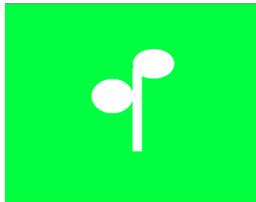


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FUN FACTS ABOUT CHINESE

In terms of the spoken language, Chinese grammar is relatively simple compared to languages with Latin and Greek origins. There are no verb conjugations. Furthermore, verbs are not modified as a result of tense. Adverbs such as "before, yesterday, previously" are used to denote the past tense, and "in the future, tomorrow" are used to denote the future tense. Furthermore, nouns are not assigned gender. As the word "they" denotes both genders, the Chinese word "ta" also denotes both "he" and "she".

What most do find challenging is the fact that Chinese is a tonal language. Mandarin Chinese has 4 basic tones. Therefore, a word that in the Chinese Romanized pinyin is spelled "ma" can be pronounced in four different ways and have four vastly different meanings.

mā : 妈 **mother**

má : 麻 **hemp**

mǎ : 马 **horse**

mà : 骂 **abuse**

Thanksgiving Day 8 Glossary

1. 火鸡 (huǒ jī): turkey
2. 土豆泥 (tǔ dòu ní):
mashed potatoes
3. 馅饼 (xiàn bǐng): pie
4. 红薯 (hóng shǔ):
sweet potatoes
5. 传统 (chuán tǒng):
tradition



6. 宴会 (yàn huì): feast; banquet
7. 欢聚一堂 (huān jù yī táng): gather
8. 狼吞虎咽 (láng tūn hǔ yàn): gobble



每月一字

Word of
the
Month

What's in a Chinese Character

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Wǒ

我_{hand}

Written character: 7 strokes

我们: we

The earliest forms show two spears against each other in direct confrontation, presumably symbolizing two rights being asserted and, by extension, my right, that is, me. A later transcription projected a new image, a pictograph of a hand grasping a spear, denoting that when man wields in his hand a spear his ego, the big “I” emerges. Hence 我: “I”

.Practice Chinese Characters here:

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RCS Calendar and Holidays

November 2013

日	一	二	三	四	五	六
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanks giving	29	30 No Chinese School

December 2013

日	一	二	三	四	五	六
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
No Chinese School						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Last Day of Fall
15 Last Day of Fall	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Thanksgiving Day

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The concept behind Thanksgiving ceremony celebration, held with a massive zeal in every nook and corner of U.S., is similar to the August Moon Festival in China, Tet Trung Thu in Vietnam, Succoth in Jew, Kwanzaa in Africa, Pongal in India and Chusok in Korea. The list is endless. The only difference in the festivals is date, rituals and customs but the reason behind it remains the same, to thank God for a huge fruitful harvest.

In China

The Chinese celebrate August Moon festival that falls on the 15th day of 8th lunar month of their calendar. Chinese believe that the moon is roundest and brightest on this day. Below the heavenly moonlight, lovers speak out their heart to each other. It is also known as Women Festival. Conventionally women are considered similes to warm and compassionate virtues and have the gift of fertility, just like Mother Earth. Unlike the famous pumpkin pie, the Chinese delicacies consist of moon-cake. Friends and relatives convey their regard to each other by gifting moon cake.

Jokes for Thanksgiving



Q: What side of the turkey is the left side?

A: The part that was not eaten

Q: How are a Turkey, a Donkey, and a Monkey the same?

A: They all have keys