

# Chinese Zodiac

Not everyone in the world uses the same calendar. The Chinese calendar is based on the phases of the moon and is made up of 12 yearly cycles. Each year in the cycle is named after an animal.

Have your students make their own Chinese Calendar by using the patterns on the next pages. Instruct students to cut out the zodiac patterns and color as they choose. Tell them to arrange the sections as shown and paste them to a larger sheet of paper.

Ask students to find their birth year and see if the characteristics reflect their own personality. They may also like to research their parent's and sibling's birth years.



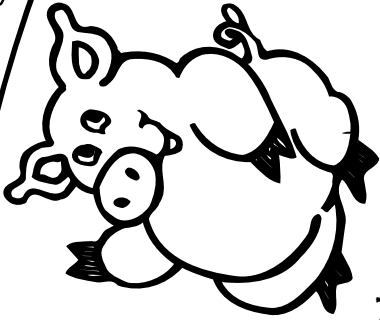
DOOG



Those born under the Dog sign are extremely loyal and honest. They have a deep sense of justice and duty and can always keep a secret.

1958, 1970,  
1982, 1994,  
2006

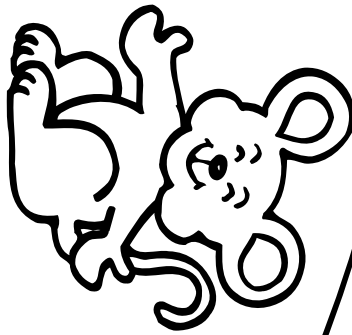
BOAR



People born under this sign have a strong inner strength and are very brave. They are very courteous and make friends for life.

1959, 1971,  
1983, 1995,  
2007

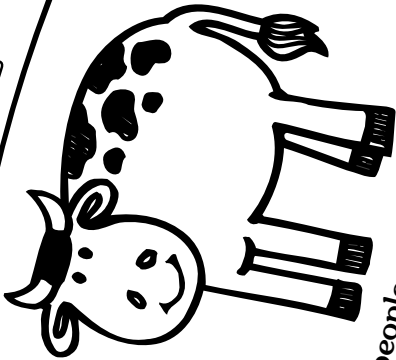
RAT



People born under the sign of the Rat have great charm. They are known for their ambition, integrity and drive.

1960, 1972,  
1984, 1996,  
2008


OX



Ox people are very patient and are good listeners. They inspire others with their calm assuredness.

1961, 1973,  
1985, 1997,  
2009

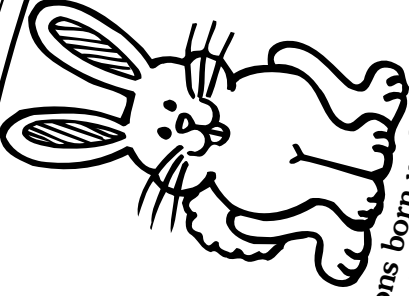
**TIGER**



Tiger people are considered very good friends. They are respected by others.

1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010

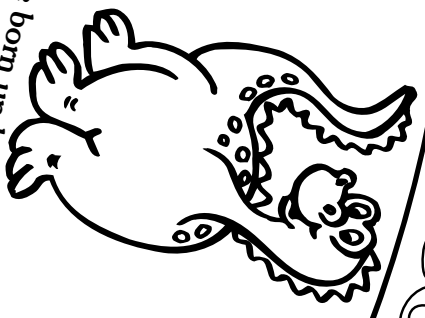
**HARE**



Persons born under the sign of the hare are blessed with good fortune and seldom lose their tempers. They always keep their promises.

1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011

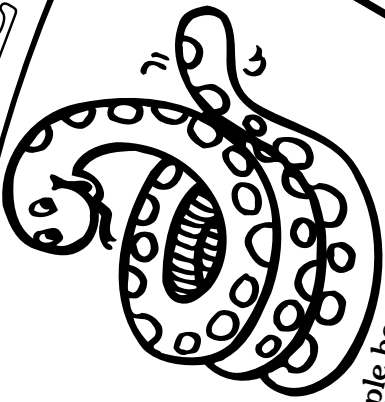
**DRAGON**



People born under the sign of the Dragon have been given the gifts of courage, health and gentleness. They are good rulers and sensitive to others.

1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2012

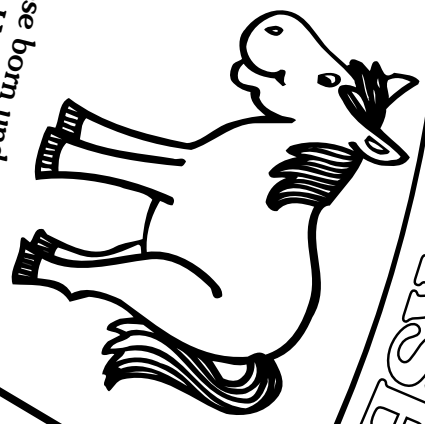
**SNAKE**



People born under this sign possess great wisdom. They are fortunate in money matters and are very handsome or beautiful.

1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001

# HORSE



Those born under the sign of the Horse are very cheerful and popular with others. They are good with their hands and quite talented.

1954, 1966,  
1978, 1990,  
2002

# RAM



People born under this sign are very artistic and enjoy beautiful things. They are most happy when doing creative tasks.

1955, 1967,  
1979, 1991,  
2003

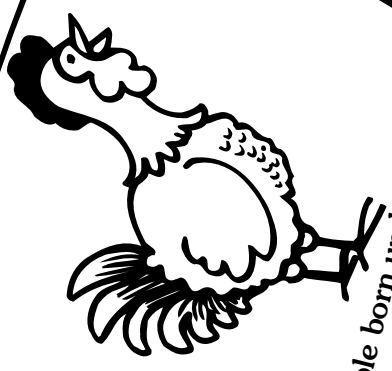
# MONKEY



Monkey people are good decision makers and have great common sense. They are quite successful and keep themselves well-informed.

1956, 1968,  
1980, 1992,  
2004

# ROOSTER



People born under this sign are outspoken and deep thinkers. They are devoted to their work and attract loyal friends.

1957, 1969,  
1981, 1993,  
2005