



春节 (chūnjié) Spring Festival

对话 (duìhuà) Dialogue:

A: Jīntiān shì niánsānshí, míngtiān jiùshì chūnjié le.

今天 是 年 三 十，明 天 就 是 春 节 了。

Today is New Year's Eve. Tomorrow is the Chinese Spring Festival.

Nǐ zhècì lái Zhōngguó hái gǎn shàng le wǒmen de chūnjié.

你 这 次 来 中 国 还 赶 上 了 我 们 的 春 节。

This time, you're coming to China for our Spring Festival.

B: Wǒ hěn gāoxìng. Tīngshuō nǐmen chūnjié hěn rènao.

我 很 高 兴。听 说 你 们 春 节 很 热 闹。

I'm very excited. I heard that your Spring Festival is very fervent.

A: Shì. Chūnjié shì Zhōngguó rén yìnián zhōng zuì zhòngyào de jiérì,

是 啊。春 节 是 中 国 人 一 年 中 最 重 要 的 节 日，

It is. The Spring Festival is the most important festival in China.

yěshì yìjiārén tuányuán de rìzi.

也 是 一 家 人 团 圆 的 日 子。

And it is the day for family reunions.

Guò chūnjié zhīqián, jiājiā hùhù dōu yào tiē duìlián, guà dēnglong,

过 春 节 之 前，家 家 户 户 都 要 贴 对 联、挂 灯 笼、

All the family will paste antithetical couplets, hang red lanterns,

jiǎn chuānghuā, bàn niánhuò.

剪 窗 花、办 年 货。

make paper cuts, and do New Year's shopping before the Spring Festival.

Niánsānshí de shíhou, yìjiārén yào yìqǐ chī niányèfàn, bāojiǎozi.

年 三 十 的 时 候，一 家 人 要 一 起 吃 年 夜 饭、包 饺 子。

On New Year's Eve, every family will have a reunion dinner and make dumplings together.

B: Nà yíding hěn yǒuyìsi!

那 一 定 很 有 意 思!

It must be a lot of fun!

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A: Shì. Wǒ xiǎng qǐng nǐ qù wǒ jiā chī niányèfàn, zěnmeyàng?

是啊。我想请你去我家吃年夜饭，怎么样？

Yeah. How about I invite you to have New Year's Eve family dinner with my family?

Nǐ xiǎng bùxiǎng qù gǎnshòu yíxià zhège chuántǒng jiéì?

你 想 不 想 去 感 受 一 下 这 个 传 统 节 日 ？

Would you like to experience this traditional festival with us?

B: Nà wǒ jiù gōngjìng bùrú cóngmìng le!

那我就恭敬不如从命了！

Obedience is better than politeness!

Zhōngguó cài dōu zhùzhòng "sè, xiāng, wèi."

中国菜都注重“色、香、味。”

I know Chinese cookery emphasizes greatly on color, flavor and taste.

Wǒ cǎi nǐmen de niányèfàn yíding hěn fēngshèng ba!

我猜你们的年夜饭一定很丰盛吧！

I guess your New Year's Eve family dinner must be very sumptuous!

Wǒ kěyǐ dàbǎokǒufú le!

我可以大饱口福了！

I can glut myself with delicacies!

A: Dāngrán. Búhuì ràng nǐ shīwàng de!

当然。不会让你失望的。

Sure. You will not be disappointed!

Dào le wǎnshàng shíèr diǎn, wǒmen hái yào yìqǐ chī jiǎozi, fàng biānpào ne.

到了晚上十二点，我们还要一起吃饺子，放鞭炮呢。

At 12:00 pm, we will have dumplings and set off firecrackers together.

B: Tài bàng le, wǒ yùnqì zhēn hǎo.

太棒了，我运气真好。

That's great! I'm very lucky!

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生词 (shēngcí) Vocabulary:

1. Nouns

- 春节 (chūnjié): Spring Festival
对联 (duìlián): couplet
灯笼 (dēnglong): lantern
窗花 (chuānghuā): paper cut for window decoration
年夜饭 (niányèfàn): New Year's Eve family dinner
鞭炮 (biānpào): firecracker
饺子 (jiǎozi): dumpling

2. Verbs

- 过 (guò): to celebrate
贴 (tiē): to paste
挂 (guà): to hang
剪 (jiǎn): to cut
放 (fàng): to set off
包 (bāo): to make dumpling or steamed stuffed bun

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