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Day Two

Fortune Cookies: Really Chinese?

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- people expect to be served fruit for dessert
 - waiters in the U.S. automatically serve fruit to Chinese customers
 - If fortune cookies are not really Chinese
 - In California in the early 1900s
 - Chinese owners took over many of the restaurants
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- fortune **FOR** | chun
 - explained ik | **SPLAYND**
 - automatically aw | tuh | **MAT** | ik | lee
 - similar **SIM** | uh | ler
 - dough **DOH**



Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. The base is a word part that shows the core meaning. The first one is done for you.

really

folded

Japanese

quickly

crispy

harder

luckier

friendship



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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Amy Wong and Lin Chen were eating at a Chinese restaurant. At the end of the meal, Amy was surprised when the waiter brought a small plate of cut-up fruit. “Where are the fortune cookies?” Amy asked the waiter. “Oh, I’m sorry,” he said, “I brought you fruit instead. I thought you were Chinese!” 55

Lin explained. She told Amy that in China, no one really eats fortune cookies. At restaurants in China, people expect to be served fruit for dessert. So sometimes waiters in the U.S. automatically serve fruit to Chinese customers instead of fortune cookies. 70
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If fortune cookies are not really Chinese, where are they from? People think the cookies first came from Japan. Similar sweet, folded cookies have always been served there. In California in the early 1900s, Japanese people opened up Chinese restaurants. They started serving fortune cookies as dessert. Then, during World War II, Chinese owners took over many of the restaurants. They kept the popular cookies. 111
123
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But why are fortune cookies still served at so many Chinese restaurants? People in the U.S. like and expect sweets for dessert. And finding a fortune inside is fun. Now fortune cookies are sometimes sold in China as real American food! 177
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203

The waiter quickly came back to the table with Amy and Lin’s cookies. They broke open the crispy, folded dough. Then they read their fortunes on the little strips of paper inside. Amy’s said, “The harder you work, the luckier you get.” Lin’s said, “You have a true friendship.” 218
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

The waiter guessed that Amy and Lin were from China and would rather eat fruit than fortune cookies. He probably guessed this based on how they looked. Has someone used your looks to guess about who you are or what you would like? What happened?

Share your experience with your partner.

We did this.