

Aa A is for Acrobats



An acrobat juggles, and does flips. In the first two years of training they do basic moves. When they are sixteen or seventeen they can start performing. China is very famous for acrobats.

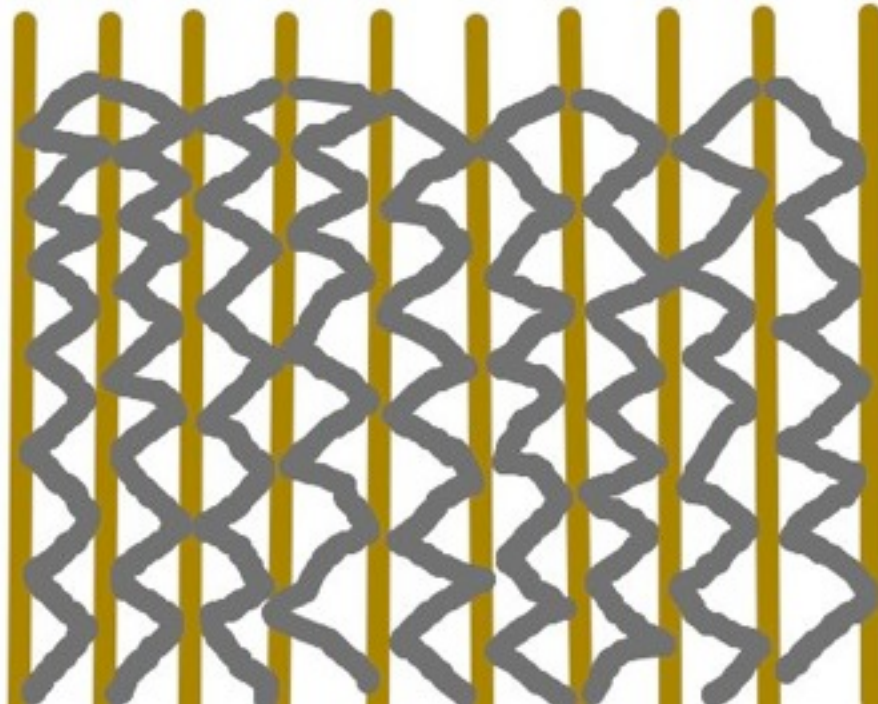


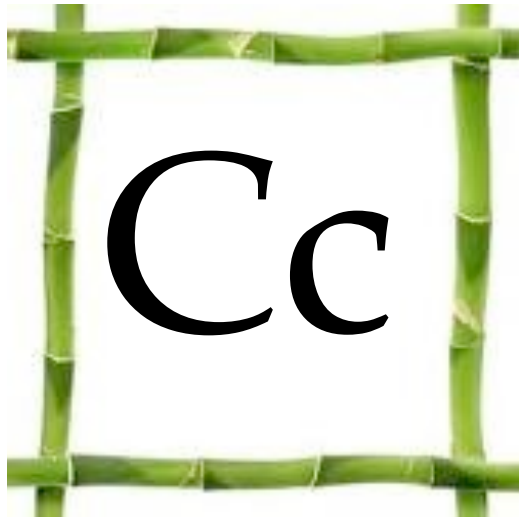
Bb

B is for Bamboo



Bamboo is part of the grass family. Giant pandas eat bamboo. It is also used for decoration.





C is for Chopsticks

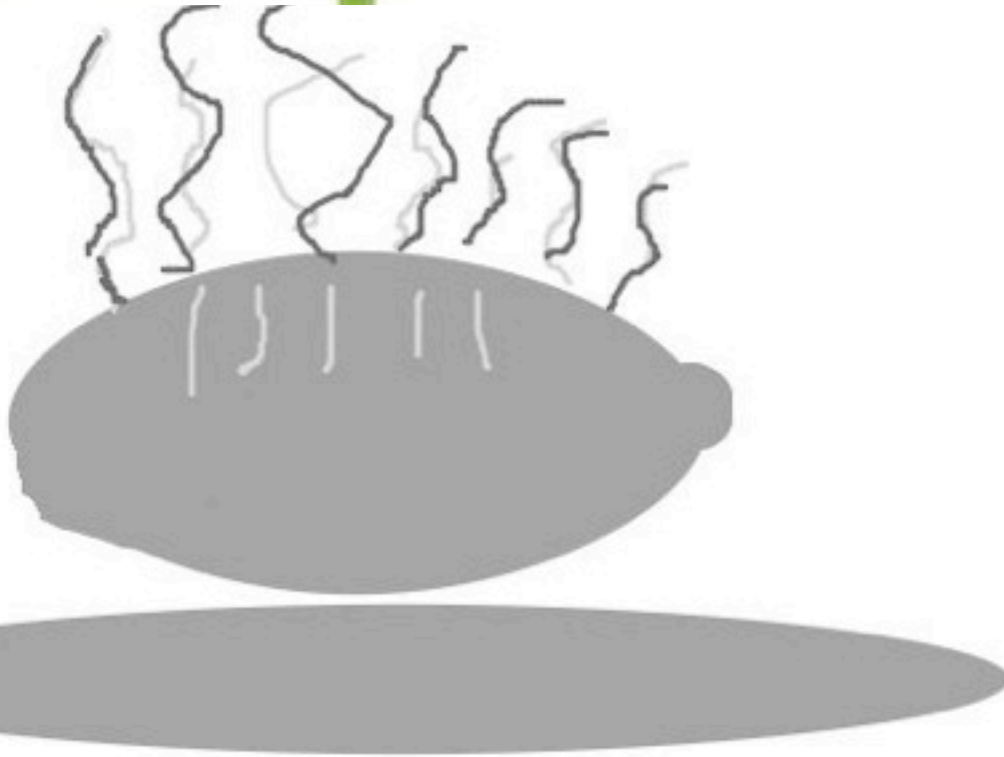
Chopsticks are long food utensils that help you eat food that is too hot to touch with your hand. The first chopsticks were invented by a little child who was always hungry but when the food was boiling he couldn't touch it. That day he thought of a wonderful idea. He broke off two sticks from a tree and picked up the food with it. That idea became the beginning of chopsticks. Today, chopsticks are made prettier, but the idea all came from a child.



