

LUNAR NEW YEAR

ESCAPE ROOM

A. Chunjie
B. Têt
C. Xenophon
D. Seollal

6 What do dumplings symbolize?

A. Honesty
B. Tight family bond
C. Loyalty
D. Long life ahead

How many times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to solve the 4-digit code and record it on your answer sheet.

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J	N

Year lasts for MINUS 9.

The FIRST number of the lock is the day of the new year many families eat Yusheng MINUS 3.

The THIRD number of the lock is the number of animals represented in the zodiac MINUS 8.

Once you determine the 4-digit code, decide if the code uses all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both.

ALL EVEN	ALL ODD	COMBO
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There are different names for the Lunar New Year celebration. China celebrates the holiday as the ____ Festival, or Chunjie in Mandarin, the Vietnamese people celebrate ____ and the Korean people celebrate Seollal. There are similarities and differences in how the holiday is celebrated in all three areas.

The celebration of Lunar New Year is a time for feasting and enjoying time together as a family, remembering your past, and honoring your ancestors. Lunar New Year is not celebrated on just one day but begins on the day of the first ____ near the end of January and lasts for 15 days afterward. In ____, the new year celebration ends with the Pingxi Sky Festival.

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ALL EVEN	ALL ODD	COMBO
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STATION 2: PARAGRAPHS

First, number ALL the paragraphs on your reading passage. Then, read each statement below and determine which paragraph NUMBER the statement can be found in. Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than one time or not at all. Use the directions below to reveal the 4-digit code and letter clue.

A. Legends tell a story of a mythical creature named Nian to scare the village children.

B. A common gift is a red envelope (called hongbao) with money inside for children.

C. In an effort to not wipe away good luck, cleaning is done after dark.

D. Vietnamese families often celebrate with a 5-day festival honoring their ancestors.

STATION 3: TRUE OR FALSE

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the coin on YOUR answer sheet that corresponds with that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin value. When you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE coin values to reveal your letter clue. One digit of the code has been provided for you. If the total is 625, a 6 would go in the first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

A 75	A. Lunar New Year celebrations last for 3 days.	E 100
B 25	B. The Chinese New Year dates back to the reign of Emperor Xi of the Han Dynasty.	F
	C. Families are asked to not wash or cut their hair on the first days of the Lunar New Year.	
	D. There are some rules...	

LUNAR NEW YEAR

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STATIONS ACTIVITY

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ READING PASSAGE
- ✓ 5 STATIONS
- ✓ TEACHER GUIDE
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEXT MARKING OPTION
- ✓ PROP SIGNS

STATION 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

Use your reading passage to determine the missing words in the paragraph below. Each missing word has a corresponding NUMBER. The 4-digit code for this station will be the NUMBER for each missing word, in the same order in which they appear in the paragraph. Then, record the clue LETTER on your answer sheet.

STATION 2: PARAGRAPHS

First, number ALL the paragraphs on your reading passage. Then, read each statement below and determine which paragraph NUMBER the statement can be found in. Paragraph numbers MAY be used more than one time or not at all. Follow the directions below to reveal the 4-digit code and letter clue.

STATION 3: TRUE OR FALSE

Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the coin on YOUR answer sheet that corresponds with that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin value. When you are finished add the TOTAL of ALL TRUE coin values to reveal your letter clue. One digit of the code has been provided for you. If the total is 625, a 6 would go in the first box, the 2 in the second box and so on.

STATION 4: COMBINATION

Use your reading passage to determine the combination to the 4-digit lock for this station. You're going to have to use your critical thinking skills and do a tiny bit of math. Pay attention because the "clues" below are NOT in order. There is room on your answer sheet to do the math.

STATION 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Answer each multiple-choice question below. Then, count the number of times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to reveal your 4-digit code. Letters may be used more than once or not at all. If a letter option is not used, put a zero in that box on your answer sheet.

