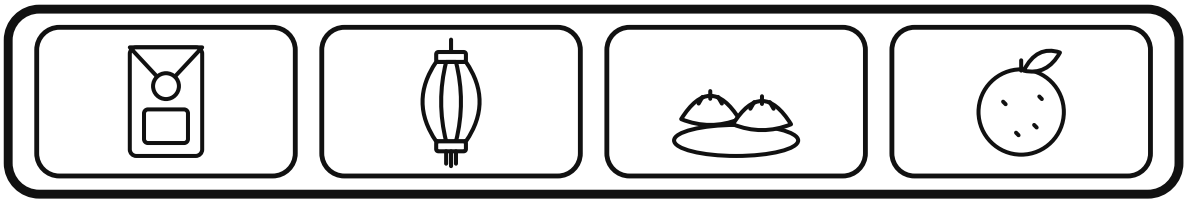
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Read the book, then answer the questions.



Words: lunar | calendar | cycle | reunion | decorations

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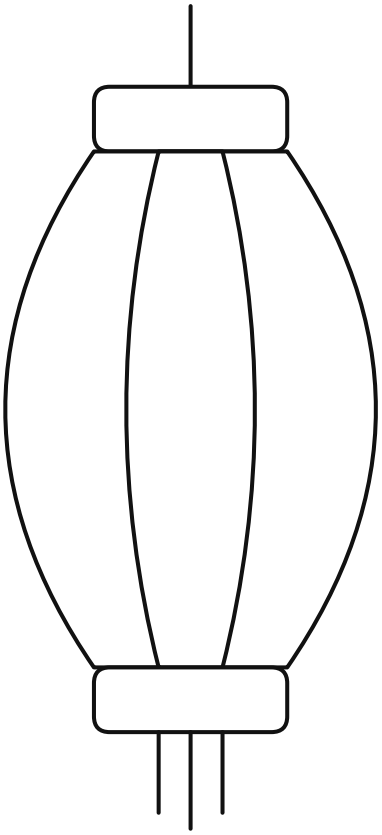
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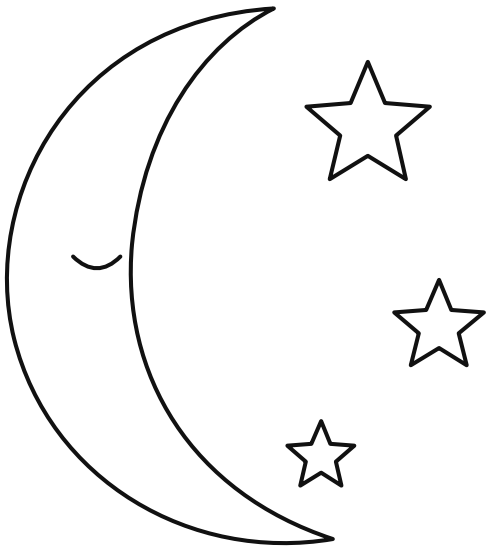
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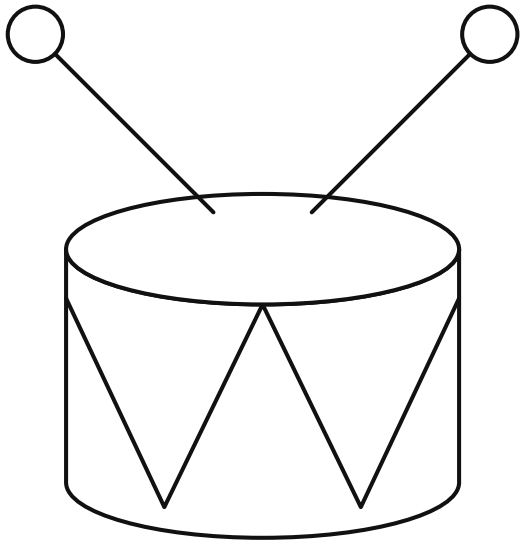
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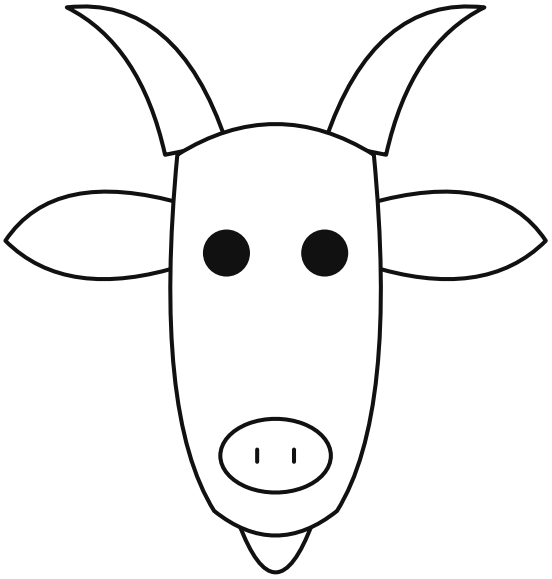
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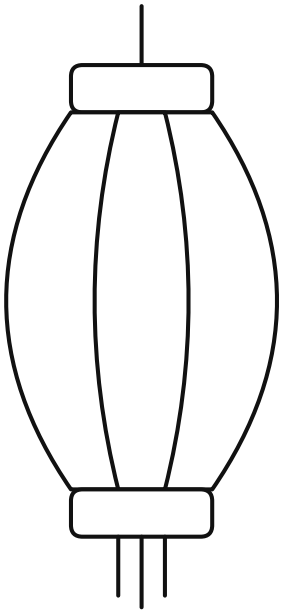
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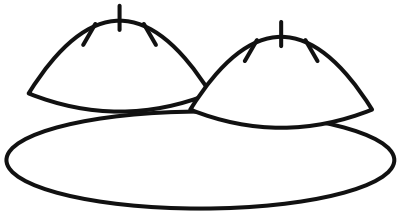
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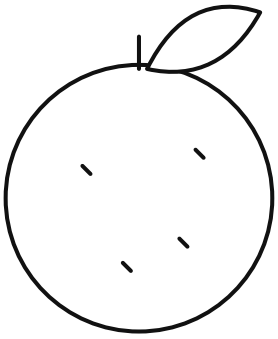


