

Competition: Upload a picture of your Chinese Character 福 or 龙

or/and Papercutting to enter!



To enter the competition, take a photo of the character you have written or papercutting you have cut, scan the QR code on the left or go to the following Padlet site to upload your work:

<http://tinyurl.com/4pwye9p>

Winners will be announced on the padlet and will receive a prize!

Contact online-ci@open.ac.uk

Calligraphy

Chinese calligraphy is the writing of Chinese characters using ink and brushes as an art form, combining purely visual art and interpretation of the literary meaning. This has been generally held in high esteem across East Asia. In this competition, send in a photo of your writing of the Chinese character 福 (pronounced *fú*), meaning happiness, blessing, and good fortune; or 龙 (*lóng*) 'dragon' as the coming Chinese New Year is the year of the dragon. It is tradition in Chinese to put the character 福 (pronounced *fú*) on their doors or windows to greet the Chinese Lunar New Year (which falls on 10th Feb this year). It is believed that this will bring good fortune. For the Chinese New Year decoration, it is usually written on diagonal square red paper.

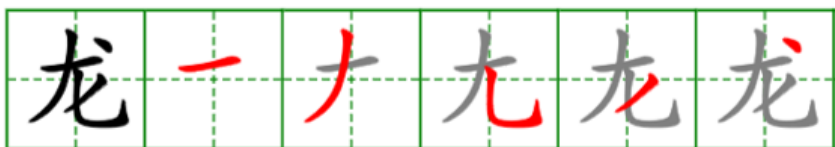


Below is the stroke by stroke order how you write this character (13 strokes):



Traditionally it is put upside-down (see below right) on the door. Why? You will find out the answer in one of the posters in the room.

Below is the stroke order of writing 龙 'dragon' (5 strokes in total):



Papercutting

Papercutting of the character 福 and other patterns are also popular Chinese Lunar New Year decorations on windows. There are several designs available. Choose the one you like.



Happy Chinese New Year of the Dragon!