

Lesson 236

Vocabulary Summary: Simplified:

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Nónglì
Chinese traditional calendar

新曆
Xīnlì
Western calendar

端午节
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赛龙船
Sàilóngchuán
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龙
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Lesson 236 Notes (Simplified / Traditional)

1. As mentioned in the lesson, most Chinese festivals follow the lunar (Chinese traditional) calendar, while Western festivals follow the Western (solar) calendar. In addition to **nónglì**, other names for the traditional Chinese calendar include:

Yīnlì 阴历 / 陰曆 The lunar / traditional Chinese calendar

Xiàlì 夏历 / 夏曆 The lunar / traditional Chinese calendar

In addition to **xīnlì**, other names for the Western / solar calendar include:

Yánglì 阳历 / 陽曆 The solar / Western calendar

Gōnglì 公历 / 公曆 The solar / Western calendar

2. **Duānwǔjié** is a public holiday in both mainland China and in Taiwan. During this time, **Sàilóngchuán** are held in public rivers to celebrate the festival.



Duānwǔjié 端午节 / 端午節 Dragonboat festival

Sàilóngchuán 赛龙船 / 賽龍船 Dragonboat races

3. **Zòngzi** , commonly eaten during **Duānwǔjié** is a dumpling containing glutinous rice stuffed with other fillings and then wrapped in bamboo leaves.



Zòngzi

粽子 / 粽子

Rice dumpling

4. **Lóng** , in Chinese culture are symbols of power and considered lucky.



Lóng

龙 / 龍

Dragons