

# C Chow



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	凤梨酥 fēng 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)	鱼生 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

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# An ABC

## Chinese New Year

# 中国新年

## Survival Guide

# 生存指南

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Wish you good health  
shēn tǐ jiàn kāng  
身体健康  
福寿双全  
fú shòu shuāng quán  
May you enjoy both longevity and blessing  
suì suí píng ān  
岁岁平安  
May you smile often  
xiào kǒu cháng kāi  
笑口常开

### Health & Happiness

May your career take off  
shì yè fā dà  
事业发达  
生意兴隆  
shēng yì xíng lóng  
May your studies improve  
xué yè jìn bù  
学业进步  
新年进步  
xīn nián jìn bù  
May the new year bring betterment

### Success

Wish you wealth and prosperity  
gōng xī fā cái  
恭喜发财  
年年有余  
nián nián yǒu yú  
May you have abundance every year  
cái yuán gǔn gǔn  
财源滚滚  
大吉大利  
dà jí dà lì  
May you have great luck and great profit

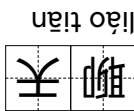
### Wealth & Fortune

Respected elder  
zhù nǐ xīn nián dà jí!  
, 祝您新年大吉!

New Year Greeting  
xīn nián hǎo!  
, 新年好!  
happy new year!  
wishing you a happy new year!  
Insert name  
Insert name

### Banter

For those who only know a little (Yī diǎn) Chinese, expand your vocabulary with CNY greetings that will surely bring honour to your family, and make those hong baos rain.

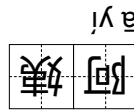


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YOU: I WILL, MAYBE YOU COULD IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH TOO!  
A: YOU SHOULD TRY TO BE MORE LIKE (INSERT RELATIVE)  
YOU: SORRY AUNTIE, I'M TOO BUSY LIVING MY BEST LIFE.  
YOU: I'M FOCUSING ON MY BUSINESS. YOU SHOULD TOO.  
A: (INSERT CAREER?) WHEN YOU GOING TO GET A REAL JOB?  
YOU: I SHOULD LEARN MORE (INSERT LANGUAGE)  
A: TOO SKINNY!  
YOU: WANT SECRET?  
YOU: I'M DRESS LIKE THIS? A: WHY DRESS LIKE THIS? BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND/MARRIED?  
YOU: WHEN YOU GIVE ME MY HONG BAO.  
YOU: IT'S WHAT'S COOL NOW, YOU WOULDN'T KNOW LAH.  
YOU: SHAPE OF SUCCESS. YOU SHOULD TOO.  
YOU: SO ROUND!

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

### Aunties



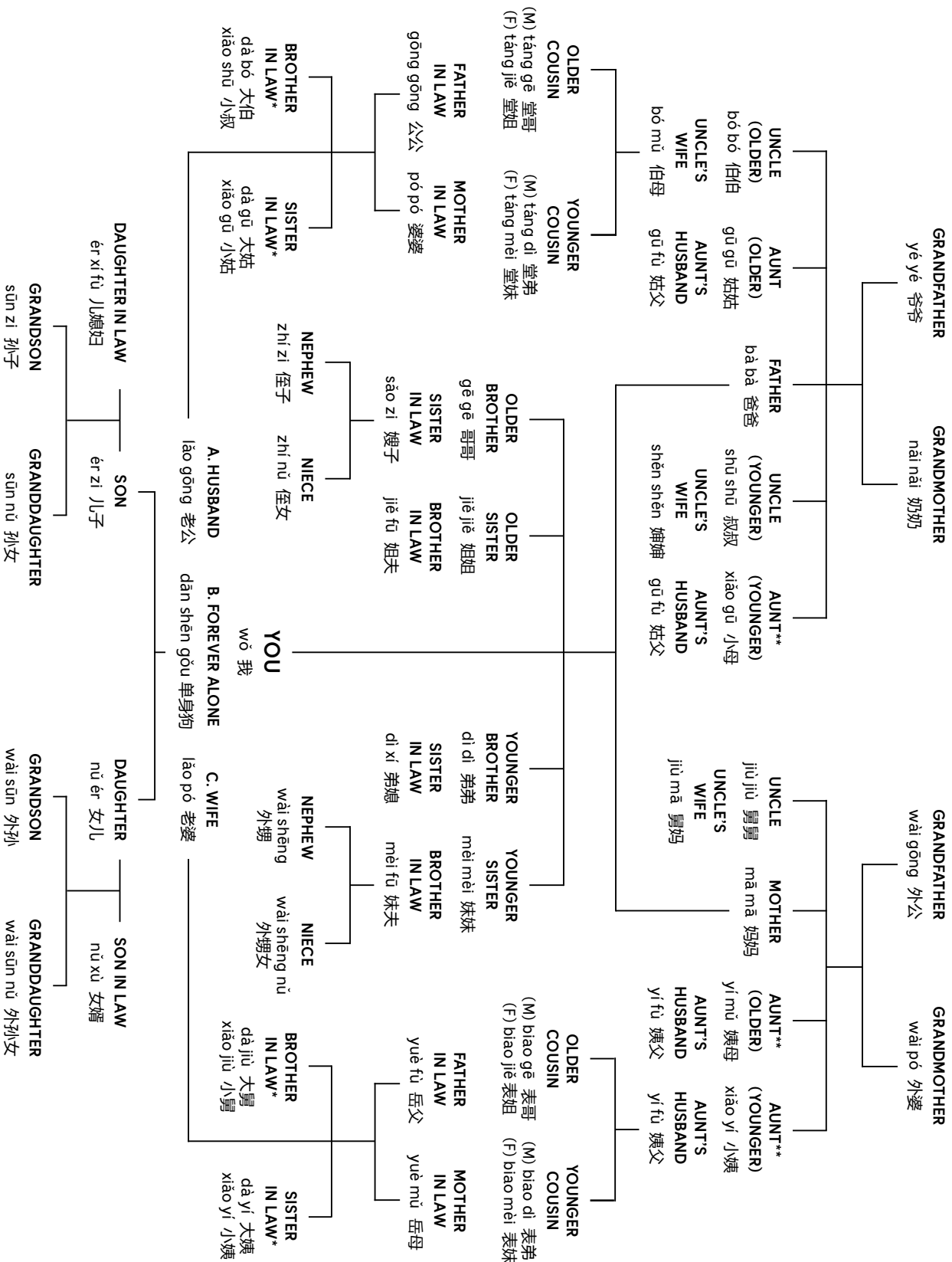
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Who dis?

# 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 jia ren in your 家庭 jia ting with this handy chart: New Year, who dis?

## Key

- Spouses
- Siblings

### Marriages

- mǔ mǔ = Mother
- fù fù = Father (older generation)
- fū fū = Husband (same generation)
- fū fù = Woman (exists to confuse)

### Cousins

- tāng táng = Father's side
- biāo biāo = Mother's side

### Grandparents

- wài wài = Mother's family
- Grandchildren
- wài wài = mother's family
- sūn zǐ = 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 gwelo.