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New Year, New Beginnings



You are going to learn:



**Topic: Festivals & holidays —
New year, new beginnings**



Words: solar, lunar, feast, resolution



Grammar: make up one's mind

Warm-up



What do people usually do to celebrate the Chinese New Year?



Let's prepare!



Vocabulary

Most people use **solar** calendars now.

so·lar



Which holiday is based on the solar calendar?

- ☐ April Fools' Day.
- ☐ The Spring Festival.

Vocabulary

The Chinese New Year's Day is the first day of the year on the **lunar** calendar.

lu·nar

2015年 February 二月

SUN 周日	MON 周一	TUE 周二	WED 周三	THU 周四	FRI 周五	SAT 周六
1 十三	2 十四	3 十五	4 立春	5 六九	6 十八	7 十九
8 廿十	9 廿一	10 廿二	11 祭灶节	12 廿四	13 廿五	14 七九
15 廿七	16 廿八	17 廿九	18 除夕	19 春节	20 初二	21 初三
22 初四	23 八九	24 初六	25 初七	26 初八	27 初九	28 初十

The Chinese New Year



Which day was February 19, 2015 on the lunar calendar?

Vocabulary

Fruit is often served at wedding **feasts**.

feast



Which picture shows a feast?



Vocabulary

Following his New Year's **resolution**, he gets up at five to do exercise.

res·o·lu·tion



What does resolution mean in the sentence?

- ☐ A promise to oneself to do something.
- ☐ Good luck.

Grammar



Sam **makes up his mind** to exercise more to win the running race.

I've **made up my mind** to practice playing guitar more.



How about Peter?



Peter

do morning exercise every day

Let's talk !



Introduction




Timmy and Sam are checking Xiao Wang's WeChat "moments".

Look! Xiao Wang is celebrating the Chinese New Year with his family.

Wow! Fireworks! I am so jealous that people in China can celebrate two New Years!

XIAO WANG



The background of the entire slide is a colorful illustration of a modern apartment. On the left, there is a wooden staircase with a dark railing. In the center, a red tufted sofa with yellow cushions sits on a wooden floor. Two boys are on the sofa: one with brown hair holding a pink smartphone, and another with blonde hair. To the right of the sofa is a wooden chest of drawers with four drawers. In the background, a city skyline with blue and grey buildings is visible under a light blue sky. Two large white speech bubbles with black outlines are positioned on either side of the sofa. Two circular inset images are at the bottom of the scene.

Yes. I wish we could have both the **solar** calendar and the Chinese **lunar** calendar. Then we could have two New Year holidays!

Right! Two holidays with two sets of fireworks, and two New Year's **feasts**!



A cartoon illustration of two young boys sitting on a red tufted sofa in a living room. The boy on the left has brown hair and is holding a pink smartphone. The boy on the right has blonde hair and is smiling. They are both wearing yellow t-shirts and blue pants. In front of them is a dark brown coffee table with a stack of three books (brown, yellow, and pink) on it. To the left of the sofa is a wooden staircase with a railing. To the right is a wooden side table with a lamp that has a yellow and orange polka-dot shade. The background shows a cityscape with blue buildings and a bridge. Two speech bubbles are present: one from the boy with brown hair and one from the boy with blonde hair.

Yeah. And we can
make another New
Year's **resolution**.

Do you still
remember
the resolution
you made?

Of course! I said I would play fewer video games and study more. I have really **made up my mind** to study much harder.

Well, I think we should make another resolution for the Chinese New Year. I have made up my mind to help you play video games!

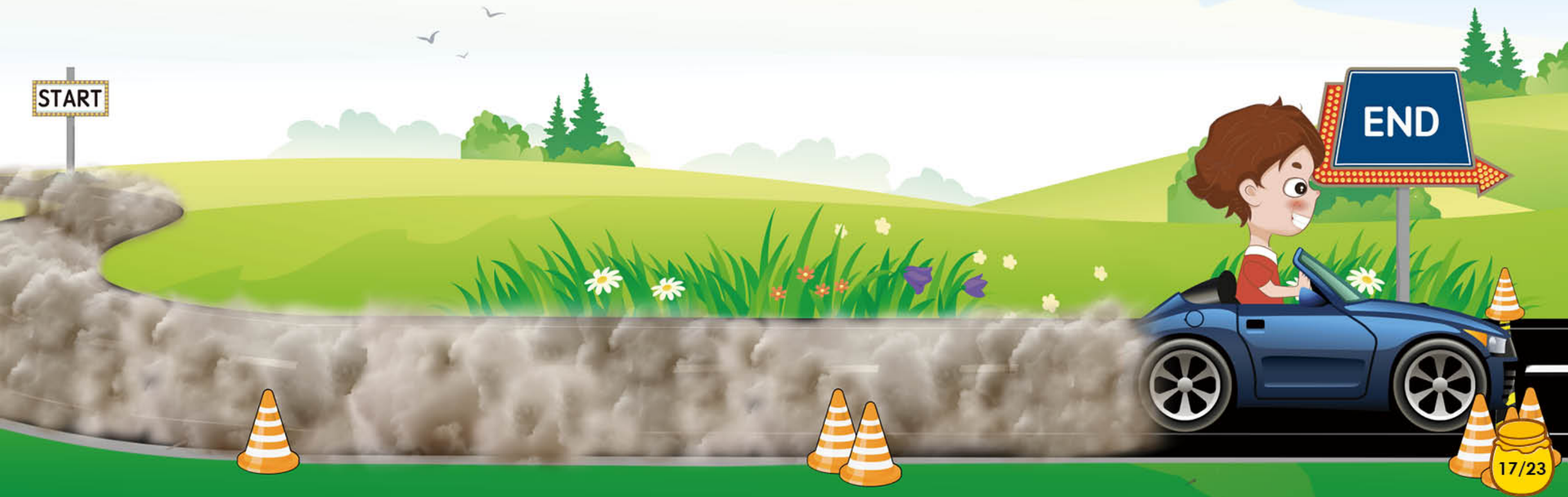
Grammar

make up one's mind
means "to decide"

e.g. She **makes up her mind** to lose weight.



Let's practice!



Activity

Complete the passages and make sentences using the words in the Word Bank.

- 1 Americans celebrate the New Year on the first day of the year on the _____ calendar.



- 2 Chinese people celebrate the Chinese New Year on the first day of the year on the _____ calendar.



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Usually, family and friends will have a _____ together, and make their New Year's _____.

Word Bank: solar lunar feast resolution

Activity

Complete the sentences using “make up one’s mind”.



Come and play video games with me.

No. I... to play fewer video games.



He... to lose weight.



She...

Activity

Complete and role-play.



Cindy and Anna are talking about the Chinese New Year.

Hints: solar calendar lunar calendar
feast fireworks



I am so jealous that people in China can celebrate two New Years!

Yes. I wish we could have both... Then we could have...



Right! Two holidays with...

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Activity

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Hints: resolution
eat healthier
make up one's mind

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I have really...



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SEE YOU SOON!



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TALK

