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Gong Hey Fat Choy
(gung-she-fah-tie)



I hope your New Year
is "bear-y" special.



Happy
Chinese
New Year!



4 Chinese New Year Bookmarks

How To Say Happy New Year In Chinese

The most common Chinese ways of saying Happy New Year are Gong Xi Fa Cai (Mandarin) and Gong Hey Fat Choy (Cantonese). Pronounced gung-she-fah-tie

Even though the pronunciations are a little different, both are written the same way.

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Gong Xi is congratulations or respectfully wishing one joy. Fa Cai is to become rich or to make money.

Thus, Gong Xi Fa Cai means wishing you to be prosperous in the coming year.

Another way to say Happy New Year is Xin Nian Kuai Le!
Pronounced: chin-len-qui-luh (qui as in quiet).

Xin Nian is New Year. Xin is new and Nian is year.
Kuai Le is happiness, joy, pleasure, delight, or rejoicings.

So "Happy New Year" in English is "New Year Happy" in Chinese: Xin Nian Kuai Le



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To hear these pronounced check out this link: <http://goodcharacters.com/newsletters/chinese-happynewyear.html>

To hear little children singing a Happy New Year song check out this link:
<http://robinhoodpmfl.wordpress.com/2011/01/16/xin-nian-h%C7%8Eo-ya-%E6%96%B0%E5%B9%B4%E5%A5BD%E5%91%80/>

Another 3 minute video with children singing is: <http://resources.echineselearning.com/kids/kids-chinese-735.html>

To hear some differences between Cantonese and Mandarin, check out this link:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e73btaVo868>

Even though both Cantonese and Mandarin use the same standard Chinese script to read and write, the two languages are still mutually unintelligible to each other,

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Gong Hey or Gong Xi (恭禧) is

congratulations or respectfully wishing one joy.

Fat Choy or Fa Cai (發財) is to become rich or to make money.

Thus, Gong Hey Fat Choy or Gong Xi Fa Cai means wishing you to be prosperous in the coming year.

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Gong Hey Fat Choy is more popular.

Gong Xi Fa Cai is Mandarin
Gong Hey Fat Choy is Cantonese
The symbols on the bookmark are in simplified Chinese.
In traditional Chinese it is written:

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恭禧發財

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