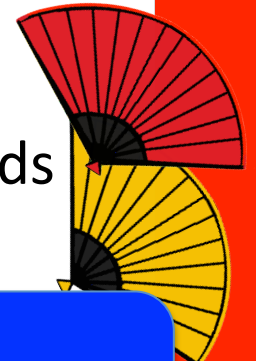




# Chinese New Year



## 2015.. Year of the Goat

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Goat?  
I don't think so.

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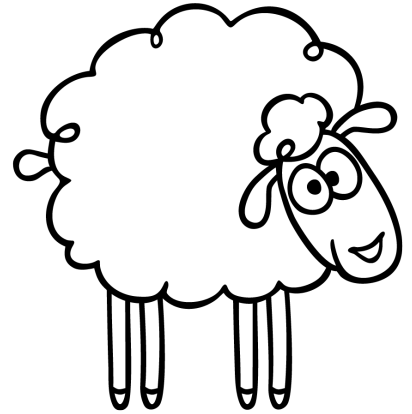
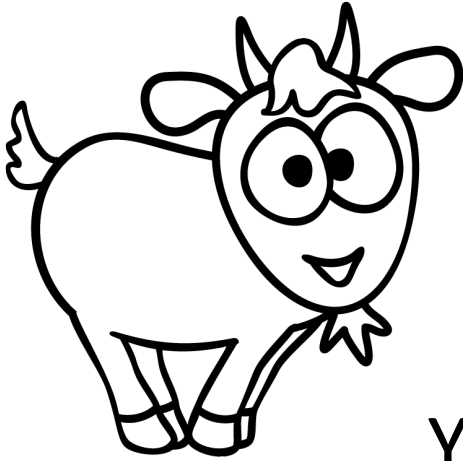
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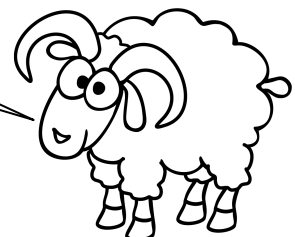


## 2015 Year of the.... ?

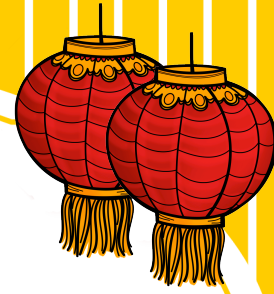
As a result of translating the Chinese zodiac into English, there is some confusion over which animal officially represents 2015. Although some sources suggest the goat is correct, both animals are commonly used, so I have included both in the word cards.

The ram is also sometimes cited in the place of the goat or the sheep.

What about me?



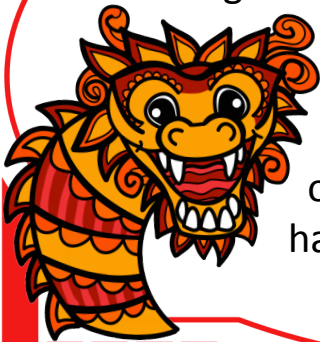
## Trek 1 Think 'how'?



When Chinese New Year celebrations are over, **think how** you could use the paper lanterns. Think of as many different ways to re-use these decorations as you can.

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## Trek 2 Think 'what'?



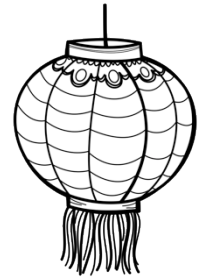
The dragon is a mythical creature that looks a bit like a lizard or a serpent. Combine some of the features of two interesting animals to create your own mythical creature. Decide on a habitat for your creature.

