

幸运与倒霉



Lucky and
unlucky

xìng yùn yǔ dǎo méi

生词 Key Words



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| 1. 幸运 | xìng yùn | adj. | lucky |
| 2. 倒霉 | dǎo méi | adj. | unlucky |
| 3. 顺利 | shùn lì | adv. | smoothly; sleek |
| 4. 发财 | fā cái | phrase. | get rich |
| 5. 开幕式 | kāi mù shì | n. | opening ceremony |
| 6. 死 | sǐ | v./n. | die; death |
| 7. 吉祥 | jí xiáng | adj./n. | lucky, auspicious |
| 8. 厄运 | è yùn | adj./n. | adversity; misfortune |
| 9. 罪恶 | zuì è | adj./n. | evil; crime |



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The number **2** (二, pronounced as “èr”) is a good number in Chinese culture. There is a Chinese saying "good things come in pairs". It is common to use double symbols in product brand names, e.g. double happiness, double coin, double elephants etc. The number **6**, (六, pronounced as “liù”) in Mandarin is pronounced the same as sleek, or fluent in Mandarin, and is therefore considered good for business. The number 6 also represents happiness.

幸 lucky **运**

Èr shì xìngyùn shùzì, Zhōngguó rén rènwéi “hǎo shì chéng shuāng” .
2 是 幸运 数字， 中 国 人 认为 “好 事 成 双” 。

Liù de fāyīn hé “liū” , “liú” yìyàng, yì wèi zhe shùn lì .
6 的 发 音 和 “溜” , “流” 一 样 ， 意 味 着 顺 利 。

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课文 Text



The word for **8** (八, pronounced as “bā”) in Mandarin sounds similar to the word which means “prosper” or “wealth” (发 - short for "发财"). The opening ceremony of the Summer Olympics began on 8/8/08 at 8 seconds and 8 minutes past 8 pm (local time).

Bā yì wèi zhe “fā” , “fā cái” ,
8 意味着 “发” , “发财” ,
Èrlínglíngbā nián běi jīng àoyùnhuì kāimùshì yú 8/8/08 8diǎn8fēn
kāishǐ.

2008 年 北京 奥运会 开幕式 于 8/8/08 8 点 8分 开始。



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Number **4** (四, pronounced as “sì”) is considered an unlucky number in Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Japanese cultures because it is a homonym with the word "death" (死 pronounced as “sǐ”). Due to that, many numbered product lines skip the "4” .

Number **14**(十四, pronounced as “shí sì”) is considered to be one of the unluckiest numbers in Chinese culture. 14 is usually said as “shí sǐ,” which sounds like “ten die” , it can also be said as “yī sì” or “yāo sì” , literally “one four” . Thus, 14 can also be said as “yào sǐ,” literally “one four,” but it also means “want to die” (要死, pronounced as “yào sǐ”).

Sì héshí sì dōushì bùhǎo de shùzì, tāmen hé “sǐ” , “yào sǐ” , tóngyīn.

4 和 14 都是 不好 的 数字, 他们 和 “死” , “要死” , 同音。

课文 Text



Red is the color of blood or life and will bring happiness, wealth, fame, and good luck.



Black is the color of feces and is associated with evil, disaster and bad fortune.



Hóng sè xiàng zhēng zhe hǎo yùn hé jí xiáng ,
红色 象征 着 好运 和 吉祥 ,

hēi sè què xiàng zhēng zhe è yùn hé zuì è 。
黑色 却 象征 着 厄运 和 罪恶 。



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