



# The Biggest Trip Home

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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❶ Every winter, the biggest trip on Earth begins. In China, people travel home for the Lunar New Year, also called the Spring Festival. In 2025, people made about nine billion trips in just 40 days. Trains and roads are full, but everyone wants to be home on New Year's Eve.



❷ The date changes every year. It follows the moon and the sun, so the holiday comes between January 21 and February 20. In 2026, it was on February 17, and in 2027, it will be on February 6. Each year also has an animal, like the horse or the goat.

❸ On New Year's Eve, families eat a big dinner together. In northern China, people make dumplings, because their shape looks like old Chinese money. Families also eat fish, but they do not finish it. The word for fish sounds like the word for extra. So leftover fish means extra money next year.

❹ Red is everywhere. People hang red paper on their doors, and children get money in red envelopes. Some people hang the Chinese word for luck upside down. Why? In Chinese, upside down sounds like arrive. So the sign says, "Luck has arrived!"

❺ Other countries have their own ways. In Korea, children bow deeply to their grandparents and get New Year money. In Vietnam, the zodiac has a cat, not a rabbit. In China, the festival lasts fifteen days. It ends with the Lantern Festival, when the first full moon of the year shines over thousands of red lanterns.

## Words 単語

**trip** 旅行、移動**billion** 10億**follow** ～にしたがう、～についていく**zodiac** 十二支、星座**dumpling** ギョーザ、だんご**shape** 形**extra** よぶんな（もの）、あまり**leftover** 残り物（の）**envelope** 封筒**upside down** 逆さまに**bow** おじぎをする**lantern** ランタン、提灯



## Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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## 1. What is the reading mainly about?

- (A) How to make dumplings at home  
(B) How people get ready for and celebrate the Lunar New Year  
(C) Why trains in China are always late  
(D) The history of the Chinese zodiac

## 2. How many trips did people in China make in 40 days in 2025?

- (A) About nine million  
(B) About fifteen thousand  
(C) About forty million  
(D) About nine billion

## 3. When will the Lunar New Year be in 2027?

- (A) February 6  
(B) February 17  
(C) January 21  
(D) February 20

## 4. Why do families leave some fish at dinner?

- (A) Because fish is too expensive  
(B) Because the word for fish sounds like the word for extra  
(C) Because children do not like fish  
(D) Because the fish is for the Lantern Festival

## 5. In paragraph 4, what does "upside down" mean?

- (A) Very big  
(B) In red color  
(C) With the top at the bottom  
(D) Next to the door

## 6. Which sentence is true about the reading?

- (A) The festival in China lasts three days.  
(B) In Vietnam, the zodiac has a cat.  
(C) Korean children get money in green envelopes.  
(D) Dumplings are popular in southern China because they are long.

## 7. Why do you think people travel so far to be home on New Year's Eve?

- (A) Because train tickets are free  
(B) Because they must work at home  
(C) Because the family dinner together is the most important part  
(D) Because they want to see fireworks in the city

## 8. In the dialogue, why does Wei Ling tell Ethan to toss the salad high?

- (A) Because the salad tastes better cold  
(B) Because the boss wants to see it  
(C) Because it is everyone's birthday  
(D) Because a higher toss means higher luck

## True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

|                                                   |       |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------|
| The Lunar New Year is on the same day every year. | T / F |
| Many people in China travel home for the holiday. | T / F |
| Families eat all of the fish on New Year's Eve.   | T / F |
| Red is a lucky color for the Lunar New Year.      | T / F |
| The Vietnamese zodiac has a cat.                  | T / F |
| The festival in China ends after three days.      | T / F |



## Word Work

Words &amp; phrases. 単語のれんしゅう。

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① Match the pictures and the words. 絵と単語を線で結ぼう。