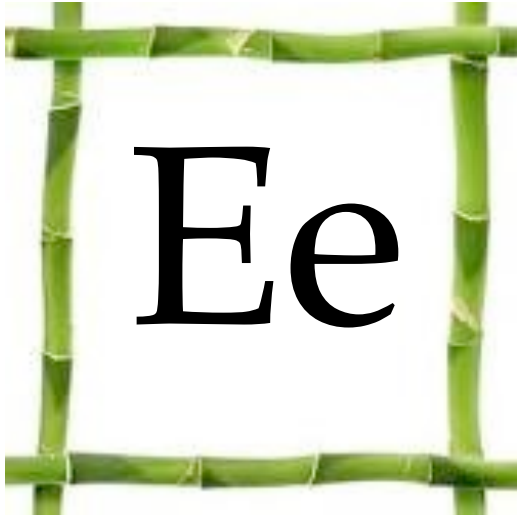


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D is for Dumpling

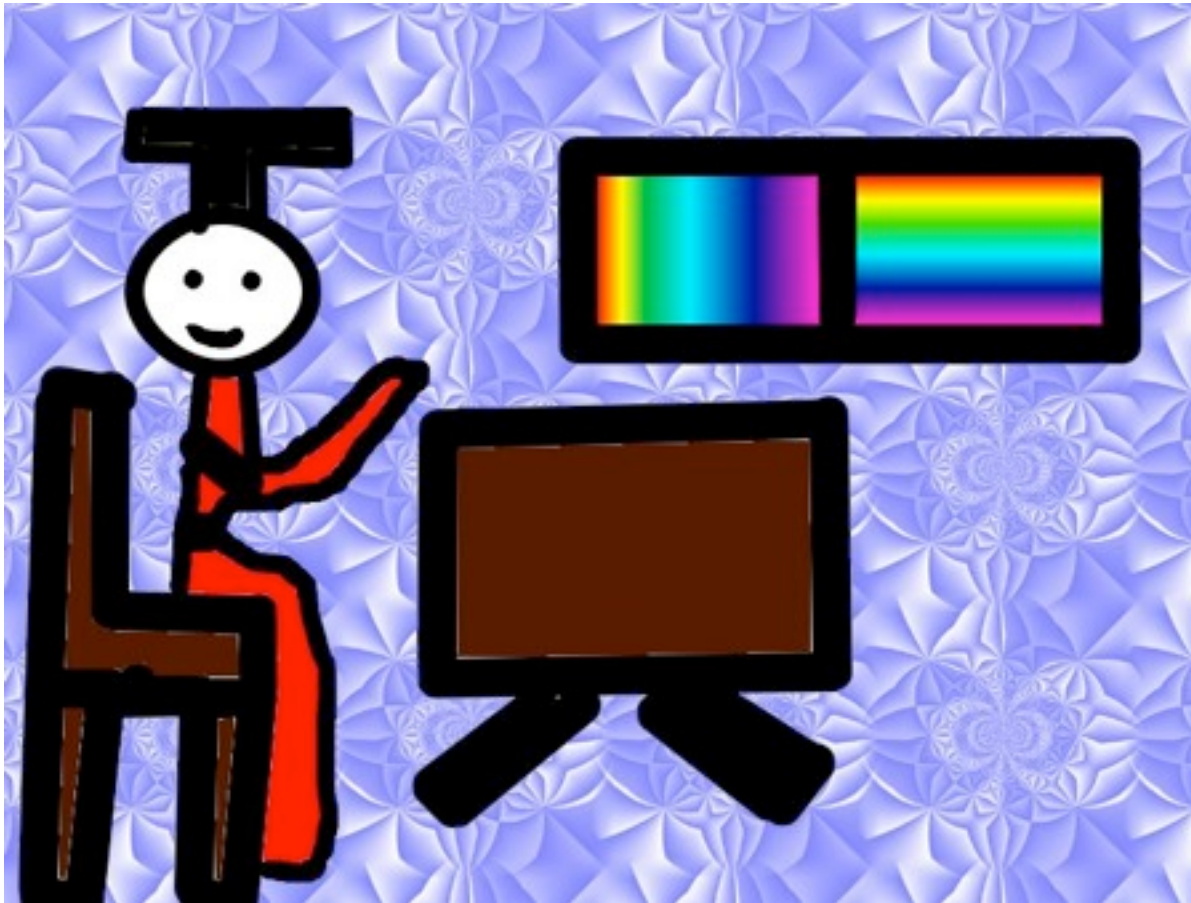


Chinese dumplings
are yummy and
good. The wrapper
protects the inside
There is meat and
vegetables on the
inside.

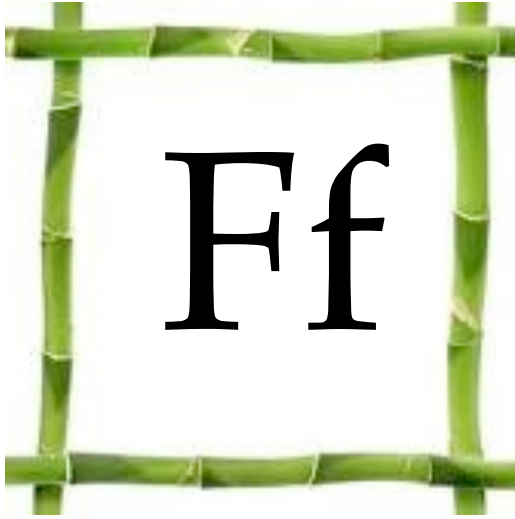


Ee

E is for Emperor



An Emperor is a king who ruled China a long time ago. An Emperor named Chengzu built the imperial palace where lots of people go now. An Emperor named Kongxi was in the Qing Dynasty. He was only seven when he became Emperor.



