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Chinese New Year Counting

Draw the Traditional Foods

Chinese New Year is a time to celebrate with friends, family, and food! But did you know that many of the foods enjoyed are not just delicious? They also have special meaning for good fortune in the coming year.

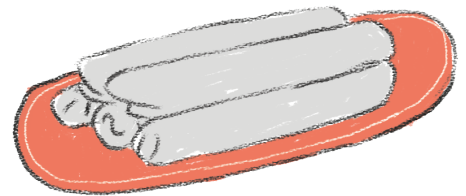


Read about a few traditional Chinese New Year dishes. Then follow the directions to make your own banquet on the next page.



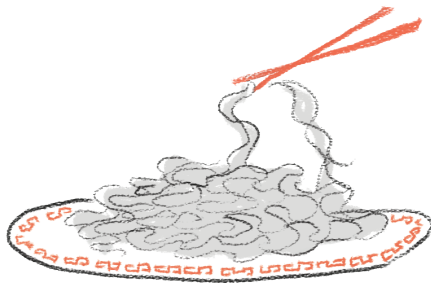
Dumplings

Dumplings are dough wrapped around a variety of fillings, and can be steamed or fried. Because dumplings look like ancient gold coins, called ingots, they are eaten for prosperity in the coming year.



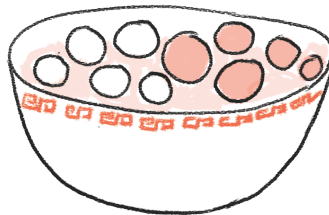
Spring Rolls

These golden fried rolls look like gold bars and are a wish for prosperity.



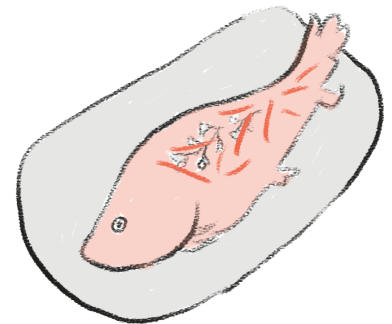
Longevity Noodles

These extra-long noodles are eaten for an extra long life!



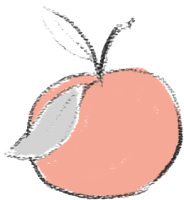
Sweet Rice Balls

This small, round dessert called *tangyuan* is eaten to celebrate family togetherness.



Fish

The word for fish sounds like surplus, or abundance. The head of the fish should face special guests or elders.



Citrus fruit

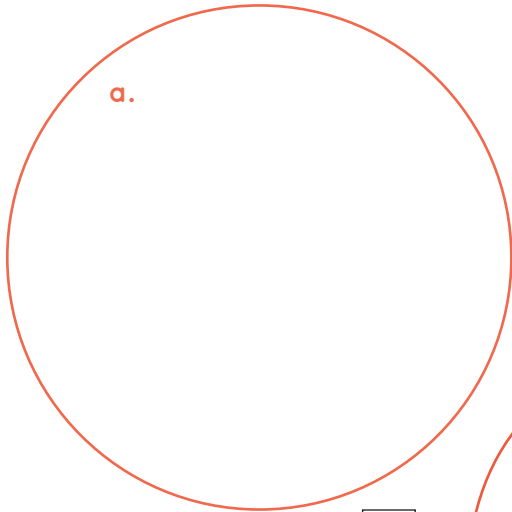
Tangerines and oranges are round and golden, symbolizing fullness and wealth.

