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ABC

Chinese New Year

zhōng guó xīn nián
中国新年

Survival Guide

shēng cún zhǐ nán
生存指南

A

阿姨

ā yí

Nothing can quite compare to the savageness that comes out of an auntie's mouth — power plays and microaggressions thinly veiled as harmless banter scrutinising your existence. Be prepared with some of your own sassy comebacks.

Aunties

A: WHEN YOU GETTING A BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND/MARRIED?

YOU: WHEN YOU GIVE ME MY HONG BAO.

A: (INSERT CAREER)? WHEN YOU GOING TO GET A REAL JOB?

YOU: I'M FOCUSING ON MY BUSINESS, YOU SHOULD TOO.

A: SHOULD LEARN MORE (INSERT LANGUAGE)

YOU: I WILL, MAYBE YOU COULD IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH TOO!

A: YOU SHOULD TRY TO BE MORE LIKE (INSERT RELATIVE)

YOU: SORRY AUNTIE, I'M TOO BUSY LIVING MY BEST LIFE.

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A: WHY DRESS LIKE THIS? AIYAA IS THAT TATTOO?!

YOU: IT'S WHAT'S COOL NOW, YOU WOULDN'T KNOW LAH.

A: SO ROUND!

YOU: SHAPE OF SUCCESS.

A: TOO SKINNY!

YOU: WANT SECRET?



B

聊天

liáo tiān

For those who only know
一点点 (*Yi dian dian*) Chinese,
expand your vocabulary with
CNY greetings that will surely
bring honour to your family
and make those hong baos rain.

Banter

New Year Greeting

_____ , 新年好!
Insert name happy new year!

_____ , 祝你新年快乐!
Insert name wishing you a happy new year!

_____ , 祝您新年大吉!
Respected elder (polite) wishing you good blessings in the new year!

Wealth & Fortune

gōng xǐ fā cái
恭喜发财
Wish you wealth
and prosperity

nián nián yǒu yú
年年有余
May you have
abundance every year

cái yuán gǔn gǔn
财源滚滚
May wealth come
pouring in

dà jí dà lì
大吉大利
May you have great
luck and great profit

Success

shì yè fā dá
事业发达
May your
career take off

shēng yì xīng lóng
生意兴隆
May your
business flourish

xué yè jìn bù
学业进步
May your
studies improve

xīn nián jìn bù
新年进步
May the new year
bring betterment

Health & Happiness

shēn tǐ jiàn kāng
身体健康
Wish you
good health

fú shòu shuāng quán
福寿双全
May you enjoy both
longevity and blessing

suì suì píng ān
岁岁平安
May you have
peace at every age

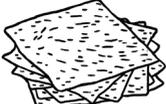
xiào kǒu cháng kāi
笑口常开
May you
smile often