F is for Forbidden City

The Forbidden City is a place for emperors to live. The Forbidden City is 720,000 square meters big. There are 9,999 rooms in the Forbidden City. The walls are 32 feet high. Instead of fighting with others they started a poetry composition in the city.





G is for Great Wall

The Great Wall of China is a long walkway that is very high and has a great view. It is made of stone and earth.

The Great Wall goes along an arc in inner Mongolia in the south direction and it goes from the east to the west.

And, of course, it is made in China.






Hh

H is for Hot Pot



Hot pot is raw food. You put the raw food into steaming hot water. It is used to keep people warm in the winter. People usually put beef in the hot pot because beef can also keep people warm. It is a typical dish in China.

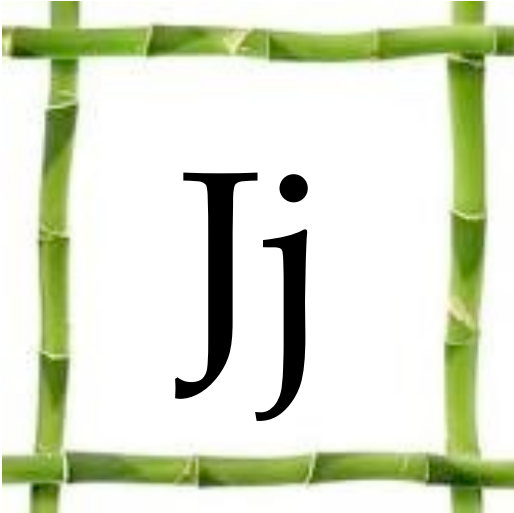


Ii

I is for Ink Stick



An ink stick is used in many different ways. Right now there are still a few ink sticks left. They look like pens. A long ,long time ago ink sticks look like feathers. Now they look just like normal pens. In olden day China they used it as a pen.



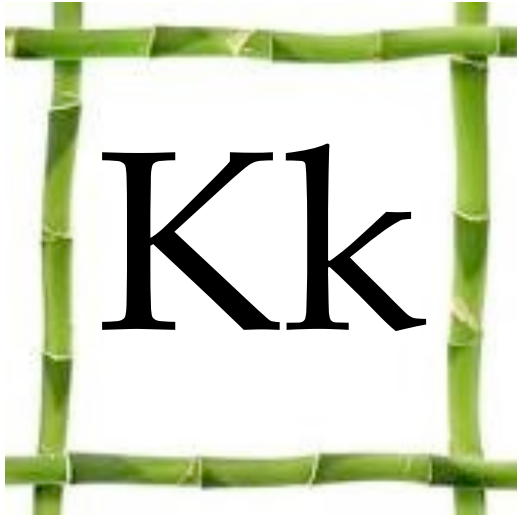
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J is for Judo

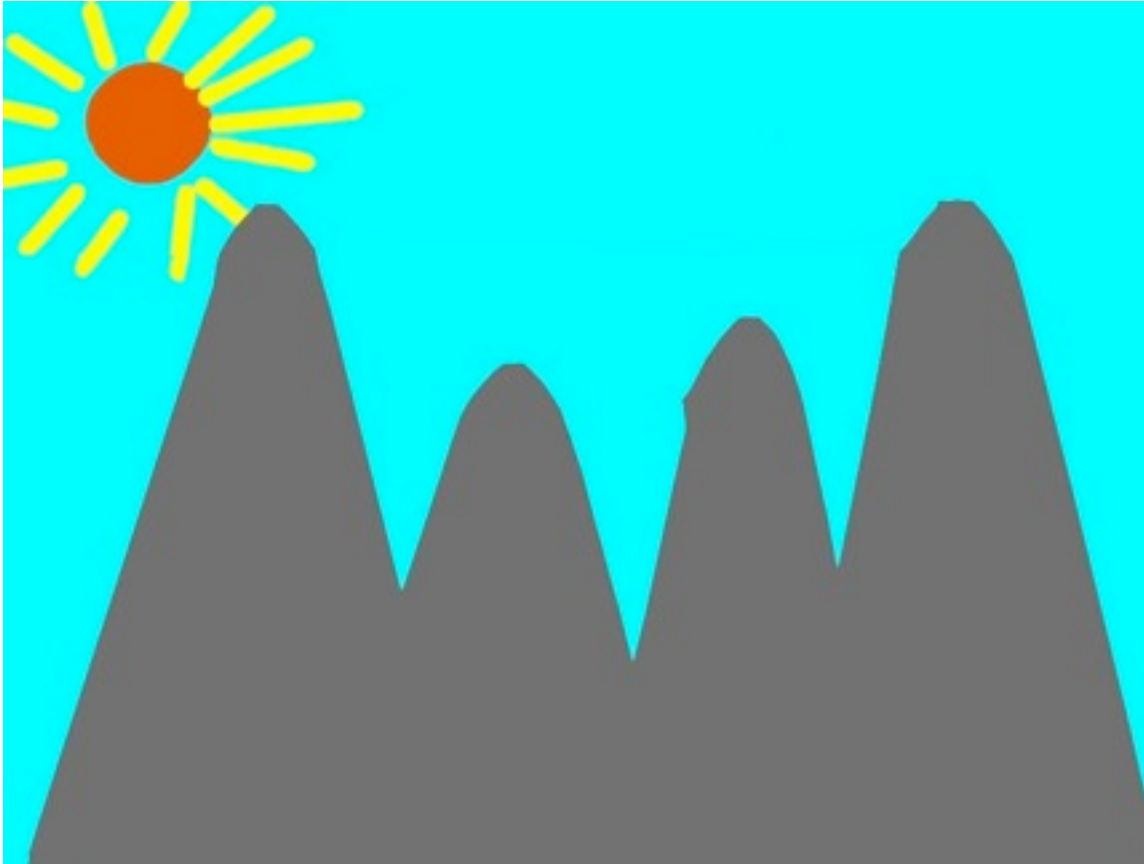


Judo is a martial art that was started in 1882. It was the first game introduced to the 10th Asian games in 1956 in Seoul.