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Draw the Foods on the Banquet

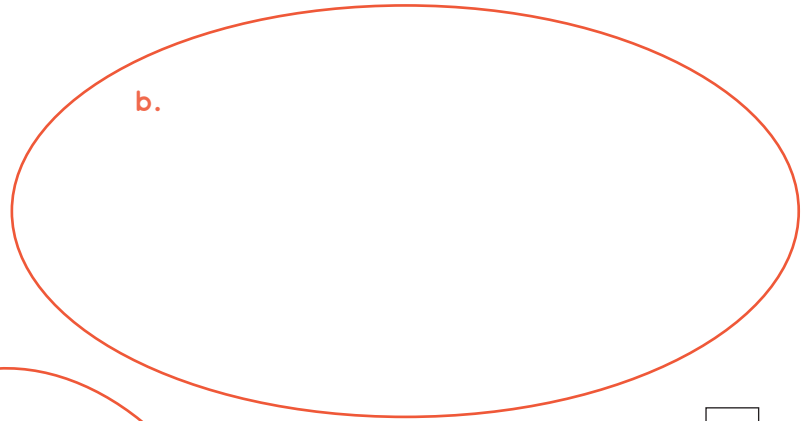
After reading about a few traditional Chinese New Year dishes, use your counting skills to create a banquet! (**Tip:** You can also look up the foods online to see what they look like in real life!) Then, determine whether you have drawn an odd or even number of objects on the plate. Circle if the number is odd (o) or even (e).



a. Draw 8 dumplings.

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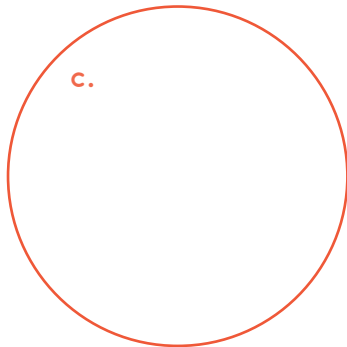
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b. Draw one large fish.

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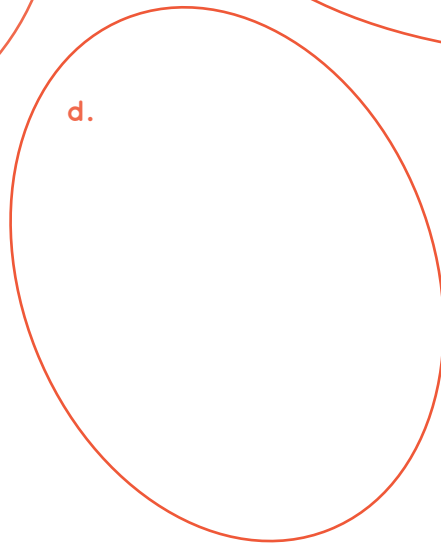
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c. Draw 5 sweet rice balls.

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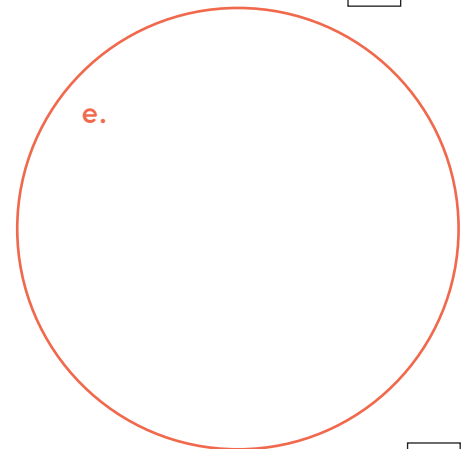
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d. Draw 11 longevity noodles.

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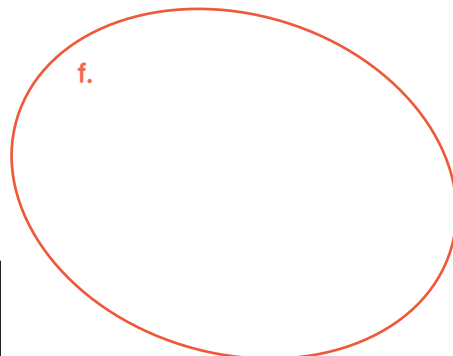
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e. Draw 7 spring rolls.

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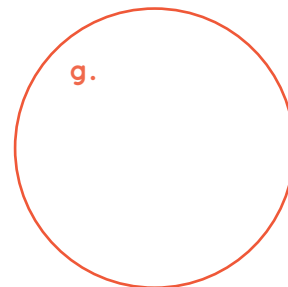
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f. Draw 2 of your favorite foods to eat at Chinese New Year (or another time!)

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g. Draw 3 oranges.

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