

The Chinese Zodiac – Reading & Activities

The Chinese Zodiac has twelve animals. Each animal is special. Every year is the year of an animal. People say the animal can describe your personality. Read about each animal.



鼠
RAT

Rat – Years: 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020

The rat is small, smart, and quick. People born in the year of the rat are clever and friendly. The rat's energy is fast and creative.



牛
OX

Ox – Years: 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021

The ox is big and strong. People born in the year of the ox are hard-working and kind. The ox's strength is famous.



虎
TIGER

Tiger – Years: 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022

The tiger is fast and brave. People born in the year of the tiger are confident and strong. The tiger's courage is big.



兔
RABBIT

Rabbit – Years: 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023

The rabbit is small and cute. People born in the year of the rabbit are gentle and friendly. The rabbit's smile is sweet.



龍
DRAGON

Dragon – Years: 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024

The dragon is powerful and special. People born in the year of the dragon are creative and lucky. The dragon's fire is strong.



蛇
SNAKE

Snake – Years: 1989, 2001, 2013

The snake is long and quiet. People born in the year of the snake are smart and calm. The snake's skin is beautiful.



馬
HORSE

Horse – Years: 1990, 2002, 2014

The horse is fast and beautiful. People born in the year of the horse are happy and active. The horse's legs are strong.



羊
GOAT

Goat – Years: 1991, 2003, 2015

The goat is soft and calm. People born in the year of the goat are creative and kind. The goat's wool is soft.



猴
MONKEY

Monkey – Years: 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016

The monkey is quick and funny. People born in the year of the monkey are clever and playful. The monkey's tail is long.



雞
ROOSTER

Rooster – Years: 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017

The rooster is colorful and loud. People born in the year of the rooster are confident and organized. The rooster's feathers are bright.



狗
DOG

Dog – Years: 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018

The dog is loyal and friendly. People born in the year of the dog are honest and helpful. The dog's friendship is strong.



豬
PIG

Pig – Years: 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019

The pig is round and happy. People born in the year of the pig are friendly and generous. The pig's heart is big.

Activities

1. True or False

Read the sentences. Write T (True) or F (False).

1. ___ The rabbit is big and loud.
2. ___ People born in the year of the horse are happy and active.
3. ___ The dragon is creative and lucky.
4. ___ The ox is small and quick.
5. ___ People born in the year of the dog are honest and helpful.

2. Match the Animal to the Adjectives

Draw a line to match the animal with its adjectives.

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| Rat – | brave, strong |
| Tiger – | organized, confident |
| Goat – | clever, friendly |
| Rooster – | creative, kind |

3. Find Your Animal and Describe

Look at the years. Find your animal. Then write two extra sentences about you and your personality using 'to be' and possessive adjectives.