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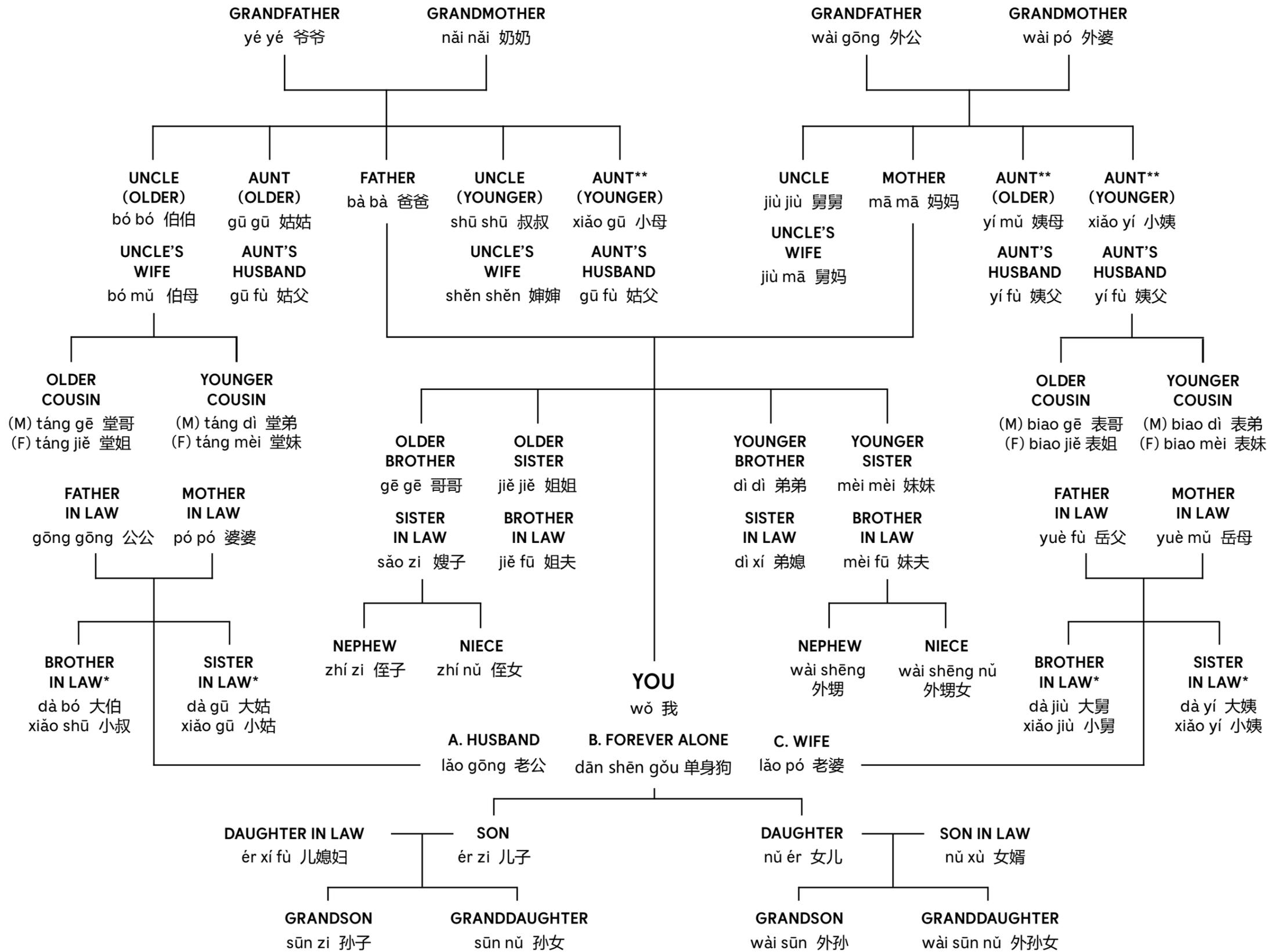
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Time to chow down on the abundance of delicacies CNY affords! Pro tip: Don't go for the amateur mistake of the wrapped chocolate coins. The nasty artificial taste will only linger like a misfortune in your life.

Delicatessen		美味食品	Symbolism	Calories
	New Year's Cake	年糕 nián gāo	Growing every year — in height, grades, promotion & career success.	2 pieces 100 gm 230 cal
	Spring Rolls	春卷 chūn juǎn	A ton of gold — a wish for wealth and prosperity.	1 roll 100 cal
	Pineapple Tart	鳳梨酥 fèng lí sū	Luck and prosperity.	4 pieces 80g 370 cal
	Dumplings	饺子 jiǎo zi	Bringing in wealth and treasure — making money and good fortunes.	5 pieces 160 cal
	Sweet Riceballs	汤圆 tāng yuán	Happy (family) reunion.	5 balls 300 cal
	Turnip Cake	萝卜糕 luó bo gāo	Good luck!	2 pieces 100 gm 120 cal
	Yu Sheng (Raw Fish Salad)	魚生 yú shēng	To be in abundance.	1 serving 200 cal
	Bak Kwa (Meat Jerky)	肉干 ròu gān	Bringing luck and warding off negative spirits.	1 slice 94g 370 cal

Who dis?

这是谁?



What dis?

In Chinese tradition, family terminology can be rather complicated — taking into consideration generation and gender, maternal vs. paternal lineage, relative age, and married vs. blood. It's such that the term "cousin" can be split into eight different ways!

To make it even more whack, Chinese culture holds great importance on properly addressing relatives by their correct kinship term as it signals a gesture of respect and manners — a reflection of good parental skills.

It's time to get ready for your next reunion. Know all the 家人 jiā rén in your 家庭 jiā tíng with this handy chart. New year, who dis?

Key

Spouses

Siblings

Marriages

mǔ 母 = Mother

fù 父 = Father (older generation)

fū 夫 = Husband (same generation)

fù 妇 = Woman (exists to confuse)

Cousins

táng 堂 = Father's side

biǎo 表 = Mother's side

Grandparents

wài 外 = Mother's family

Grandchildren

wài 外 = mother's family

sūn 孙 = grandchild

* 大 = Older
小 = Younger

** 大 = Eldest Aunt (dà)
二 = Second Aunt (èr)
三 = Third Aunt (sān)

Can't find your relative?

Because the combination of Chinese relatives are just too damn high not everyone can be accounted for. In this case you should try:

1. Consulting your parents in the car ride beforehand
2. Cat got your tongue? Greet everyone generically as 叔叔 shū shū or 阿姨 ā yí
3. All else fails, spew some new year blessings in the hope that you don't get mistaken for a gweilo.