Judo is a game where you fight each other and it is like Wushu.



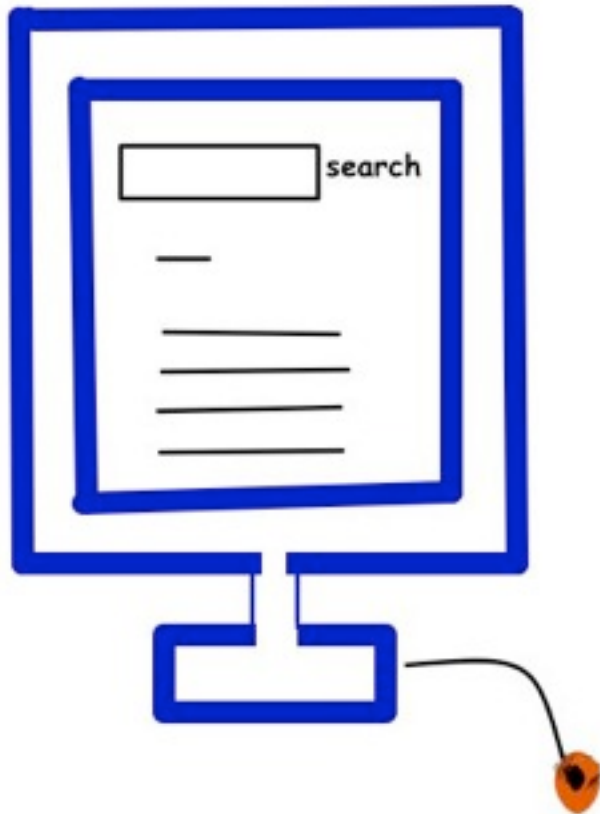
K is for Kunming



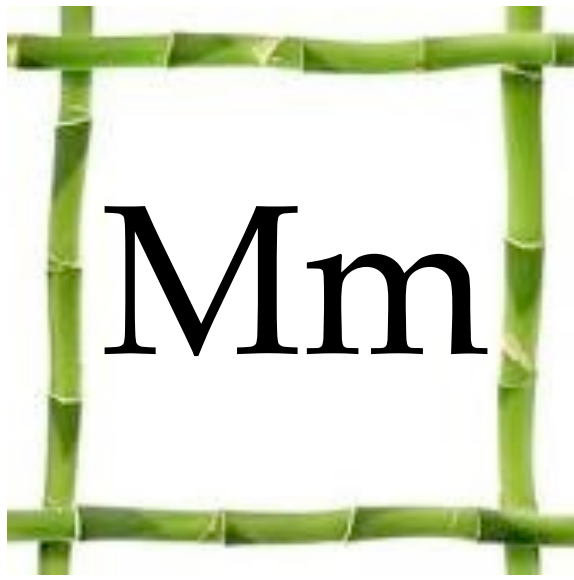
Kunming has been the capital of Yunnan a long time. Kunming has good weather and the Kunming people enjoy their lives. Yunnan people in Kunming are the special minority.