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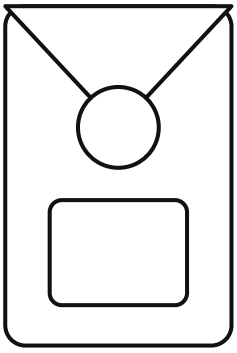


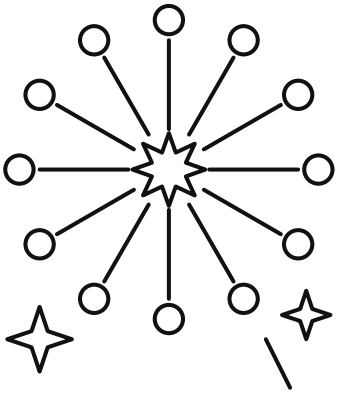


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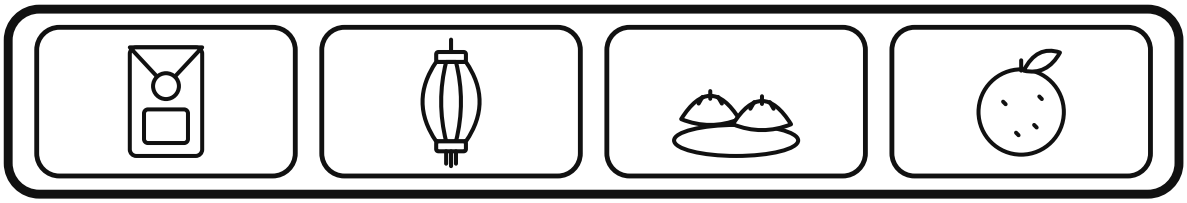
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   The goat

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   Possible answer: family members come home and eat together again

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