ANSWER RECORDING SHEET

Record your answers for each station on this sheet. Then, use the directions below to determine final 4-digit ALPHA code. Ex: HBDR

STATION CODES

LETTER CLUE

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A	B	C	D	E	F	<input type="text"/>
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STATION 2	→	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	CODE	<input type="text"/>
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TEACHER DIRECTION

- 1 Print the reading passage found on [pages 5-6](#) for EACH (front and back).
- 2 Print the answer recording sheet on [page 12](#) for each student group of students.

RECAP: Print pages 5, 6, and 12 for students.

STATION

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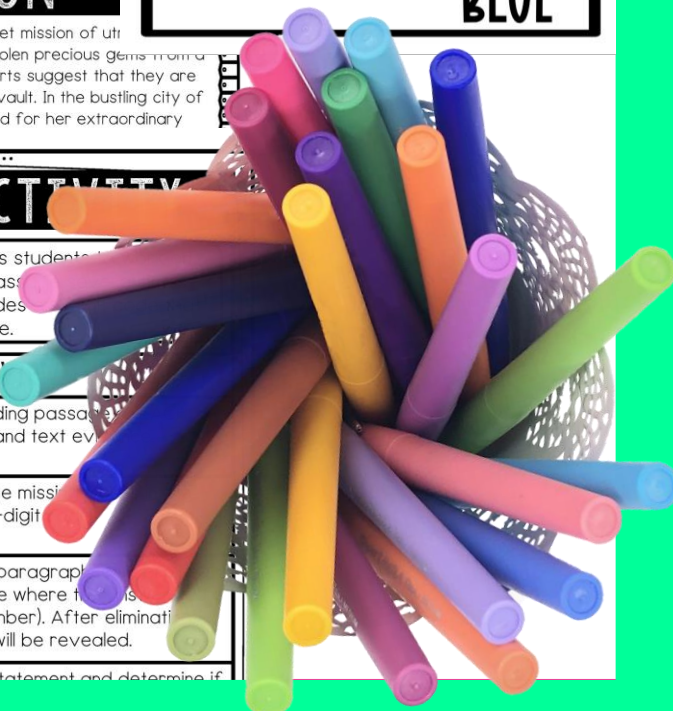
THE MISSION

You have been assigned a top-secret mission of utmost importance. A notorious thief has stolen precious gems from a prominent lady, and intelligence reports suggest that they are hidden in a heavily guarded secret vault. In the bustling city of Oakville, Lady Victoria was renowned for her extraordinary

ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

The reading passage in this packet allows students to practice their comprehension skills after reading the passage. Students will be searching for evidence. Each station includes a clue that will reveal a letter clue.

	OVERVIEW
READING PASSAGE	Students will use the reading passage at each station seeking answers and text evidence.
STATION 1	Students will determine the missing word in the paragraph to reveal a 4-digit code.
STATION 2	Students will number the paragraphs in the reading passage to determine where the missing words can be found (paragraph number). After eliminating the incorrect numbers, a 4-digit code will be revealed.
STATION 3	Students will read each statement and determine if it is true or false.



5 STATIONS

STATION 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Answer each multiple-choice question below. Then, count how many times you used each letter answer (ABCD) to reveal the code. Letters may be used more than once or not at all. If an option is not used, put an X in that box on your answer sheet.

1. What are Lunar New Year celebrations a time for?

A. Remembering your family
B. Honoring your ancestors
C. Spending time with family
D. All of the above

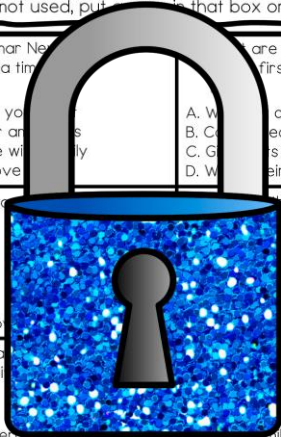
2. Where is Lunar New Year celebrated?

A. Vietnam
B. Korea
C. Taiwan
D. All of the above

3. In Korea, what do children receive during Lunar New Year?

A. Red envelopes
B. Blue and patterned envelopes
C. Green envelopes
D. White and patterned envelopes

Count how many times you used each letter answer to determine the 4-digit code and record it on your answer sheet.