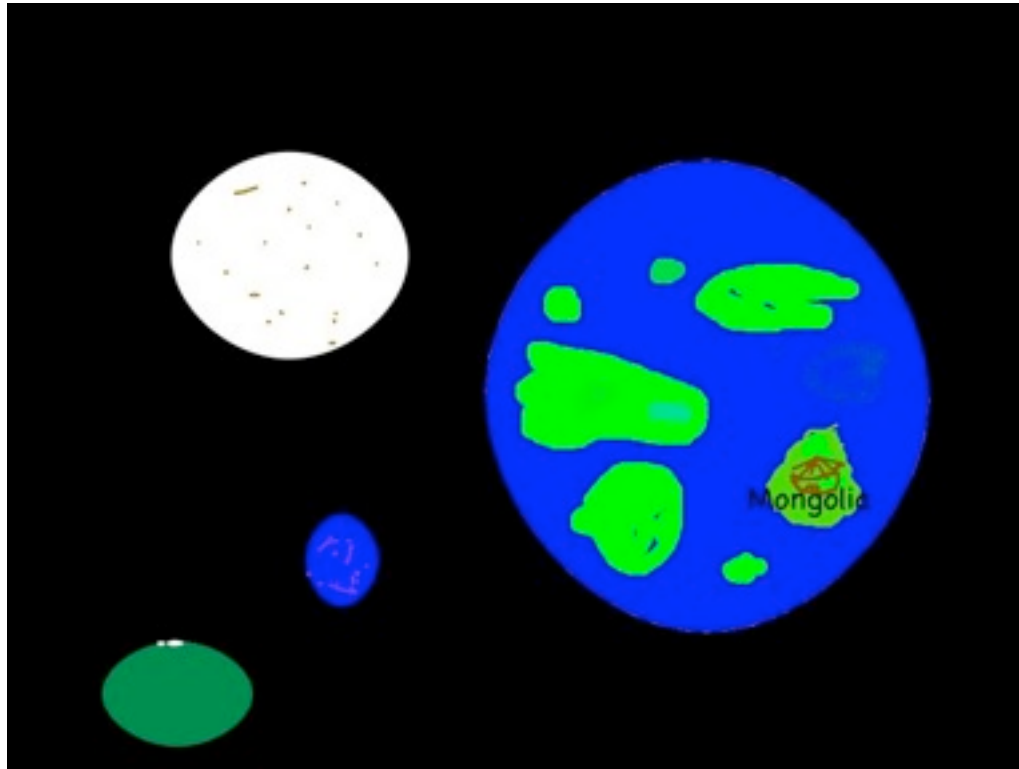
L is for Lenovo



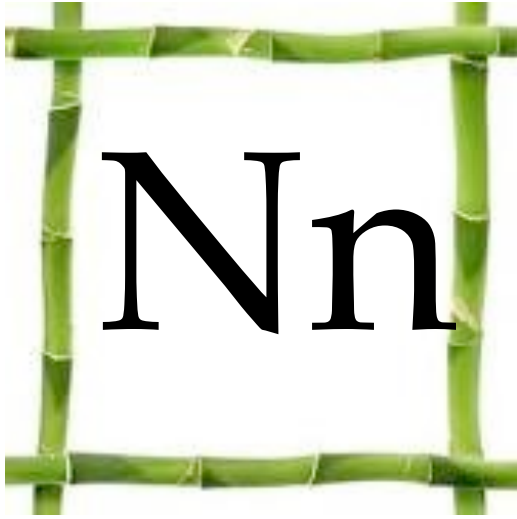
The Lenovo company is a big company that makes phones and laptops. They also work with IBM. The Lenovo company also is one of the fastest growing companies in the whole wide world.



M is for Mongolia



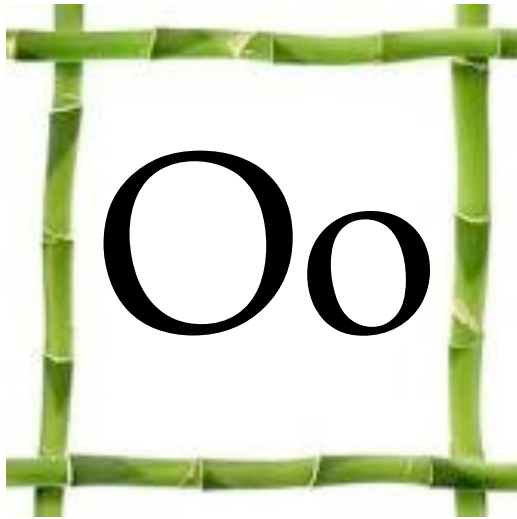
Inner Mongolia is a part of China. Inner Mongolia is on the northern edge of China. It is shaped like a banana. Inner Mongolia houses look liked a tent. They are called a yurt.



N is for Nanjing

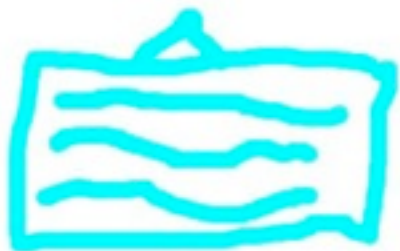
Nanjing is a pretty old capital for Ming dynasty. There is a festival called logging gorge ice and and snow festival. Here is a famous tower called porcelain tower. A famous person called Sum Yatsen died in Nanjing.

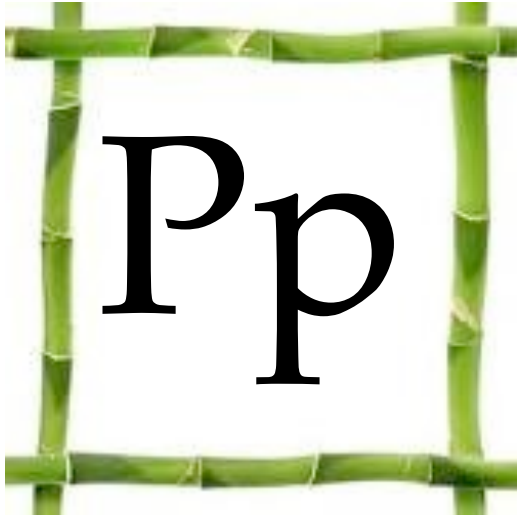




O is for Olympics

The olympics is a lot of sports combined together. In 2008 there were a total people of 11,028 competing in Beijing. There were 33 games total.





