

Ancient Chinese Inventions

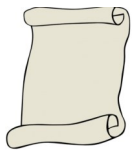
In this activity we explore inventions which supposedly originated in ancient China and are either still being used today or have been adapted as science and technology progressed over the years.

First, take a look at the Ancient Chinese Inventions questions on the next page. Then find and circle all the answers in the word search below. The words may be forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonal!

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- What are known as the "Big Four" ancient Chinese inventions.



PAPER



COMPASS

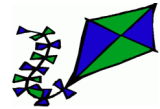
PRINTING



GUNPOWDER

- What was apparently invented in China as a signal, for sending messages, testing the wind direction and for measuring distances during military operations?

KITE



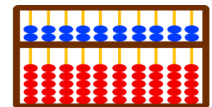
- Name the invention which was said to be created after a Chinese carpenter observed children using lotus leaves to shield themselves from the rain.

UMBRELLA



- What is said to be invented by ancient Chinese as a calculator which used sliding beads to help solve math problems quickly?

ABACUS



- Name the device that was apparently invented in China as a way to measure the movements of the earth and seasonal winds.

SEISMOGRAPH



- Which popular modern day sport in Australia was the Ancient Chinese sport of Cuju similar to?

SOCCER



- What is the name of dessert which was apparently first invented by Chinese mixing flour, camphor, and buffalo milk with ice ?

ICE CREAM

