

China

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 - 1 Because strong winds in winter and spring blow large clouds of sand from the deserts towards the north-east coast. In cities like Beijing the clouds of sand are often so thick that it is difficult to see.
 - 2 From the yellow soil (loess) it picks up as it flows through the Loess Plateau.
 - 3 The Uyghur people.
 - 4 Because Britain gave Hong Kong back to China and it became part of the PRC.
 - 5 The last Emperor of China.
 - 6 Mandarin

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 - 1 An army of life-sized terracotta soldiers.
 - 2 An ancient Chinese philosopher.
 - 3 During the Tang dynasty, in the time of Empress Wu.
 - 4 During the Song dynasty.
 - 5 The third Ming Emperor, the Yongle Emperor.
 - 6 Because, after another war, Britain, France and Russia had won a lot more control over China.

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 - 1 White gold
 - 2 Blue-green
 - 3 Beautiful writing
 - 4 Brushes
 - 5 Their work was more personal. They used ink and very few colours, sometimes only one. They painted details of landscapes like bamboo, trees, flowers and rocks
 - 6 Over ten thousand things from his mother's house

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 - 1 Huangdi, the Yellow Emperor, nearly four thousand years ago.
 - 2 Internal styles use and improve mental skills, whereas external styles make the body stronger.
 - 3 Because they kept falling asleep, and were thin, weak and unhealthy.
 - 4 Because Ming rebels went to the Shaolin temples to hide.
 - 5 Martial arts hero
 - 6 Jin Yong

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 - 1 Because he taught people to farm.
 - 2 The energy or life force that flows around the body. Traditional Chinese doctors believe that people become ill when the *qi* does not flow well.
 - 3 Looking for the right ingredients for an elixir that could make Chinese emperors live forever.
 - 4 Christian missionaries in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

- 5 Ginseng
- 6 To keep fit and also to increase their energy levels so they can stay active all day.
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- 1 In the northern part.
 - 2 *Cai* is vegetables, fish or meat. *Fan* is noodles or rice.
 - 3 Sweet, sour, bitter, spicy and salty.
 - 4 Because most of the Chinese people who opened restaurants in other countries were from Guangdong province.
 - 5 The leaves are long and thin and the tea is a yellow-green colour. It has a fresh taste and a sweet smell.
 - 6 Because they can be used more than once.
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- 1 *Hongbao* – red envelopes with money in them.
 - 2 The Chinese calendar is divided into twelve lunar months of twenty-nine or thirty days. A year of twelve lunar months is 354 days long. An extra month is added every three or four years so that the seasons are always the same.
 - 3 On the night of the Lantern Festival. The dumplings are a round shape for harmony and happiness.
 - 4 Because the dragon is a symbol of importance, power and strength.
 - 5 Harvest-time and the full moon.
 - 6 Because four is an unlucky number in China because it sounds like the word for 'death'.
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- 1 A type of guitar with four strings.
 - 2 By their clothes, make-up and the colours of their faces.
 - 3 In the 1800s.
 - 4 Because they think music is a good career for them.
 - 5 By going to a karaoke club.
 - 6 Because it became the first Chinese film to make over one billion yuan.
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- 1 Because he believed that China needed to be as strong as the West.
 - 2 Because Chiang Kai-shek planned to attack them in their hiding place in Jiangxi province so they had to escape.
 - 3 Because too many people were working in factories and not enough on the land. The new farming practices did not work and less food was produced.
 - 4 Old Customs, Old Culture, Old Habits and Old Ideas. He wanted to destroy them because he was afraid that old ways and old traditions were returning to China and that a middle class was developing.
 - 5 Because it was the first time that Communist China had received a visit from an important western politician and it was a sign of change.
 - 6 He created four Special Economic Zones (SEZ).

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- 1 Because it told the world that China was once again a country of international importance – that China was now a global superpower.
 - 2 Because it changed a lot and became really modern and international.
 - 3 4.25 million
 - 4 Because the road has many beautiful old buildings – hotels, banks, offices and clubs – from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
 - 5 To help people learn the Chinese language and understand the country and its culture better.
 - 6 Because people who live in big cities have money but in the countryside many people are still very poor.