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Record your answers for each station on this sheet. Then, use the directions below to determine final 4-digit ALPHA code. Ex: HBDR

STATION	STATION CODES	LETTER
STATION 1	→ [] [] [] [] [] CODE	
STATION 2	A B C D E F → [] [] [] [] [] CODE	
STATION 3	A 75 B 25 C 50 D 100 E 100 F 75 G 50 H 25 → [] [] [] [] [] CODE	
STATION 4	Do your math in this area: → [] [] [] [] [] CODE	
STATION 5	1 2 3 4 5 6 → A# [] B# [] C# [] D# [] CODE	

STATION 4: COMBINATION

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1. The number of days in the month of February is the number of families that celebrate with the number 3.

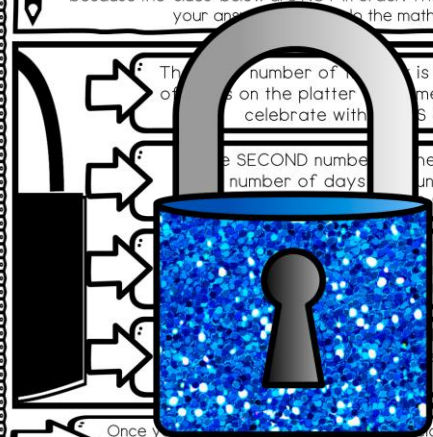
2. The SECOND number in the lock is the number of days in the month of January.

3. The lock is many times the number 3.

4. The lock is sent in the number 3.

Once you determine the 4-digit code, decide if the code uses all EVEN #s, all ODD #s or a combination of both.

ALL EVEN ALL ODD COMBO



STATION 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS

Use your reading passage to determine the missing word in each paragraph below. Each missing word has a corresponding NUMBER. The 4-digit code for this station will be the NUMBER of each missing word in the order in which they appear in each paragraph. Then, use the letter clue to determine the code.

1. Thailand is a country in Southeast Asia. It is a tropical country with a hot climate. It is a very beautiful country with many beautiful beaches and mountains.

2. Hanoi is the capital city of Vietnam. It is a very beautiful city with many beautiful buildings and parks. It is a very interesting city with a long history.

3. Tết is the Vietnamese New Year. It is a very important holiday in Vietnam. It is a time for families to get together and celebrate. It is a time for giving gifts and eating special food.

4. Spring is a beautiful time of year. It is a time for flowers to bloom and for people to go outside. It is a time for new beginnings and for hope.

5. Winter is a cold time of year. It is a time for snow and for people to wear warm clothes. It is a time for cozy fires and for hot drinks.

6. Taiwan is an island in East Asia. It is a very beautiful island with many beautiful mountains and beaches. It is a very interesting island with a long history.

7. New Year is a time for celebration. It is a time for people to get together and celebrate. It is a time for giving gifts and eating special food.

8. Full moon is a beautiful sight. It is a time for people to look up at the sky and to think about their loved ones. It is a time for hope and for dreams.

9. Family is very important. It is a time for people to get together and love each other. It is a time for support and for help.

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ALL EVEN ALL ODD COMBO

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STATION 3: TRUE OR FALSE

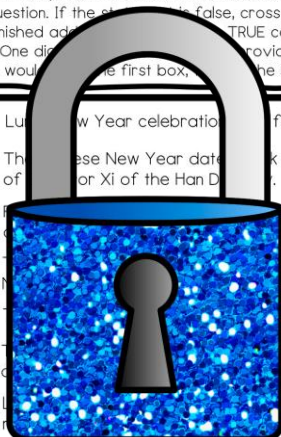
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the coin on YOUR answer sheet that matches that question. If the statement is false, cross out that coin. Once you are finished coloring the coins, use the TRUE coin values to determine the final 4-digit ALPHA code. One digit clue is provided for you to help you determine the first box of the code.