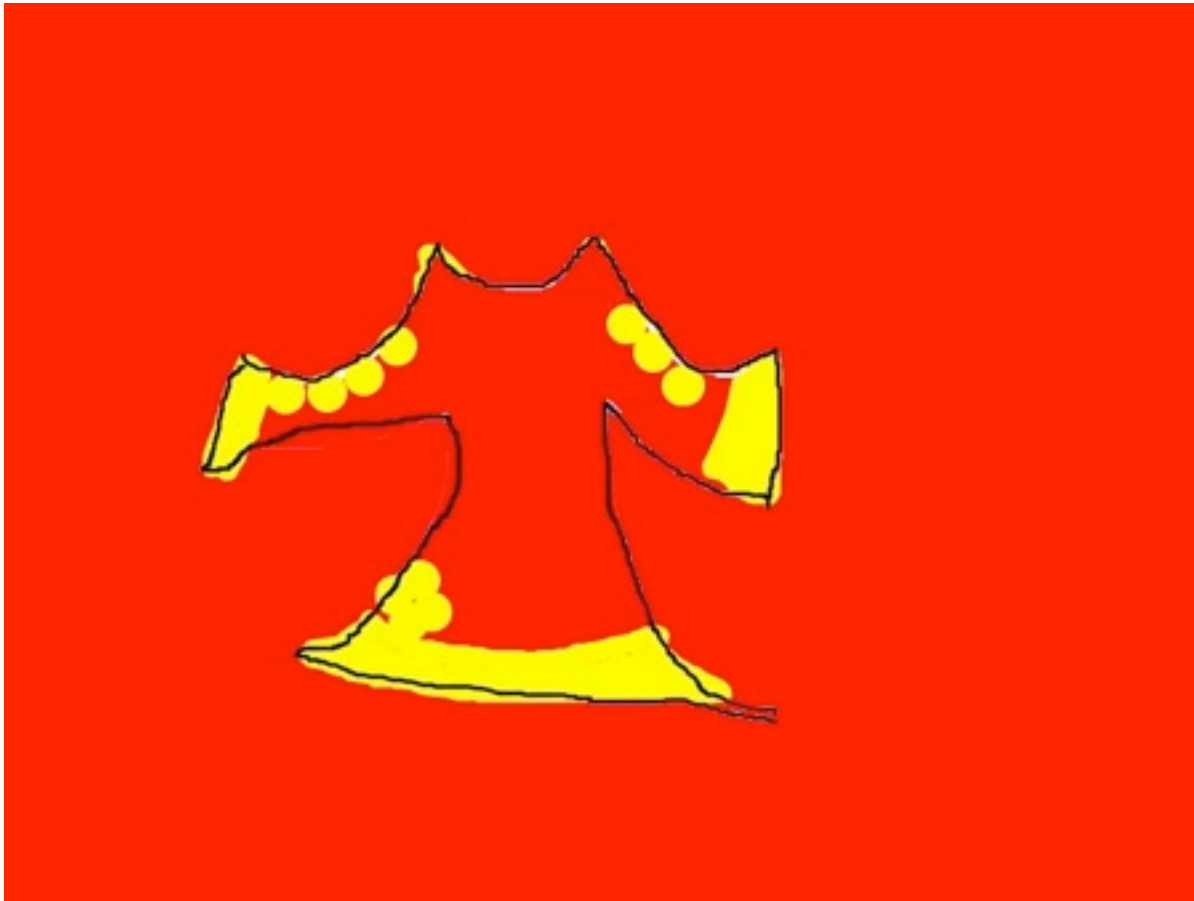
P is for Panda



A panda is a bear that only has white and black fur. There are only giant pandas in China. Pandas have twins too. You could see them in the China Panda Protection and Research Centre in Wolong.



Q is for Qi Pao



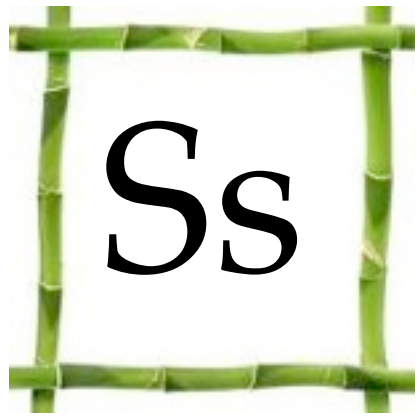
Qi pao is an old Chinese dress. Many of them have dragons or phoenix on them. The reason why is because Chinese people believe in dragon and phoenix. Most of the qi pao are red and yellow.

Rr

R is for Red Envelope



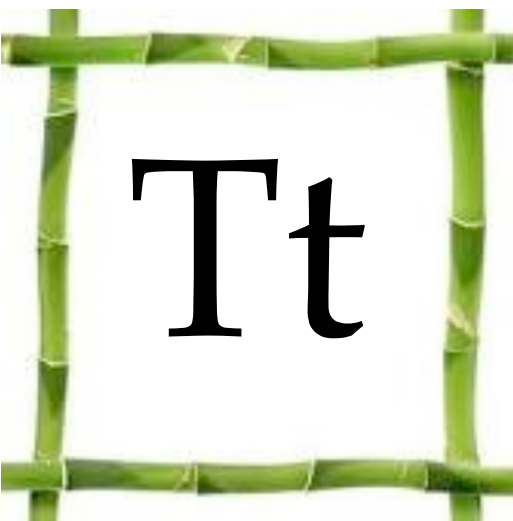
A red envelope is a good luck bag that has money in it .
The parents give it to a kid or younger people only .



S is for Sleeping Buddha



The sleeping Buddha is a statue of Buddha. It's 25,000 pounds. Sometimes you go there to pray. It gives you good luck when you pray. It is in Dozu, in Sichuan province.



Tt

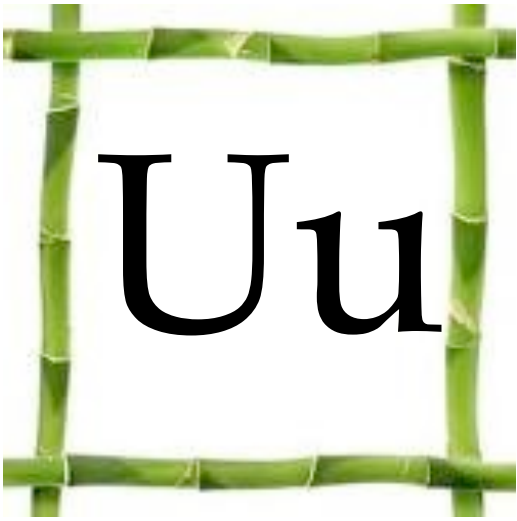
T is for Taiwanese Food



Chinese people eat Taiwanese food because Taiwanese food is like Chinese food.

Taiwanese food is mostly fried. For example they have a Oyster Omelet.

