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Words

放鞭炮
fàngbiānpào to set off firecrackers

> 过年时，爷爷带我放鞭炮。
> Guònián shí, yéye dài wǒ fàngbiānpào.
> At New Year, Grandpa takes me to set off firecrackers.

灯谜 燈謎
dēngmí riddles written on lanterns (e.g. for the Lantern Festival at the end of Chinese New Year)

> 元宵节我们去公园猜灯谜。
> Yuánxiāojié wǒmen qù gōngyuán cāi dēngmí.
> On the Lantern Festival we're going to the park to guess lantern riddles.

农历 農曆
nónglì the traditional Chinese calendar / the lunar calendar

> 今天是农历几号?
> Jīntiān shì nónglì jǐhào?
> What day of the lunar calendar is it today?

鞭炮
biānpào firecrackers / string of small firecrackers

> 门口挂着一串鞭炮。
> Ménkǒu guàzhe yí chuàn biānpào.
> A string of firecrackers hangs by the door.

扫墓 掃墓
sǎomù to sweep a grave (and pay one's respects to the dead person)

> 你明天有空陪我去扫墓吗?
> Nǐ míngtiān yǒukòng péi wǒ qù sǎomù ma?
> Are you free tomorrow to go with me to visit the grave?

祭祖
jìzǔ to offer sacrifices to one's ancestors

赏月 賞月
shǎngyuè to admire the full moon

> 吃完月饼，咱们去楼顶赏月吧。
> Chī wán yuèbǐng, zánmen qù lóudǐng shǎngyuè ba.
> After we finish the mooncakes, let's go up to the roof to admire the moon.

七夕
qīxī double seven festival, evening of seventh of lunar seventh month / girls' festival / Chinese Valentine's day, when Cowherd and Weaving maid 牛郎織女|牛郎织女 are allowed their annual meeting

年货 年貨
niánhuò merchandise sold for Chinese New Year

> 妈妈带我去市场买年货。
> Māma dài wǒ qù shìchǎng mǎi niánhuò.
> My mom took me to the market to buy New Year goods.

庙会 廟會
miàohuì temple fair

> 你小时候去过庙会吗?
> Nǐ xiǎoshíhou qùguo miàohuì ma?
> Did you go to temple fairs when you were little?

年糕
niángāo nian gao, New Year cake, typically a sweet, steamed cake made with glutinous rice flour

春运 春運
chūnyùn passenger transportation around Chinese New Year

冬至
dōngzhì Winter Solstice, 22nd of the 24 solar terms 二十四節氣|二十四节气 22nd December-5th January

踏青
tàqīng lit. tread the green / go for a walk in the spring (when the grass has turned green) / spring hike season around Qingming festival 清明, 4th-6th April

> 周末我想带孩子去踏青。
> Zhōumò wǒ xiǎng dài háizi qù tàqīng.
> This weekend I want to take the kids on a spring outing.

烟花 煙花
yānhuā fireworks / prostitute (esp. in Yuan theater) / spring scenery / misty blossoms of spring

> 城里能燃放烟花吗?
> Chénglǐ néng ránfàng yānhuā ma?
> Can you set off fireworks in the city?

庆典 慶典
qìngdiǎn celebration

> 国庆庆典晚上八点开始。
> Guóqìng qìngdiǎn wǎnshang bā diǎn kāishǐ.
> The National Day celebration starts at eight in the evening.

正月
zhēngyuè first month of the lunar year

> 阴历正月十五是元宵节。
> Yīnlì zhēngyuè shíwǔ shì yuánxiāojié.
> The fifteenth day of the first lunar month is the Lantern Festival.

喜庆 喜慶
xǐqìng jubilation / festive
> 这身红衣服穿着真喜庆!
> Zhè shēn hóng yīfu chuānzhe zhēn xǐqìng!
> This red outfit looks so festive!

新春
xīnchūn the beginning of Spring / the 10 or 20 days following the lunar New Year's Day
> 祝您新春快乐，身体健康!
> Zhù nín xīnchūn kuàilè, shēntǐ jiànkāng!
> Wishing you a happy Spring Festival and good health!

腊月 臘月
làyuè twelfth lunar month
> 腊月里天气特别冷。
> Làyuè lǐ tiānqì tèbié lěng.
> It's especially cold in the twelfth lunar month.

年画 年畫
niánhuà New Year (Spring Festival) picture
> 奶奶在门上贴了一张年画。
> Nǎinai zài ménshàng tiēle yì zhāng niánhuà.
> Grandma put a New Year picture up on the door.

佳节 佳節
jiājié festive day / holiday
> 祝您佳节愉快。
> Zhù nín jiājié yúkuài.
> Enjoy the holiday season.

祭品
jìpǐn offering

爆竹
bàozhú firecracker
> 爷爷在院子里点了一串爆竹。
> Yéye zài yuànzi lǐ diǎn le yí chuàn bàozhú.
> Grandpa lit a string of firecrackers in the yard.

节气 節氣
jiéqi solar term
> 立春是第一个节气。
> Lìchūn shì dì yī gè jiéqi.
> The Beginning of Spring is the first solar term.

欢聚 歡聚
huānjù to get together socially / to celebrate / party / celebration
> 全家人在老家欢聚。
> Quánjiā rén zài lǎojiā huānjù.
> The whole family gets together at the old family home.

张灯结彩 張燈結彩
zhāngdēngjiécǎi to be decorated with lanterns and colored banners (idiom)
> 为什么广场上张灯结彩?
> Wèishénme guǎngchǎng shàng zhāngdēngjiécǎi?
> Why is the square decorated with lanterns and colored banners?

燃放
ránfàng to light / to set off (firecrackers etc)
> 城里能燃放烟花吗?
> Chénglǐ néng ránfàng yānhuā ma?
> Can you set off fireworks in the city?