A. Lunar New Year celebration lasts for 3 days.
B. The first day of the New Year is the day of the Han Dynasty.
C. People eat special food during the New Year.
D. People give gifts during the Lunar New Year.
E. People look up at the sky during the Lunar New Year.
F. People were scared during the Lunar New Year.
G. People give gifts during the first day of the Lunar New Year.
H. Gifts of watches are discouraged because watches symbolize time running out.

After shading the coins on your answer sheet, use the TRUE statements to get the final total.

275 300 3

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STATION 2: PARAGRAPHS

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B. A common gift is a red envelope (called hongbao in Mandarin) with money inside.

C. In an effort to bring good luck, people should be done after dinner.

D. Vietnamese families give their children a fruit platter to honor their ancestors.

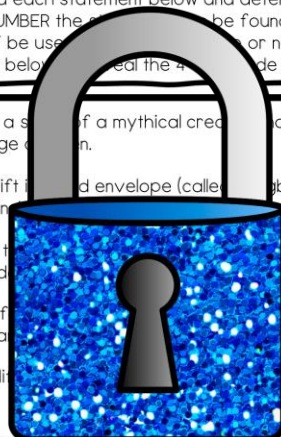
E. There are different traditions for the New Year celebration.

F. In Taiwan, the new year celebration ends with the Pingxi Sky Festival.

1. ELIMINATE the highest and lowest used paragraph numbers and record the remaining 4-digit code on your answer sheet. 2. Decide which paragraph number was NOT used as a CODE answer.

NO 4 NO 6 NO 3

L C W



STATIONS

ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

The reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence. Each station includes a 4-digit code that will reveal a letter clue.


OVERVIEW

READING PASSAGE	Students will use the reading passage at EACH station seeking answers and text evidence.
STATION 1	Students will determine the missing words in the paragraph to reveal a 4-digit code.
STATION 2	Students will number the paragraphs and browse the passage to determine where the answers can be found (paragraph number). After eliminating numbers, a 4-digit code will be revealed.
STATION 3	Students will read each statement and determine if it is true or false. They will then ADD all TRUE values to find the 4-digit code.
STATION 4	Students will do some basic math here, read the passage to find the answers and then determine the 4 digit code.
STATION 5	Students will answer 6 multiple choice questions which lead them to a 4 digit code based on the number of times they used each "ABCD" answer.
TEXT MARKING	OPTIONAL: A color code chart is included in case you want students to mark the text, citing evidence of where they found their answers. (This will increase completion time)

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**STUDENTS WILL
USE THE SAME
READING
PASSAGE AT
EACH STATION
SEEKING
ANSWERS AND
TEXT EVIDENCE.**

HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING
COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

- 1 Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 5 stations, answer questions, decipher a 4-digit code at each station and grab a "letter" clue for the final alpha code.
- 2 Students will answer the questions (found directly in the passage) on their own recording sheet. Students will have to revisit their reading passage several times at EACH station skimming for answers.

STATION 1: FILL

Use your reading passage to determine the missing word in each paragraph below. Each missing word is represented by a NUMBER. The 4-digit code for this station is _____. Write the missing word in the same order as the numbers in the paragraph. Then, record the clue letter in the box below.

1	Thailand	4	Spring
2	Haneun	5	Winter
3	Têt	6	Taiwan

There are different names for the celebration. China celebrates the holiday as Chūnjié in Mandarin, the Vietnamese call it Tết, and the Korean people celebrate Seoll. The differences in how the holiday is celebrated are different in each area.

