

LOTE Term 4 Week 1

During the full moon between late September and early October, China and Vietnam celebrate the **Mid-Autumn Festival** (sometimes called Moon Festival).



Mid-Autumn Festival Legend



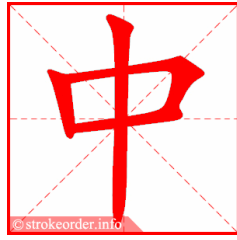
3000 years ago, the earth had ten suns. The heat from the suns burned all the trees and crops, causing widespread death around the world. One day a superior archer named Hou Yi used his bow and arrows to shoot down nine of the suns. He threatened the tenth sun with the same outcome if the sun did not agree to rise and set every day and give people a break from its heat. The sun agreed and our Earth was saved.

For his role in saving the planet, the Western Queen Mother gave Hou Yi a bottle of elixir that could make one person immortal. However, Hou Yi did not want to become immortal; he wanted to grow old with his wife Chang'e and so he kept the elixir at home.

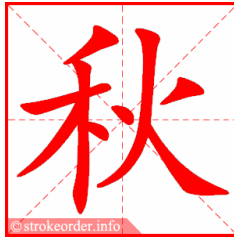
Pang Meng, one of Hou Yi's students, tried to steal the elixir while he was out. He threatened to kill Chang'e to get the elixir. Faced with greedy Pang Meng, Chang'e decided to drink the elixir. When she ascended toward the heavens, she decided to stay on the moon so she could be as close to Hou Yi as possible.

Devastated, Hou Yi began the ritual of putting out cakes and offerings hoping to bring Chang'e back to him and so the yearly celebration began.

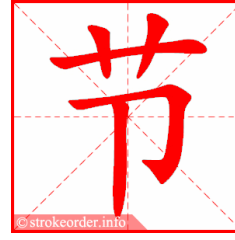
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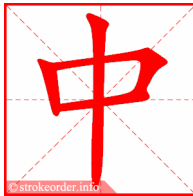


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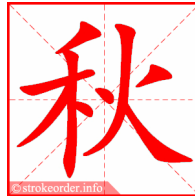


In Chinese, the festival is known as 中秋节 (zhōng qiū jié), which literally means middle autumn festival.

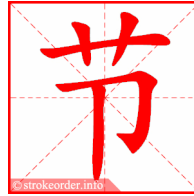
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- 快乐 (kuài lè) means "happy" .
- 中秋节快乐! (zhōng qiū jié kuài lè) – Happy Mid Autumn Festival

Activity 1: Mid Autumn Festival card

- Write the following characters + Pinyin and its meaning in English.

zhōng qiū jié kuài lè
 中 秋 节 快 乐 !
 Happy Mid Autumn Festival!

- Draw a picture related to the Mid Autumn Festival.

Example:



Here's some videos that can help you make items related to the moon festival!

Paper Bunny:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8QvAxM3mT0&t=58s&ab_channel=OrigamiFoodie

Paper Lanterns:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CeZKYGmuZn0&ab_channel=Kidspot

Have fun and be safe! :D – Miss Sun