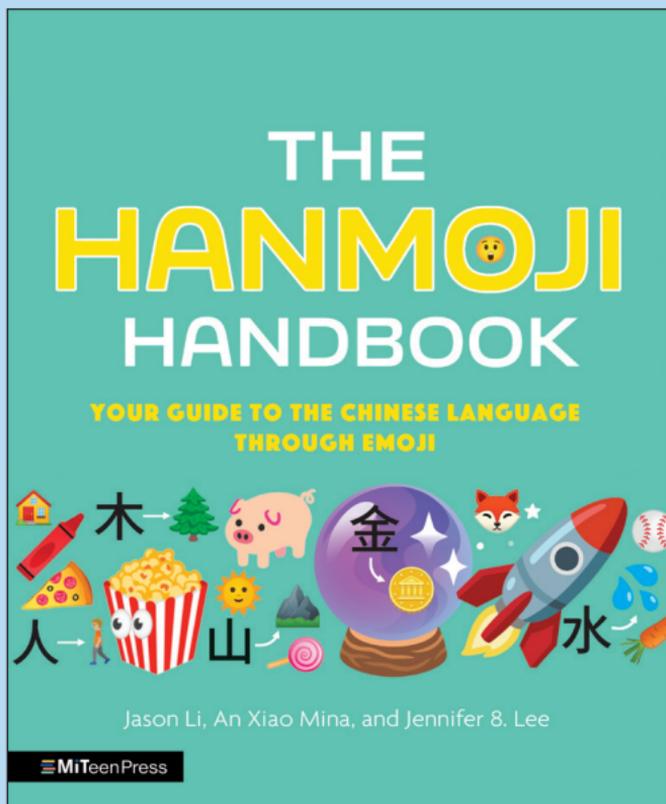


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- Start your students off by seeing if they can match the characters to the emoji on the Chinese zodiac on pages 12–13. Then have them try the “Hanmoji Pairings” on page 113 to see which emoji they select for each word.
- Have your students create flashcards with Chinese characters on one side and their hanmoji equivalent on the other. They can use the index to find the words in the book; they are set in italics. Then they can use the flashcards to quiz one another. Alternatively, they could create separate cards and use them in a game of Concentration, matching the Chinese character card with its equivalent hanmoji card.
- Use the instructions on page 74 to have your students design their own 1999–style emoji (animal or other) using 12 x 12 blocks on graph paper as their pixel grid. Then have them exchange their creations with classmates to see if they can guess the word being represented.
- As a class, research the Unicode Consortium and learn how they select new emoji to add each year. Is there an emoji students think would be a good addition? Read about the process for creating and submitting an idea on pages 151–152 and see if your students want to give it a try.
- When everyone has finished the book, have your students take the Hanmoji Quiz on page 112.

