Hidden Meanings Artwork

“May your blessings be as vast as the sky.”


“May you possess both blessings and longevity.”

Plate with eight peaches and five bats, one of a pair, Qing dynasty (1644-1911), Reign of the Qianlong Emperor (1736-1795). Jingdezhen, China. Porcelain with overglaze polychrome decoration. Asian Art Museum, The Avery Brundage Collection, B60P1707.

“May you possess both blessings and longevity.”


“Good luck passing a test.”

Rebus Key

These Chinese symbols carry lucky hidden meanings. Put them together to create a rebus.

- bats - blessings
- cranes and peaches - long life and blessings
- tiger - protection
- firecrackers and bamboo - peace
- fish and oranges - wealth and good fortune