



圣诞快乐



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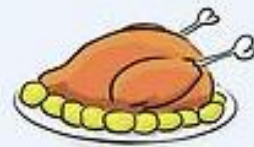
雪橇
xuěqiāo



糖果
tángguǒ



姜饼
jiāngbǐng



火鸡
huǒjī



礼物
lǐwù



铃
líng



圣诞树
Shèngdànshù



花环
huāhuán



蜡烛
làzhú

汉

WHERE DOES " 圣诞快乐 " COME FROM?

Merry Christmas in Chinese is " 圣诞快乐 (Shèngdàn kuàilè)" and its literal meaning is to be happy on the birth of a saint. " 圣 (shèng) " in Chinese is a title of respect for honorific figures or things. For example, Confucius is one of the first " 圣人 (shèngrén) " saints in Chinese history and so is addressed with this honorific title. Therefore, " 圣诞 (shèngdàn) " refers to the birth of a saint, specifically, Jesus.

As **Chinese Christmas greetings**, especially in text messages, " 生蛋快乐 (shēngdàn kuàilè) " meaning "lay eggs happily" is popular among young people. This is a play on words as " 生蛋 (shēngdàn) " and " 圣诞 (shèngdàn) " have similar Chinese pronunciation.

