



Numbers & Age Playgroup Activities 6-12 years old



Step 1 – Watch, listen & read the lesson

- My First Chinese Words CD Rom lesson 4
- Fun Chinese Level I Lesson 4
- My First Chinese Words Audio CD lesson 4
- My First Chinese Words Book “How old are you?”
- My First Chinese Reader Lesson 3 “How old are you?”

Step 2 – Prepare your supplies

- construction paper
- glue stick or glue
- scissors
- markers, feathers, wiggle eyes, yarn, lunch size paper bags
- buttons, felt & an old sock



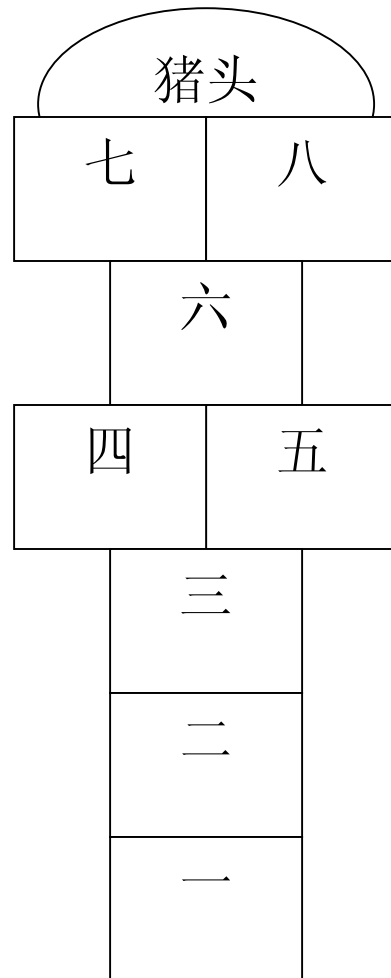
Step 3 – Activities

1. Birthday Cake
 - a. Using construction paper, make birthday cakes for each member of your family. Color or decorate the cake and draw the correct number of candles counting them as you go.
 - b. Use the worksheet to extend your counting to 20 and beyond.
2. Make birthday cards for friends and family.
 - a. Fold a piece of construction paper in half.
 - b. Cut out the question – “how old are you” from the template and past it to the cover.
 - c. Cut out the answer “You’re ... old” and paste it to the inside of the card.
 - d. Decorate the cards and mail them.
3. 1, 2, 3 Jump Game. Draw 2 parallel lines or place tape on the floor/carpet. Count yi, er, san tiao and jump from one line to the far side of the second line. All children take turns, then move the second line farther away and play again.
4. Practice counting when you go up and down stairs, when shopping or playing with toys. Practice sorting and counting in Chinese.
5. Sing the song from Fun Chinese Level 1 Lesson 4 The Sun is Shining.
6. Hopscotch – Using sidewalk chalk, play hopscotch with Chinese numbers instead of English. Practice calling out the numbers and instead of writing the Arabic numerals,

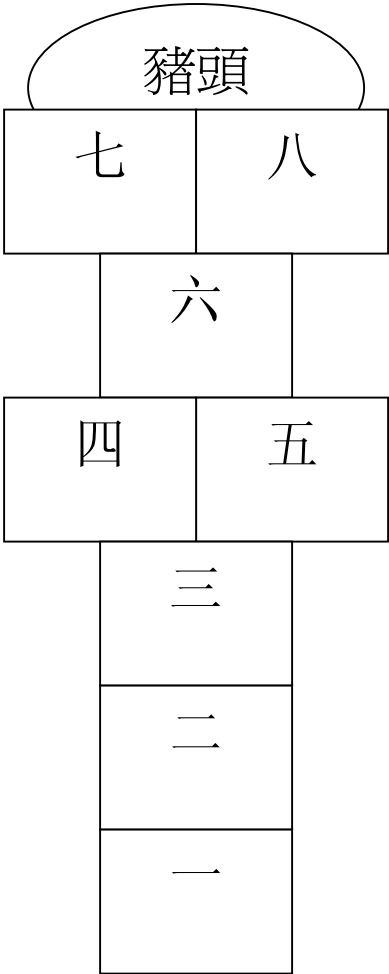


write out Chinese numbers. A Chinese hopscotch game called Pig's Head¹ is detailed below:

- a. Draw the hopscotch template in chalk on a sidewalk or paved surface.
 - b. Hop through the 8 boxes, turn around and hop back to box #1 and out.
 - c. Stand with your toes on the edge of box 1 and toss the puck into the pig's head.
 - d. Hop through the 8 boxes jumping with 2 feet in boxes 4 & 5 and 7 & 8. Stop in boxes 7 & 8 and turn around jumping back into boxes 7 & 8. Decide in advance if players will reach between their legs or turn back to pick up the puck from the pig's head. If you touch outside the head you lose. If you pick up the puck successfully, you can claim one box as yours.
 - e. Each player does the same.
 - f. Players cannot jump into "claimed" boxes without the permission of the player who "owns" the box.
 - g. The player who "owns" a box must jump into it with both feet. If the player forgets and hops with only 1 foot, the box becomes open for another player to claim.
 - h. After all the boxes are owned the players divide up the pig's head into 4 parts.
7. Practice writing the radical for water featured in My First Chinese Exercises as well as the character for table or how many from the Happy Character stories on Fun Chinese on large graph paper.



¹Lankford, Mary D. Hopscotch Around the World. Morrow Junior Books, New York, 1992.



Make your own birthday cards. Use these sentences and illustrate your own cards. Add the age of your friend or family member 1-?

你几岁？

你 岁

你幾歲？

你....歲

Let's Count to 20 & beyond

一	Yi1	1
二	Er2	2
三	San3	3
四	Si4	4
五	Wu3	5
六	Liu4	6
七	Qi1	7
八	Ba1	8
九	Jiu3	9
十	Shi2	10
十一	Shi2yi1	11
十二	Shi2er4	12
十三	Shi2san1	13
十四	Shi2si4	14
十五	Shi2wu3	15
十六	Shi2liu4	16
十七	Shi2qi1	17
十八	Shi2ba1	18
十九	Shi2jiu3	19
二十	Er4shi2	20
三十	San3shi2	30