

Hidden Meanings Artwork

“May your blessings be as vast as the sky.”



Gourd-shaped vase decorated with red bats, Qing dynasty (1644-1911). Jingdezhen, China. Porcelain with underglaze and overglaze polychrome decoration. *Asian Art Museum, The Avery Brundage Collection*, B6OP46.

“May you possess both blessings and longevity.”



Plate with eight peaches and five bats, one of a pair, Qing dynasty (1644-1911), Reign of the Qianlong Emperor (1736-1795). Jingdezhen, China. Porcelain with overglaze polychrome decoration. *Asian Art Museum, The Avery Brundage Collection*, B6OP1707.

“May you possess both blessings and longevity.”



Buddha's hand citron, 1800–1000 China, Qing dynasty (1644-1911) White nephrite. *Asian Art Museum, The Avery Brundage Collection*, B60J108.

“Good luck passing a test.”



Crab, 1900-1940. China. White nephrite. *Asian Art Museum, The Avery Brundage Collection*. B69J22.

Rebus Key

These Chinese symbols carry lucky hidden meanings. Put them together to create a rebus.



cranes and peaches -
long life and blessings



bats - blessings



tiger - protection



firecrackers and bamboo - peace



fish and oranges -
wealth and good fortune