

CHINESE INVENTIONS

1. Read the text.

The people of ancient China invented many things. Read about five important Chinese inventions.

Paper

The ancient Chinese invented paper. It was made from wood. The Chinese used paper to make books, maps and money. People used paper to make playing cards too and card games were a popular hobby.



Fireworks

Do you like fireworks? Fireworks are a Chinese invention. In ancient China, people used fireworks on festival days. In China today, fireworks are an important part of the New Year festival.



The umbrella

Have you got an umbrella? The umbrella is another Chinese invention. People used umbrellas for protection from the sun and the rain. Look! In Chinese writing, this is the word for umbrella: 伞



The toothbrush

How often do you brush your teeth? Did you know that the toothbrush is a Chinese invention? The first toothbrushes were made with animal hairs and bamboo. The Chinese introduced toothbrushes to Europe about 400 years ago.



The kite

The first kites were made from bamboo and paper. People used them for different reasons. Farmers and sailors used kites to learn about the wind. Soldiers used kites to send messages.



After you read

1. Find the word and write it.

1. They were made with paper and bamboo. _____
2. The Chinese introduced this invention to Europe 400 years ago. _____
3. It was a popular hobby in ancient China. _____
4. These people used kites to send messages. _____
5. You can see this invention at Chinese New Year. _____
6. They were made from animal hair and bamboo. _____

2. Put the words in order and write under the correct picture.

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fireworks



3. Choose the correct information

1. The first kites were made from bamboo and paper / metal and paper.
2. The Chinese introduced the umbrella / toothbrushes to Europe
3. Kites / Fireworks are an important part of the New Year Festival.
4. People used paper to make books, maps and money / books, maps and notebooks.
5. People used umbrellas for protection from the sun and rain / wind and rain.
6. Soldiers / Farmers used kites to send messages.

4. Do the quiz. Good luck!

China Quiz				
1	What's the capital of China?	Shanghai	Hong Kong	Beijing
2	What colours are on the Chinese flag?	purple	red	yellow blue
3	This Chinese animal climbs trees and eats bamboo	yak	panda	snow leopard
4	Which food is a Chinese invention?	sushi	Ice cream	pizza
5	What's an important colour at Chinese New Year?	blue	purple	red green
6	China is bigger than Australia. True or false?	True	False	
7	What martial art is from China?	Karate	Kung fu	taekwondo