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● red envelope



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● train



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● horse



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● full moon



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● lantern



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● fish



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● dumpling



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● dragon

② Unscramble the words. 文字を並べ替えて単語にしよう。

1. L N R A N T E

2. A N G D R O

3. O A I Z C D

4. G I P N R S

5. Y M F I L A

6. N I D E R N

③ Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで ( ) に入れよう。

smiles

bag

play

older

sleeps

fish

money

hanbok

pumpkin

soup

bows

grandparents

shouts

## Minjun's Big Bow

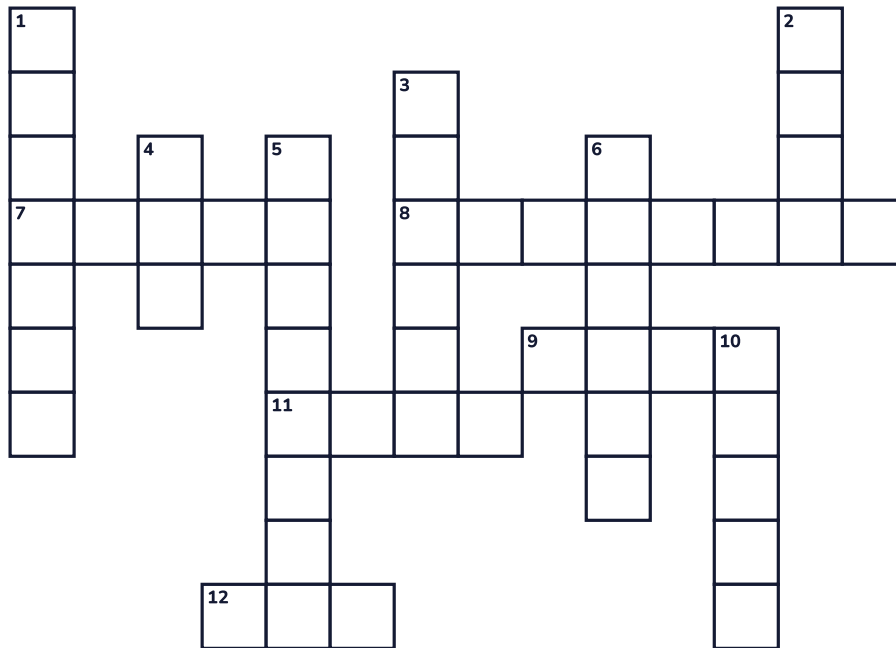
It is the morning of Seollal in Seoul. Minjun wears a colorful (1) \_\_\_\_\_. His (2) \_\_\_\_\_ sit on the floor of the living room. Minjun puts his hands together and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ deeply. "Happy New Year, Grandma and Grandpa!" he says. His grandmother (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and gives him a small silk (5) \_\_\_\_\_. There is New Year (6) \_\_\_\_\_ inside! Then the whole family eats rice cake (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for breakfast. "Now you are one year (8) \_\_\_\_\_," his grandfather jokes. In the afternoon, they (9) \_\_\_\_\_ a game with wooden sticks. Minjun wins and (10) \_\_\_\_\_, "This year will be great!"



# Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues and fill in the puzzle. ヒントを読んで、クロスワードを完成させよう。

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## Across →

- 7** Many people ride it to go home. It runs on tracks. (5)
- 8** Food with a soft skin and meat inside. It looks like old money. (8)
- 9** Families eat it but do not finish it. (4)
- 11** Another word for good fortune. Everyone wants it at New Year. (4)
- 12** The lucky color of the holiday. Envelopes and paper have this color. (3)

## Down ↓

- 1** A paper light. Thousands shine on the fifteenth day. (7)
- 2** The calendar follows it. It is full on the fifteenth night. (4)
- 3** The twelve animals for the years. (6)
- 4** In the Vietnamese zodiac, this pet takes the rabbit's place. (3)
- 5** Children get money in a paper one. (8)
- 6** The season in the name of the Chinese festival. (6)
- 10** The animal of 2026. It runs fast. (5)



# Word Search

Find the hidden words. かくれた単語を探そう (→ ↓ ↘ ↗)。

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Find these words! 14

- ☐ CAT
- ☐ DRAGON
- ☐ DUMPLING
- ☐ ENVELOPE
- ☐ FISH
- ☐ GOAT
- ☐ HORSE
- ☐ LANTERN
- ☐ LUCK
- ☐ MOON
- ☐ RED
- ☐ SPRING
- ☐ TRAIN
- ☐ ZODIAC

