



# Story of the Number 8

Number 8 is often viewed as an auspicious number. A number with several eights is considered very lucky

In Chinese culture, certain numbers are believed by some to be auspicious (吉利) or inauspicious (不利). It is related to the Chinese word that the number name sounds similar to. The belief that auspiciousness of number 8 is so strong that some people would go all out to get number 8, 88, 888, 8888, etc., for their phone numbers, home addresses, business addresses, driver's license numbers, vehicle license plate numbers, etc.

Certain numbers, when the sound is similar to positive words in the Chinese language (fortune, wealth, and so on), these numbers are considered very lucky numbers. So the Chinese like number 8 very much.

**The luckiest number of them all is 8.** Why? This is because when you say the number 8 in Chinese. It sounds like the Chinese word for prosperity (fa, 發).



The word for "eight" (八 Pinyin: bā) sounds similar to the word which means "prosper" or "wealth" (發 – short for "發財", Pinyin: fā). In regional dialects, the words for "eight" and "fortune" are also similar, e.g. Cantonese "baat" and "faat".

Chinese people are really crazy of having the number 8 or multiple of 8 as they are considered as very auspicious and lucky numbers. They are willing to pay large sums of

money just to get them for personal reasons or business purposes.

To give an idea of how highly the number 8 or multiple of 8 are worth, here are some classic examples:

- A telephone number with all digits being 8888-8888 was sold for US\$270,723 in Chengdu, China.
- The opening ceremony of the Summer Olympics in Beijing began on 8/8/08 at 8 seconds and 8 minutes past 8 pm.
- A man in Hangzhou offered to sell his car license plate reading A88888 for RMB 1.12 million (about US\$164,000).
- The Petronas Twin Towers in Malaysia each have 88 floors.
- Singapore Airlines reserves flight numbers beginning with the number 8 to routes in China and Korea.

**Lucky numbers** are based on Chinese words that sound similar to other Chinese words. The numbers 6, 8, and 9 are believed to have auspicious meanings because their names sound similar to words that have positive meanings.

While in Cantonese, 8 is similar to the sound byte for "fortune". What makes the numbers so lucky? Well, it is partly it is based on the sound of the number.

When number "8" is combined with other number, such as 2, it becomes 28. It sounds like "easy to prosper" in Cantonese.

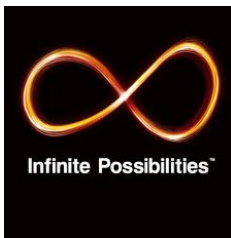


You can find Chinese lucky numbers everywhere when you start to look for them. In Hong Kong, some Dim Sum places have several private rooms. They are not numbered as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

This is because single number does not seem to be lucky or auspicious to them. The Cantonese believe that good things always come in twos or threes.

Hence, the rooms are numbered 808, 818, 828, 838, 848, 858, 868, 878, 888. With triple numbers, that becomes or sound very LUCKY!

In China, certain **Chinese hotels** place an “8” in front of each room number. If you are on the fourth floor at a hotel in other country, your room might be #4203. At a Chinese hotel, though, you will find it to be #8-4203.



The number 8 is considered extremely lucky, perhaps partly owing to its unique symmetry. Owing to the fact that the 8, when laid on its side, resembles the Greek symbol for infinity or unending. It denotes infinite luck, infinite happiness, infinite love and infinite possibilities. So it is a very lucky symbol.

In Singapore, a breeder of rare **Dragon fish** (Asian Arowana), which is considered as "lucky fish". Rare species, are required to be micro chipped. Numbers with 8 or combination of 8 are used in their microchip tag numbers. For example, 68288880016688 is used for particularly for this valuable fish.

Even some **big-time business men or companies** viewed the number 8 very seriously to start off their businesses.

They purposely chose a date and time that coincide with “8s” to open their business, eg., 28 February, 8:28 a.m.



In **Numerology**, Number 8 is the most powerful of all numbers.

It is the number most closely associated with financial abundance. 8 is also considered a lucky number especially in China. Actually, 7s and 8s are considered the luckiest numbers. 8 is particularly lucky in terms of money. You can't really be a number 8 without getting some financial abundance somehow. Why do you think the number 8 is so powerful for China? Well, you know, the Chinese love money. Well, who doesn't. Everybody love money, too.

You most likely have some of the following strengths and talents at your disposal if the number 8 appears in your numerology chart.

Many ornamental items the lucky “8” such as pendants, rings, bracelets are popular lucky symbols and people wear them as a good luck charms.

Last but not least, I have made some analysis on 4D numbers which are related with 8s. Here are high performance numbers that are among the Top-10 over the past 15 years:

**0158, 3789, 1148, 4588, 3388, 7788, 1888, 2888**

*Good Luck! Fa... ah!*

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