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# Chinese New Year



1. How many animals are part of the Chinese Zodiac? \_\_\_\_\_
2. 2015 is the Year of the Goat (or some say Sheep). According to the Chinese Zodiac, what are some of the qualities of people born in the Year of the Goat?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the Chinese Zodiac animal sign for the year in which you were born?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Why are dragon dances performed at New Year?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What does 'Gung hay fat choy' mean?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Why is the date of Chinese New Year different every year?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What is the purpose of spring cleaning the house before Chinese New Year?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. List some of the special foods eaten at Chinese New Year.  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. By what name is Chinese New Year also known?  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. When is the lantern festival held?  
\_\_\_\_\_



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# Chinese New Year Answers

1. How many animals are part of the Chinese Zodiac? **12**
2. 2015 is the Year of the Goat/Sheep. According to the Chinese Zodiac, what are some of the qualities of people born in the Year of the Goat/Sheep?  
**polite, loving, calm, warm, charming, elegant, a good friend, shy**
3. What is the Chinese Zodiac animal sign for the year in which you were born?  
**2002-horse, 2003-goat, 2004-monkey, 2005-rooster, 2006-dog, 2007-pig, 2008-rat, 2009-ox**
4. Why are dragon dances performed at New Year?  
**to bring good luck and/or to scare away evil spirits**
5. What does 'Gung hay fat choy' mean?  
**'May you become prosperous'**
6. Why is the date of Chinese New Year different every year? **because it's based on the Chinese lunar calendar (the lunar cycle is about 29.5 days)**
7. What is the purpose of spring cleaning the house before Chinese New Year?  
**to sweep away bad luck/bad fortune and make room for good fortune**
8. List some of the special foods eaten at Chinese New Year.  
**dumplings, fish, cake made with rice flour, glutinous rice flour balls & more**
9. By what name is Chinese New Year also known?  
**Spring Festival (or Lunar New Year)**
10. When is the lantern festival held?  
**15<sup>th</sup> day of the new year, last day of Chinese New Year celebrations**

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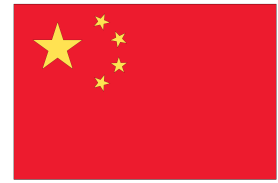
Draw a storyboard showing the six key events in the Legend of Nian.


