

## Lesson 21 – Animals

### THE CHINESE ANIMAL ZODIAC



shǔ nián

hǔ nián

tù nián

hóu nián

Year	Zodiac	Pinyin	Chinese
1984	Mouse	lǎoshǔ	老鼠
1985	Cow	niú	牛
1986	Tiger	lǎohǔ	老虎
1987	Rabbit	tùzi	兔子
1988	Dragon	lóng	龙
1989	Snake	shé	蛇
1990	Horse	mǎ	马
1991	Sheep	yáng	羊
1992	Monkey	hóuzi	猴子
1993	Chicken	jī	鸡
1994	Dog	gǒu	狗
1995	Pig	zhū	猪

rat - da kashū

loow shoe

NEO

loow hio

twodza

long

sha

mò

yang

hodza

G

go

jow

What is your zodiac sign?

Nǐ shì shǔ shénme de?

你是属什么的？

My zodiac sign is a \_\_\_\_.

Wǒ shì shǔ \_\_\_\_ de.

我是属\_\_\_\_的。

My favorite animal is a \_\_\_\_.

Wǒ zuì xǐhuān de dòngwù shì \_\_\_\_.

我最喜欢的动物是\_\_\_\_。

Have you seen a \_\_\_\_ before?







Nǐ jiànguò \_\_\_\_ ma?







你见过\_\_\_\_吗？

## Chinese Zodiac

Astrology has a long history in China and is integrated with religious beliefs. As in the western system of astrology, there are 12 zodiac signs; however, unlike the western system, your sign is based on the year rather than the month in which you were born. Still, this is a simplification. The exact day and time of birth is also carefully considered in charting an astrological path.

If you want to know your sign in the Chinese zodiac, look up your year of birth in the chart, though it's a little more complicated than this because Chinese astrology goes by the lunar calendar. The Chinese Lunar New Year usually falls in late January or early February, so the first month will be included in the year before. Future years are included here so you'll know what's coming:

Rat	Ox/Cow	Tiger	Rabbit	Dragon	Snake
					
1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929
1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001

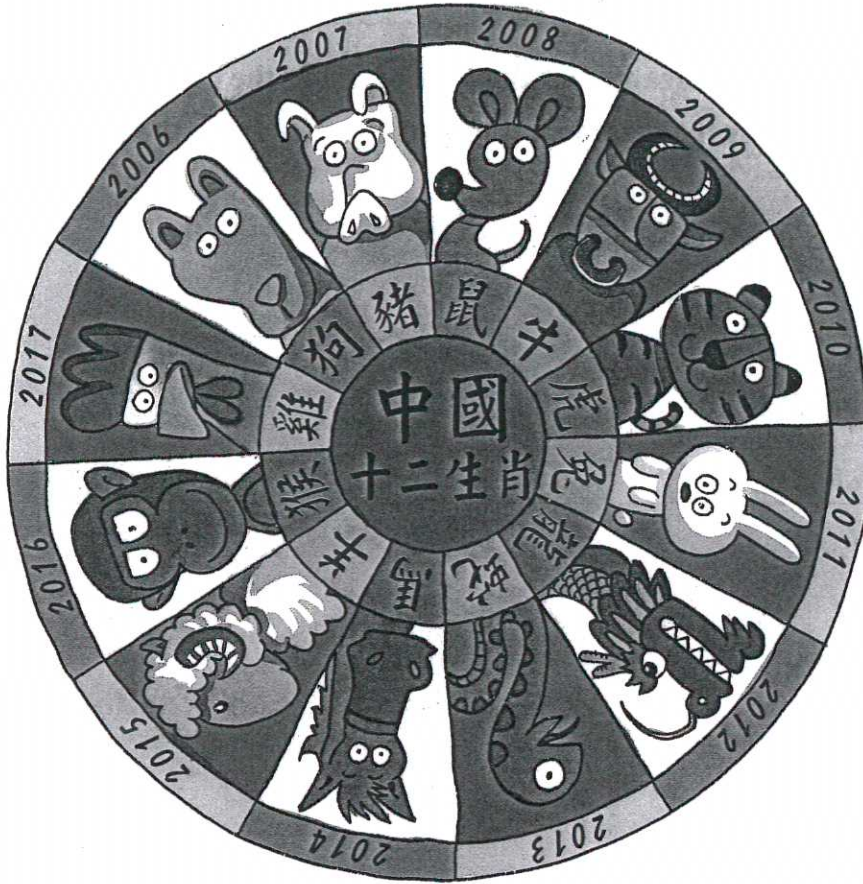
Horse	Goat	Monkey	Rooster	Dog	Pig
					
1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935
1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007



# Additional Language and Culture

## Chinese Zodiac Animals

### 十二生肖 十二生肖 Shǐ'èr Shēngxiào



鼠牛虎兔  
龍蛇馬羊  
猴雞狗豬

鼠牛虎兔  
龍蛇馬羊  
猴雞狗豬

shǔ niú hǔ tù  
lóng shé mǎ yáng  
hóu jī gǒu zhū

### A Chinese Saying



年年有餘  
年年有餘

nián nián yǒu yú

魚 魚  
yú fish  
餘 餘  
yú surplus

- What does this saying mean?
- When can you see this sign?
- Why are there characters on the fish?

afraid of - pat

Other Animals	Pinyin	Chinese
Animal	dòngwu	动物
Lion	shīzi	狮子
Elephant	dàxiàng	大象
Giraffe	chángjǐnglù	长颈鹿
Zebra	bānmǎ	斑马
Hippo	hémǎ	河马
Rhino	xīniú	犀牛
Wolf	láng	狼
Bear	xióng	熊
Deer	lù	鹿
Donkey	lúzi	驴子
Squirrel	sōngshǔ	松鼠
Skunk	chòuyòu	臭鼬
Bird	niǎo	鸟
Duck	yāzi	鸭子
Frog	qīngwā	青蛙
Lizard	xīyì	蜥蜴
Alligator/Croc	èyú	鳄鱼
Fish	yú	鱼
Shark	shāyú	鲨鱼
Whale	jīngyú	鲸鱼
Dolphin	hǎitún	海豚
Crab	pángxiè	螃蟹
Shrimp	xiā	虾
Oyster	háo	蚝
Insect	chóngzi	虫子
Fly	cāngyíng	苍蝇
Mosquito	wénzi	蚊子
Spider	zhīzhū	蜘蛛

dong woo  
 sher dza  
 dà'shong  
 chongjing low  
 bōn mǎ  
 humò  
 shenE she no rhino  
 long  
 shong  
 low  
 lEdza  
 song shoe  
 choe yoe  
 NEOOW  
 yohodza  
 chingwó  
 sheE  
 aUE  
 UE  
 shaw UE  
 jing UE  
 hi twn  
 pang shwe  
 shoi  
 how  
 chong dza  
 tongying  
 wen dza

lǎoyīng - eagle  
 hǎojī - turkey (fire chicken)

turtle - wūguī  
 raccon - huàn xióng hwan shong