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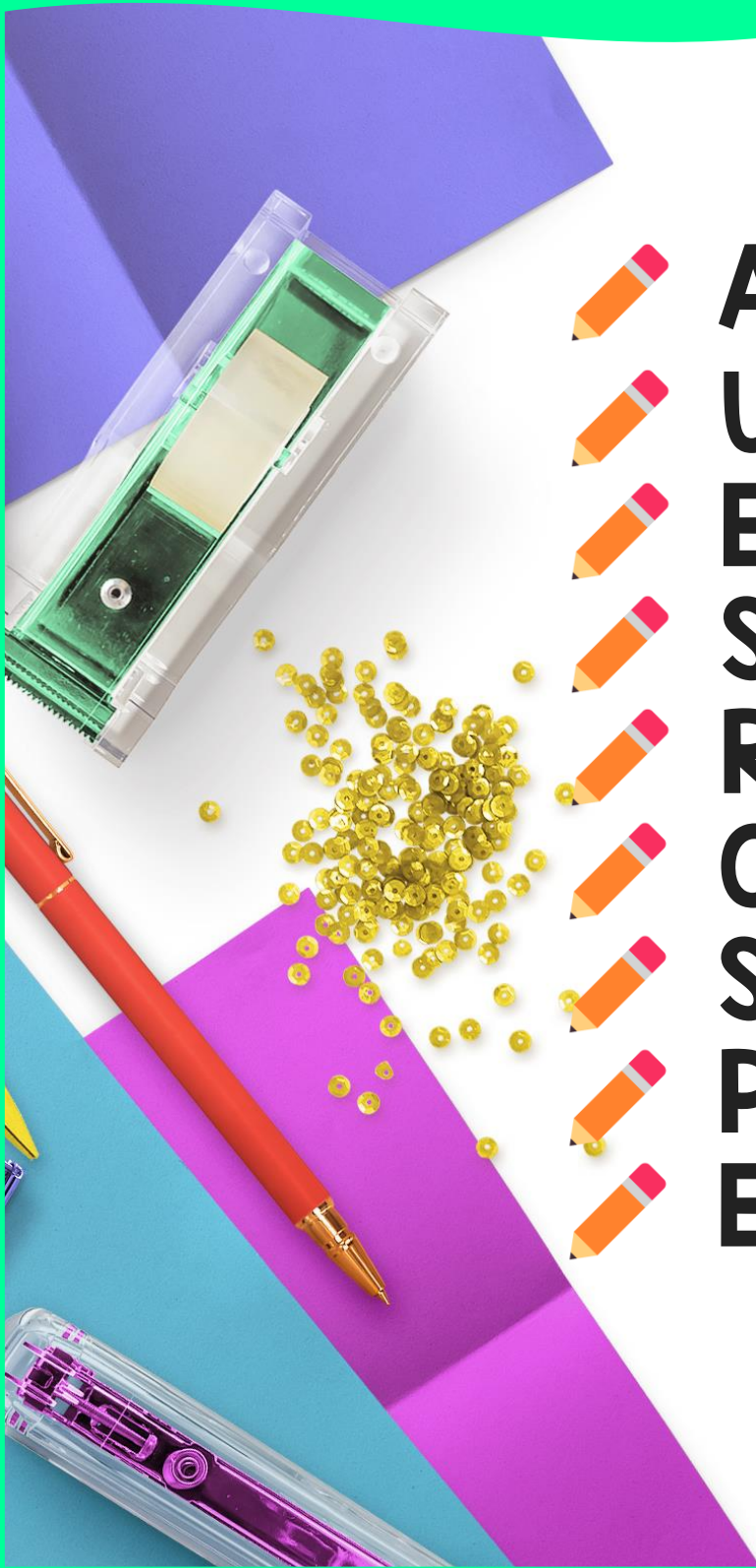









BENEFITS

- ✓ STATIONS AND MOVEMENT
- ✓ CLOSE READING
- ✓ COMPREHENSION SKILLS
- ✓ SECRET CODES
- ✓ CITING EVIDENCE
- ✓ CRITICAL THINKING
- ✓ PRINT AND GO
- ✓ ACTIVE LEARNING
- ✓ CROSS-CURRICULAR
- ✓ HIGHLY ENGAGING
- ✓ NO LOCKS NEEDED
- ✓ NO SILLY ENVELOPES TO STUFF
- ✓ NO ODD SHAPES TO CUT OUT



Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!

USE FOR:

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-  **ANTICIPATORY SETS**
 -  **UNIT REVIEW**
 -  **EARLY FINISHERS**
 -  **STATIONS**
 -  **REWARD ACTIVITY**
 -  **CENTERS**
 -  **SUB PLANS**
 -  **PARTNER WORK**
 -  **ENRICHMENT**