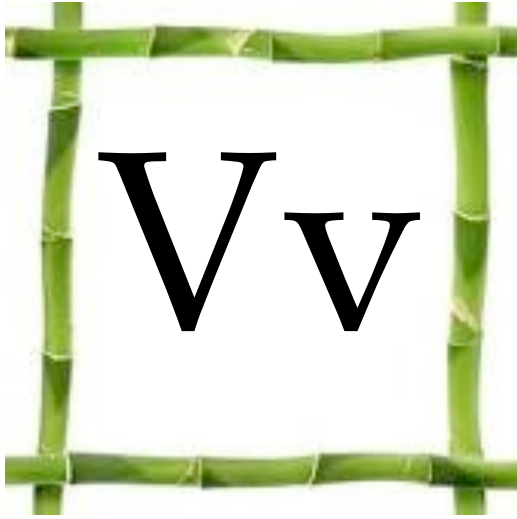
Taiwan's night market is very special because Taiwan people buy Taiwanese food in the night market.



U is for Urumqi

Urumqi is the capital of XingJing. It has over 2.5 million of people. Urumqi has been a city for just a little while. Urumqi is in the northwest of China.





V is for Village



Village houses are made of wood that may not be pretty. The houses are easy to build. Most villages are near nature. Water is to drink and forests are useful for many things. There aren't many cars in Chinese villages. Most villages are for farmers.

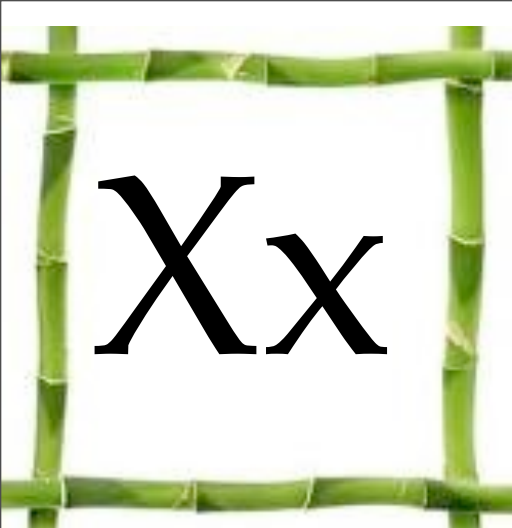


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W is for Wushu

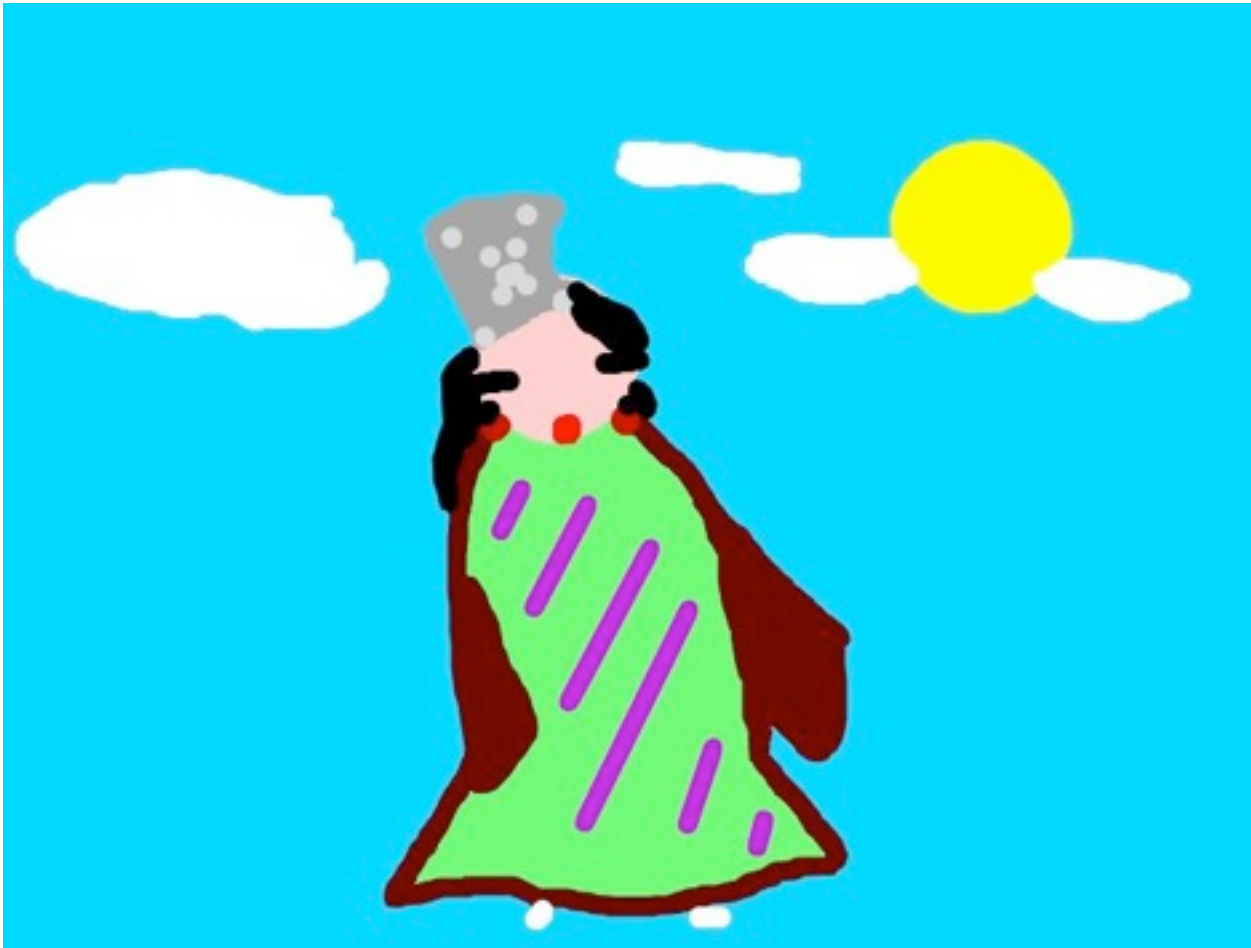


Wushu is a martial art. Wushu is very good exercise, because you do flips and jumps and use lots of power. Wushu has belts that have different color silk to show the level.

