4. Commemorate (v): _____

5. Daily (ad.): _____

Preview

Describe the picture at the top of this page. What animal is it?

January 8, 2012

The Chinese calendar is the oldest time-record that you can find today. Some people say it is almost 30.000 years old. This is a mixture of lunar and solar calendar, and it is used in most of Southeast Asia today. Western cultures (America and Europe for example) use a solar calendar, best known as the "Gregorian" calendar. (Continues on page 4)



Premier League!

The top English football league.

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Pre-Reading

Look up these words in the dictionary:

1. League (n)

2. Season (n)

3. Coverage (n)

10 years and older

Elementary

January 15, 2011

The Premier League is the most important football competition in England. There are 20 teams that play to find out who the champion is going to be.

Right now, Manchester City is the leader with 48 points. Manchester United and Tottenham are following closely, but Bolton and Wigan stand no chance. They are 19th and 20th respectively.

Fans can go to the stadium to support their teams, or take advantage of the TV coverage and watch the games at home. No matter what option they choose, they should know who the champion is by the beginning of May. The 2011-2012 season will end on Sunday, May 13th.

Reading Comprehension

True (T) or False (F).

1. Bolton has many possibilities of winning the Premier League.
2. The season ends in June.
3. Fans who don't go to the stadium miss all the games.

Discuss with a Partner

Do you like football? Why? Why not?





Web Giants Join Protests Against S.O.P.A. and P.I.P.A.

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14 years and older

Intermediate

Some People Are Already Referring to This as the Hollywood vs. Silicon Valley War

Pre-Reading

Discuss the meaning of the following words:

1. Piracy: _____
2. Censorship: _____
3. Law: _____
4. Copyright: _____

Do you watch videos or listen to music online? How often? Discuss with a partner.

January 22, 2011

The Senate of the United States of America is on the process of passing **laws** to prevent online **piracy**. However, some people say that these laws will do more than just fight piracy. They say the laws will become a form of **censorship**. The names of the laws are S.O.P.A. (Stop Online Piracy Act) and P.I.P.A. (Protect Intellectual Property Act), and mainly video and music studios in the US support them. They say that they are losing huge amounts of money due to online **piracy**.

Although nobody seems to support the violation of **copyright**, online companies and some scholars suggest that the **law** might easily promote violation to rights such as the freedom of speech. That is why they openly oppose these laws.

For more information go to
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/derekbrees/2012/01/20/why-should-you-fear-sopa-and-pipa/>

In the Chinese calendar, years receive the name of 12 animals; for example this year will be the Year of the Dragon, the year that has just ended was the Year of the Rabbit, and the one before was the Year of the Tiger.

The Chinese New Year does not fall on the same date every year. This year it was on January 23, but last year it was celebrated on February 3. This is because the calendar is cyclical and the year can begin anytime from the end of January to the middle of February.

Is the Chinese calendar lunar or solar?

Write the correct animal in front of each year (see example).

2012: The Dragon.

2011: _____

2010: _____

Without using the dictionary, try to define the following words and phrases:

1. Time-record (On page 1): _____

2. Best known (On page 1):

3. Fall: _____

4. Cyclical: _____

Chinese people have a holiday to celebrate the Western New Year and a big holiday to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Do you think Western countries should have a holiday to commemorate the Chinese New Year? Why? Why not?

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Go to <http://www.grassrootsdesign.com/zodiac/zsrch.php> and find your animal in the Chinese Zodiac.

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Straight from the horse's mouth

Idioms and Slangs

- **Straight from the horse's mouth:** from a very reliable source. E.g.

A: How did you know John was coming?

B: I heard it **straight from the horse's mouth!**

A: Do you mean he told you?

B: Yes, indeed.

Discuss

Have you heard anything "straight from the horse's mouth"? Tell a partner.

Web Giants Join Protests Against SOPA & PIPA

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Reading comprehension

Answer the following questions based on the article:

1. What does S.O.P.A. stand for?

2. What does P.I.P.A. stand for?

3. Why do music studios support this law?

Opinion

What do you think about S.O.P.A. and P.I.P.A.?

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Martin Luther King's Day!

How do people celebrate this special date?

The United States of America recently celebrated one of their most important holidays: Martin Luther King's Day.

But why do they celebrate and how do they do it? Well, first of all Martin Luther King, Jr. was an activist who fought for the civil rights of African-American people in the US.

Today, people commemorate his achievements every year on January 17th. People march and in schools teachers prepare lessons about him. To find out more go to http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1964/king-bio.html

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