



Chinese New Year

Different cultures have different holiday celebrations important to them. Like in Canada, thanksgiving is very important, but not in other countries. The most favourite holiday celebration in Chinese culture is Chinese New Year.

The most significant practice in Chinese New Year is hanging up Fai Chuns everywhere. Fai Chun is a large piece of red paper, with blessings written on it. It wishes people good luck in the New Year. Seeing red Fai Chuns hanging everywhere in shops, malls, homes and even cars makes people feel excited and full of hope when facing the new year. Fai Chun is one of the most indispensable practices in Chinese New Year celebrations.

Giving and receiving red packets is children's favourite activity of all time. They can receive money put in red packets from adults and elderlies. The money is usually given to them for buying new clothes and snacks. Having everything new marks the beginning of a new year. Exchanging red packets is a special tradition in Chinese New Year.



Families and relatives also gather and eat dinner at a round table on Chinese New Year Eve. The word 'round' in Chinese means being together all the time. Eating dinner together symbolizes that all people being together no matter what happens in the new year. There is even a unique type of food made in round shape eaten in the dinner feast. Eating dinner with all the relatives together is the most crucial tradition celebrated in Chinese New Year.



In the Chinese culture, Chinese New Year is said to be the favourite festival celebrated by all people. People gather around and prepare to face different challenges in the new year. But before that, let's enjoy the joyful festive events!

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Two birds

One day, two birds hatched in one great tree,
and saw something differently,
one looked up, one looked down;
one bird smiled, one bird frowned,
then a tempest storm raged out,
so they flew to the clouds,
then their trappings blew away,
so they have to dodge their way,
one bird said "we lost our things, this is the worst day of my life,
so the bird cursed this strife,
after, after many years,
two birds grew too old to fly,
there after two birds passed away,
and saw things differently,
before they are here, now they are gone,
the world spins on and on.

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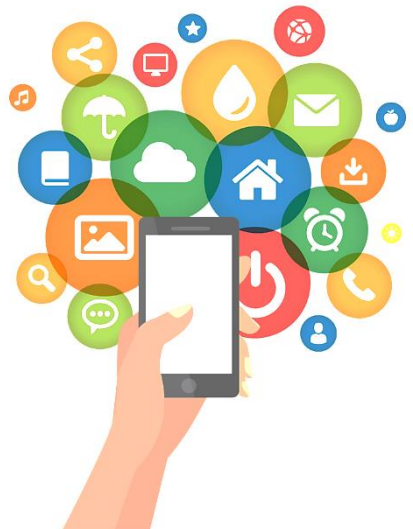
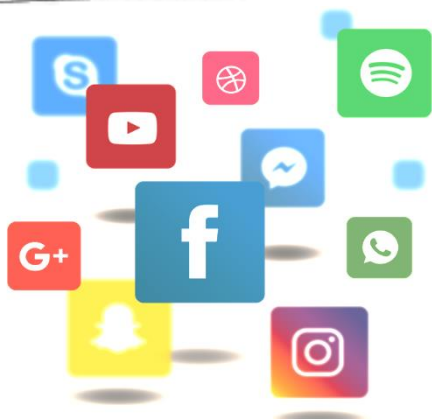
The importance of mobile phones

Nowadays, we use many electronic products to convenience us in our daily life, such as computers, televisions and air-conditioners. In my opinion, the mobile phone is an electronic item that I can't live without.

Firstly, mobile phone is a very convenient device in our daily life. In the past, people could only stay in touch by letter or face-to-face meeting. There are many difficulties. After the mobile phone was invented, people could communicate through voice calls, text or other social media platforms. This has hugely improved the communication among people and less time is wasted. Moreover, mobile phones not only provide communication ways but also allow people to play online games or set a timer. There are many useful functions which are highly convenient for our daily lives. Information is uncounatable, we can search it whenever we are and know more about things going on around the world.

Also, mobile phones bring a cultural impact. They support gobal activities break the cultural differences. Social media like instagram enable people to communicate in different countries and different time. Imagine you invited a friend to a place at a time but the friend didn't appear, how could you find or ask her on the street without a mobile phone? How could you find or ask her on the street without a mobile phone? How could you take photos when you do not have a mobile phone? Bringing a camera out is too inconvenient for us!

In conclusion, as the mobile phone is a very convenient and useful device in our daily life and it is hard to communicate without it, I think the mobile phone is the electronic device I can't live without.



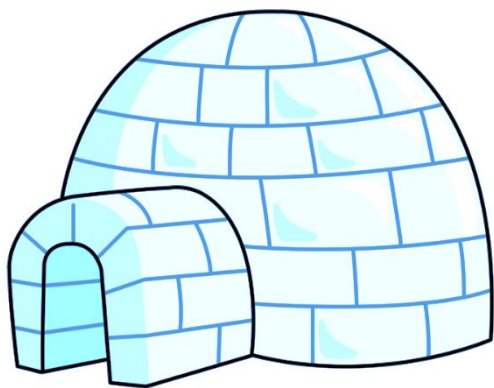


Living in the North Pole



We break the ice and go fishing in the water. We usually catch lots of fishes to eat. We usually kill the bear for meat. My mum uses North Pole closet. I will build an igloo. I will cook more food to eat, we will use fire to keep the food hot.

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I agree with her statement a lot. Children can learn a lot from mistakes. You don't know if you are right or wrong before mistakes. But after, you get a learning opportunity and the understanding of what was wrong and how to change. I have learnt a lot from my mistakes as well.

In my past, I have made so many mistakes that I am not able to count them all. But there is one that has changed my life so much.

When I was younger, I used to be terrible at English. I didn't know how to spell, speak or write. I tried to distance myself from anything that I had to use English for because I was scared of learning. When I could not get into the primary school that my parents wanted me to go to, to follow the steps of my sister, I knew I had to put in extra effort.

Once school started, I started to work on improving my English, as the school I was hoping to get into was an EMI school. I would have to at least understand basic English. I would try to get perfect scores in all subjects to make my report card more impressive and before I knew it, exams came and after, the marks came. I



was shocked when I found out that I was top 1 of my class and 2nd in the whole form.

After I had finished my interview in the school, I was able to get in a class and was going to start going to the school in the second term. My family were very happy and I was happy as well. I was also proud of myself for achieving my goal.

This experience had really helped me and I found out that if I really wanted to, I could be very determined. Although now I am not the best at all subjects, my English is still good in comparison and I am still pretty high in my class, maybe the top few for English. I often keep this experience in my mind and it really inspires me when I want to achieve something that I have failed to in the past.

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