

Greeting Cards

- **Students** : K-12, Adults/ Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
- **Learning Objectives:** Student will be able to
 1. apply festival greetings to show wishes to their families, friends and teachers
 2. write the short message in letter format
- **Assessment:**
 1. Students summarize multimedia information, referring to prior knowledge
 2. Students practice speaking newly learned sentences to give wishes to one another
 3. Students write Chinese sentences with right stroke order in an appropriate format
- **Assignment:** Students send their cards to people they wrote to and share with teacher how they like the cards

Skill Area	Language Target	Activities	Materials used
Listening Speaking	-Vocabulary: 春节 过年 团圆 -Sentence Structure: 我们认为..... 在我（们）看来.....	教学引入Warm-up: 什么是春节 1. Teacher shows students multiple videos pictures or audio files related to Chinese New Year 2. Students work in groups or pair to discuss what Chinese New Year is and Why Chinese New Year is important to Chinese people 3. Teacher asks students to share ideas in class <i>(Based on students' levels, teacher can have students either pop out separate Chinese words or longer responses)</i>	"The most important holiday of the Chinese calendar is Chinese New Year, also known as the "Spring Festival" (Chūnjié 春节). Around late January and early February, families get into the holiday spirit by displaying special decorations around the house. The color red is said to ward off evil spirits and other negative forces. Some families will paint a fresh coat of red around doors

			<p>and windows as a way to symbolize revival and to usher in the New Year. Front doors of houses are adorned with poetic "spring couplets" (春联 chūnlián), wishing people good fortunes such as "a long life" or "good health."</p> <p>——From <i>Discovering Chinese Pro (Lesson 40)</i> 取自《奇妙中文 Pro》(第四十课)</p> <p>Celebrating Chinese Festival DVD</p> <p>Chinese Festival CD-ROM</p>
Speaking Reading	<p>-Vocabulary 祝-祝愿、祝福</p> <p>-Sentence Structure 祝您/你..... 开开心心 身体健康 快快乐乐 猴年快乐/大吉 心想事成 恭喜发财</p>	<p>教师指导 Explicit Instruction: 学说、学写吉祥话</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher introduces several festival greetings based upon students' levels 2. Students read aloud with teacher 	<p>“恭喜发财 means "May you be happy and prosperous!" In old days, it was used as a polite expression to congratulate people who had made their fortunes. Nowadays, it is often used as a blessing to wish people wealth and prosperity during Chinese New Year”.</p>

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Speaking Writing	(Selected greeting words and sentences)	<p>练习 Practice: 说一说, 写一写</p> <p>1. Each student chooses at least two favorite greetings to practice speaking with their partners 2. Students practice writing down one or two of their chosen greetings</p>	Pencils, Paper
Writing Reading	(Selected greeting words and sentences)	<p>写一张新年贺卡 Write a Chinese New Year Card</p> <p>[Option 1] Teacher prepares Chinese New Year Cards for students. Students write a Chinese New Year to one of their family members, friends or teachers</p> <p>[Option 2] Teacher has students design and make their own cards and write down the message for one of their family members, friends or teachers</p>	<p>An Example Card (With appropriate addressing and wording), Color Paper, Color pens, Scissors, Glue Or Blank Chinese New Year Cards</p>

Teaching Materials 教学材料

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