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19 February 2015

Year of the Goat



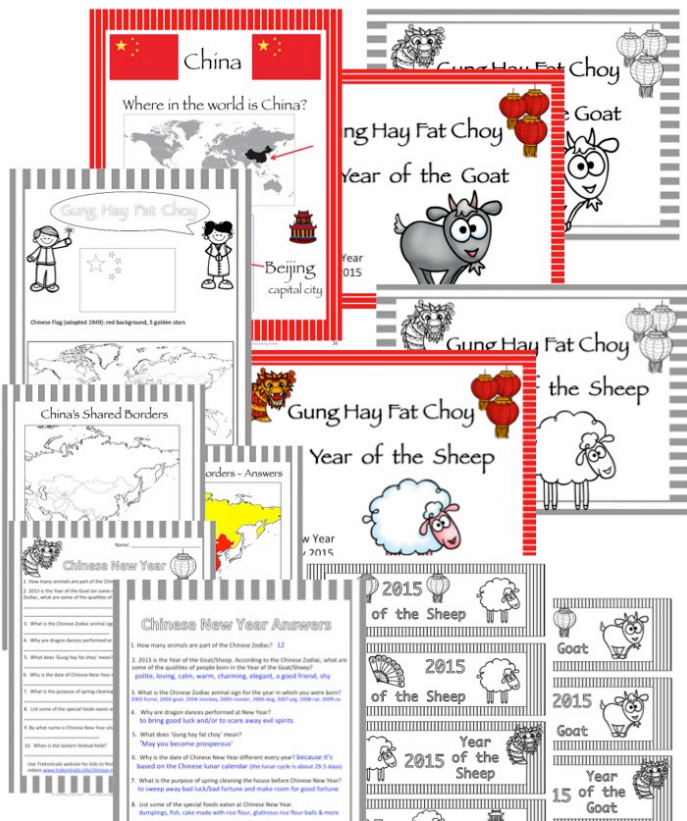
Year of the Sheep





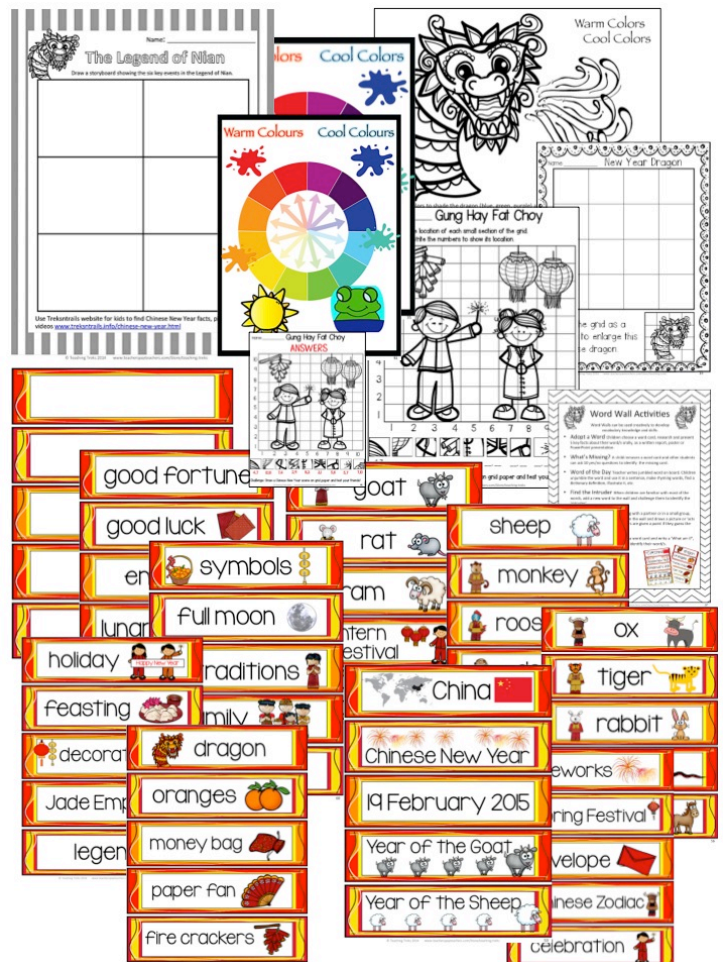
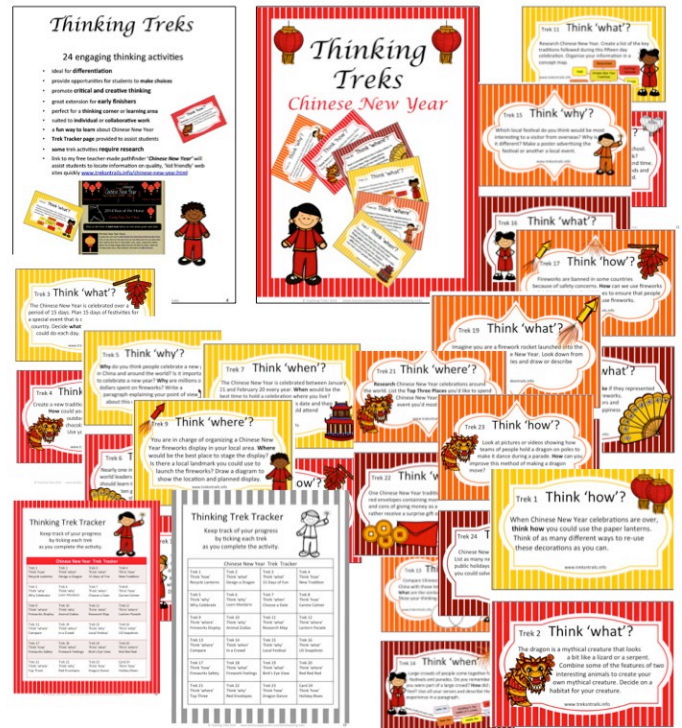
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