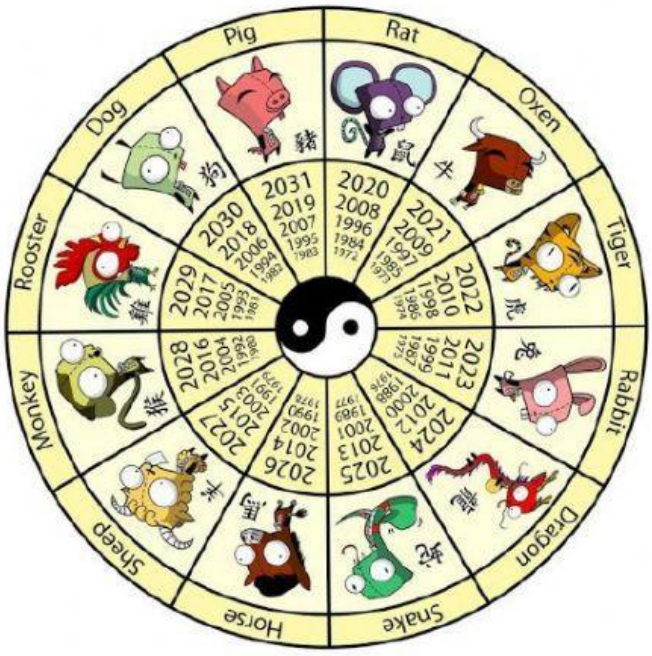
CHINESE ZODIAC

1. Did they perceive time as linear or cyclical?
2. How old is the Asian calendar?
3. How many animals are there in the calendar?
4. Name all the animals you remember:

5. What does the animals represent? A in a twelve-year cycle, a in a twelve-day cycle and a in the one-day cycle.
6. My birth year is my animal
7. What are the other two animals?
8. Name the five elements that combines with the animals:

9. What are the two sides of each element?
10. The ten stems combine with the
11. How long is the cycle?
12. What animal are you?



THE LEGEND OF THE CHINESE HOROSCOPE

The Chinese Zodiac consists of twelve signs and is determined by the Chinese Lunar Calendar, it is based on the cycles of the moon.

In Chinese astrology, there are 12 Chinese Zodiac signs. Because the moon's cycle repeats itself every 12 years, there are 12 animals in the Chinese Horoscope - one for each year of the lunar cycle.

The origins of the Chinese Zodiac go back a few thousand years. According to the myths, long time ago, Buddha decided to call all the animals on earth. But only twelve came.

In recompense, he assigned each of these animals a year on the cycle affirming that children born in that year would acquire the personality traits of the animal assigned to that year.

In order to decide their order in the Chinese Zodiac cycle, the animals held a very exciting race. The first one to cross the river would be granted the first year, the second to come in would be the second animal in the cycle, and so on.

The strong, hardworking Ox was in the lead. Suddenly, the clever Rat, jumped on the Ox's back, he did not even feel the little thing getting a free ride. At the last second before reaching shore, the Rat jumped on land, winning the race! The Ox came in second, the Tiger third, and so it went... the happy-go-lucky Pig took his time and came in last... and the Chinese Zodiac and its twelve signs were born...

THE TWELVE ANIMALS... WHICH ONE IS YOURS?

DOG: 1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018: Dog people are loyal friends, quick to learn, eager to please, and always try to do their best. They prefer to be with people they know and like. Dog people cannot stand injustice.

PIG: 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019: People who are born in the Year of the Pig are intelligent, sincere, brave, popular, and treat all people with great kindness. Pig people are often late and often forgetful.

RAT: 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020: People born in the Year of the Rat are famous for cheerfulness and kindness. They are generous with those they love. Rat people love to gossip. That can cost them many friendships if they are not careful.

OX: 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021: Ox people are easy going and have a great deal of self-assurance that helps help them to be successful. Ox people have thoughtful responses. Ox people love deeply and share their strength with those they love.

TIGER: 1914, 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022: Tiger people are brave, powerful, loyal, intelligent, competent, and stubborn. Tigers make great friends. Tiger people tend not to respect their elders and that can get them in a lot of trouble.

RABBIT: 1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023: Rabbit people are lucky, happy, independent, affectionate, bright, ambitious, and trustworthy. Rabbit people have little interest in learning to appear smart. They simply like to know how things work.

DRAGON: 1916, 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024: Dragon people are honest, full of energy, stubborn, loyal, strong, and protective. Dragon people are incredibly lucky. They love flattery, and can be attracted to bad behavior. That is their weakness.

SNAKE: 1917, 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025: Snake people are wise and focused. They trust their own judgment. Snake people cannot help but do their best because they hate to fail at anything. Snake people believe everyone should lend a helping hand.

HORSE: 1918, 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026: Horse people are popular, cheerful, quick witted, and shy. For some reason, horse people have a great deal of trouble believing they are loved, when in fact, horse people are easy to like and love.

SHEEP: 1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, 2027: Sheep people are elegant, wise, gentle, shy, and compassionate. They can be bossy, but that's because they're worried things will not get done correctly. This character trait often makes money for them.

MONKEY: 1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016, 2028: Monkey people are quick, funny, nosey, clever, witty, and successful. They have wonderful memories and are well informed about everything. They tend to chatter. This does drive friends away sometimes.

ROOSTER: 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017, 2029: Rooster people are early risers, proud, alert, deep thinkers and good speakers. They like to stay close to home. If you can break through their natural suspicion, they make wonderful friends.

Every animal in the Chinese zodiac has a different personality. Write the missing words in the sentences.

artistic	adventurous	~~intelligent~~	optimistic	organised	modest
brave	calm	loyal	honest	strong	smart

The rat is sociable and intelligent.

The ox is loyal and s_____g.

The tiger is confident and b_____e.

The rabbit is sincere and m_____t.

The dragon is lucky and a_____c.

The snake is intelligent and o_____d.

The horse is strong and a_____s.

The goat is sensitive and c____m.

The monkey is lively and s_____t.

The rooster is flexible and h_____t.

The dog is sociable and l_____l.

The pig is sincere and o_____c.

Write about your real personality. Is your real personality the same as the animal from the Chinese zodiac?

I am a(n) dragon

I was born in 2000

I think I am (very/quite/really/so/a bit) a bit bossy **and** so independent.

People say I am (very/quite/really/so/a bit) very lazy **and** really lucky.

My Chinese sign says I am honest, full of energy, stubborn, loyal, strong, and protective.