

**Age:** Teenager/Adult

**Level:** Upper intermediate (B2)

**Time:** 15 minutes +

**Activity:** In this lesson, students will:

1. read about Feng Shui;
2. find out their lucky Kua numbers.

**Language focus:** vocabulary related to objects

**Materials:** one copy of the worksheet per student

## PROCEDURE

Hand out copies of page 1 of the worksheet. Ask students to look at the pictures in exercise 1 and identify each object. What do they have in common? (*Answer: They are all symbols that are important in Feng Shui.*)

Ask students to make notes in pairs of anything they know about Feng Shui. Share ideas as a class – you could collect them on the board. Hand out copies of page 2 of the worksheet. Ask students to read the text in exercise 2 and see if they were right. You could extend this exercise by asking students to discuss the idea of Feng Shui and lucky directions and numbers in pairs – do they believe in luck? Do they practice Feng Shui or do anything to attract good luck / avoid bad luck? You could widen this out to a whole-class discussion.

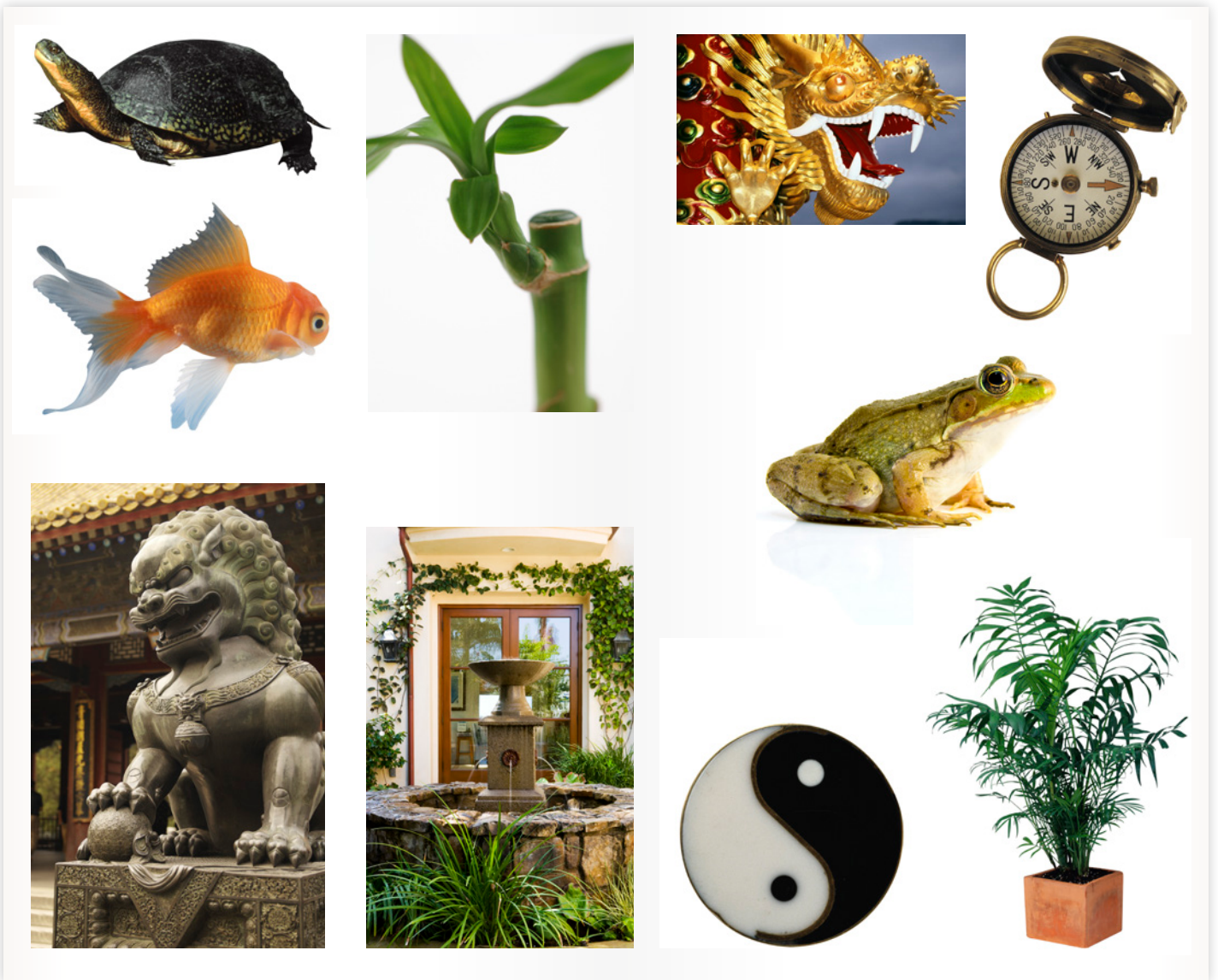
Ask students to look at exercise 3. They should read the text and calculate their Kua number. If you know the orientation of the classroom, ask students if they are sitting in a lucky direction for education. Will they use their Kua number to reorganise their furniture at home?

LUCKY NUMBERS AND DIRECTIONS

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WORKSHEET

EXERCISE 1: LUCKY SYMBOLS



Notes

### EXERCISE 2: WHAT IS FENG SHUI?

**Have you been having bad luck recently?** Have you had bad marks at school or problems at work? Have you had a lot of colds and been suffering from poor health? Is your love life less exciting that you would like it to be? The reason could be that you have bad Feng Shui.

**Feng Shui is one of the Eastern philosophies** to have become popular in the West. It relies on the calculation of favourable directions (i.e. north, south, east, west) and the harmonious organisation of furniture in the home to bring good luck to the people who live there. By discovering which are your favourable directions and re-organising the furniture in your home, you could become rich and successful, achieve your personal ambitions and have a happy love life.

### EXERCISE 3: CALCULATE YOUR LUCKY KUA NUMBER

**The first thing you need to do** in Feng Shui is to discover which are your favourable directions. These directions represent the lucky corners of your home or workplace – the places where you should sit, sleep or work in order to be happy and prosperous. They are also the directions you should try to face when you are doing exams, attending an important meeting or going out with your friends. To find out which are your lucky corners, you need to know your personal Kua number.

**To calculate your Kua number**, take the last two numbers from the year you were born and add these two numbers together. For example, if you were born in 1975, add  $7 + 5 = 12$ . If this number has two digits, then add these two numbers together until you have a number of only one digit (e.g.  $1 + 2 = 3$ ). If you are male, subtract this number from 10 (e.g.  $10 - 3 = 7$ ). If you are female, add this number to 5 (e.g.  $3 + 5 = 8$ ). If you get two digits, keep adding until you only have only one digit. The result is your Kua number.

Write your Kua number here: \_\_\_\_\_

The chart shows which are your lucky directions in different areas of your life.

Your Kua number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>success</i>	SE	NE	S	N	NE SW	W	NW	SW	E
<i>health</i>	E	W	N	S	W NW	NE	SW	NW	SE
<i>romance</i>	S	NW	SE	E	NW W	SW	NE	W	N
<i>education</i>	N	SW	E	SE	SW NE	NW	W	NE	S
<i>unlucky</i>	W	E	SW	NW	E S	SE	N	S	NE