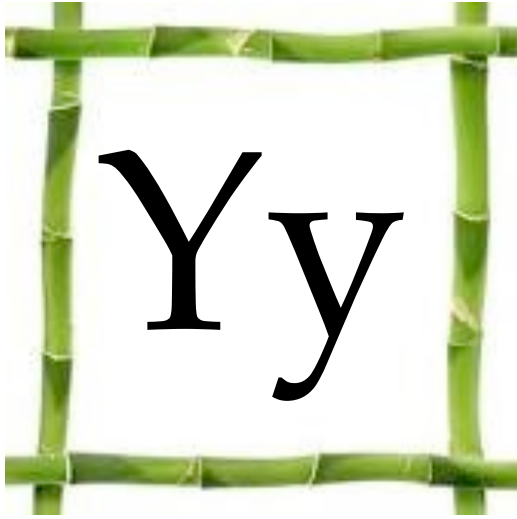


Xx

X is for Jin Xi



Jin Xi is Chinese opera in China. Jin Xi was created during the Song dynasty. Jin Xi is a tiny little bit like western opera. The Chinese opera's costumes are like armor but colorful.



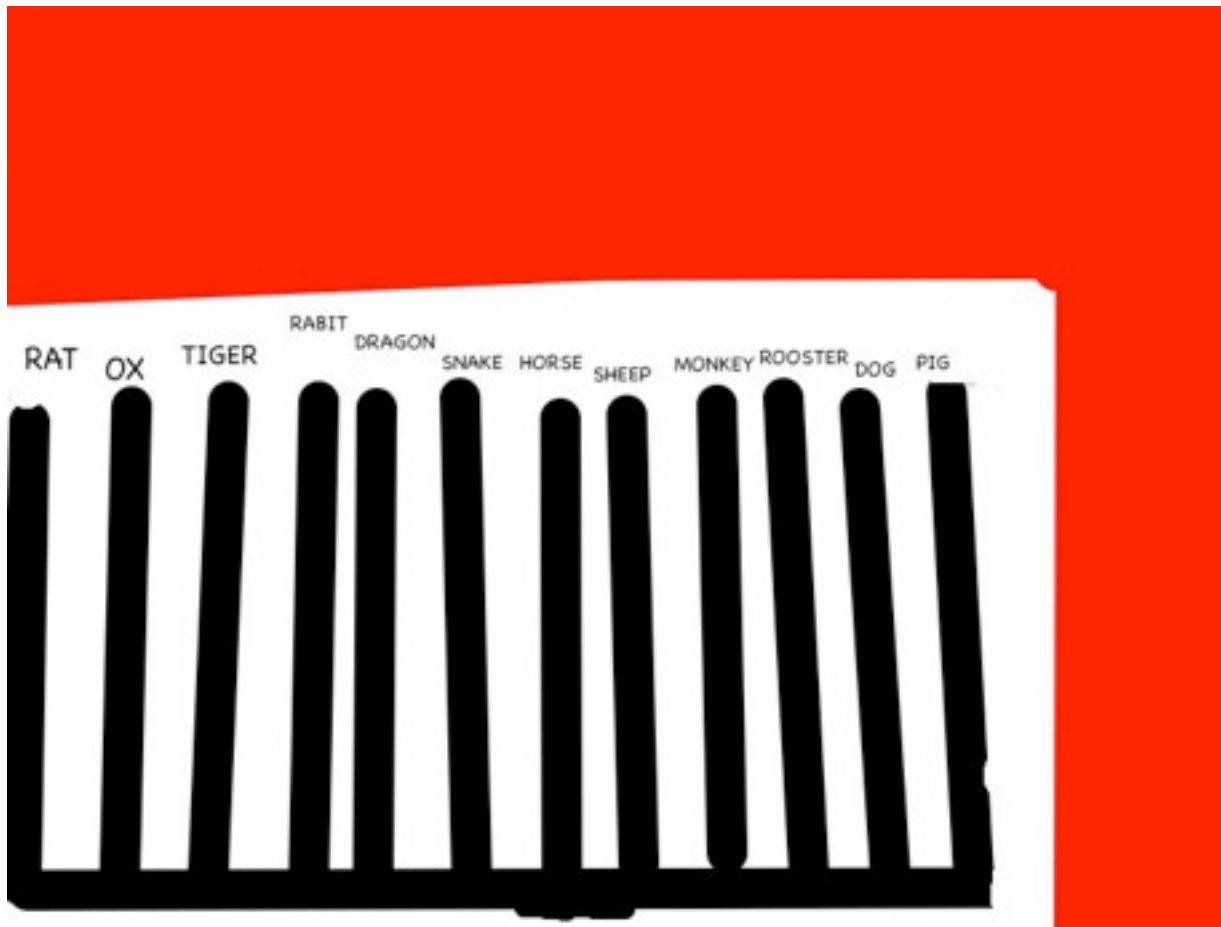
Y is for Yangtze River



The Yangtze River is the 3rd longest river. It brings water to the rice. 80 years ago, a river dolphin was found in the Yangtze River. The Yangtze River is 16,000 feet high in the Kunlun Mountains.



Z is for Chinese Zodiac



The Chinese Zodiac is a legend. The Zodiac is very, very old. The Zodiac might be 10,000 years old. The Chinese Zodiac is 12 animals that are in a special order. It decides personality.