Secret Code 暗号を解こう！記号を文字に直すと、メッセージが出てくるよ。



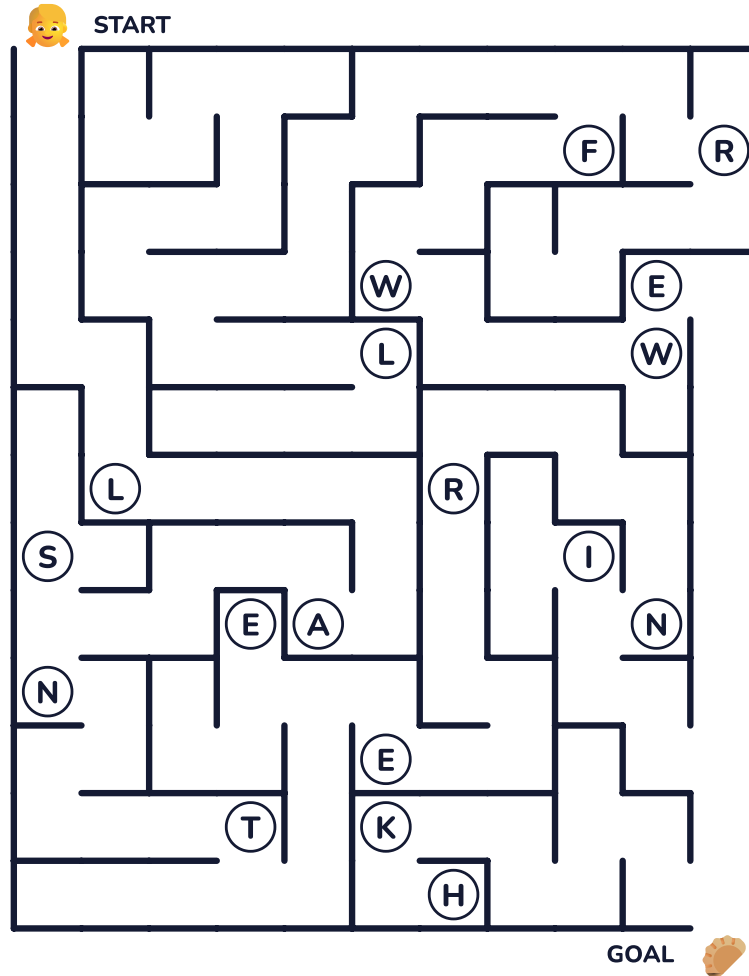


# Maze & Sentences

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Help Mei get home for New Year's Eve dinner!

Collect the letters on the right path. What is the secret word? 正しい道の文字を集めると、ひみつの言葉になるよ。



Secret word: \_\_\_\_\_

Put the words in order. 並べ替えて正しい文にしよう。

1. travel / People / Year / New / for / the / home .

2. dumplings / Year's / Families / on / eat / New / Eve .

3. get / red / Children / money / in / envelopes .

4. sign / Some / upside / the / down / people / hang .

5. festival / ends / lanterns / The / with / red / many .



# Class Activity & Writing

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Find Someone Who... クラスで聞いて回ろう！ Ask: "Do you ...?" / "Have you ...?"

| Find someone who ...                            | Name |
|-------------------------------------------------|------|
| ... knows their zodiac animal in English        |      |
| ... has eaten dumplings this month              |      |
| ... has been to a Chinatown                     |      |
| ... has seen a lion dance                       |      |
| ... can say Happy New Year in Chinese or Korean |      |
| ... likes the color red                         |      |
| ... has traveled a long way to see family       |      |
| ... knows the date of the next Lunar New Year   |      |

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

My zodiac animal is the \_\_\_\_\_. People say this animal is \_\_\_\_\_.

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If I visited \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lunar New Year, I would like to \_\_\_\_\_.

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In Japan, we eat \_\_\_\_\_ at New Year because it means \_\_\_\_\_.

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# Trace & Color

Trace the words. Then color the picture! なぞって書こう。絵に色を塗ろう。

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lantern



dumpling



fish



red envelope

