

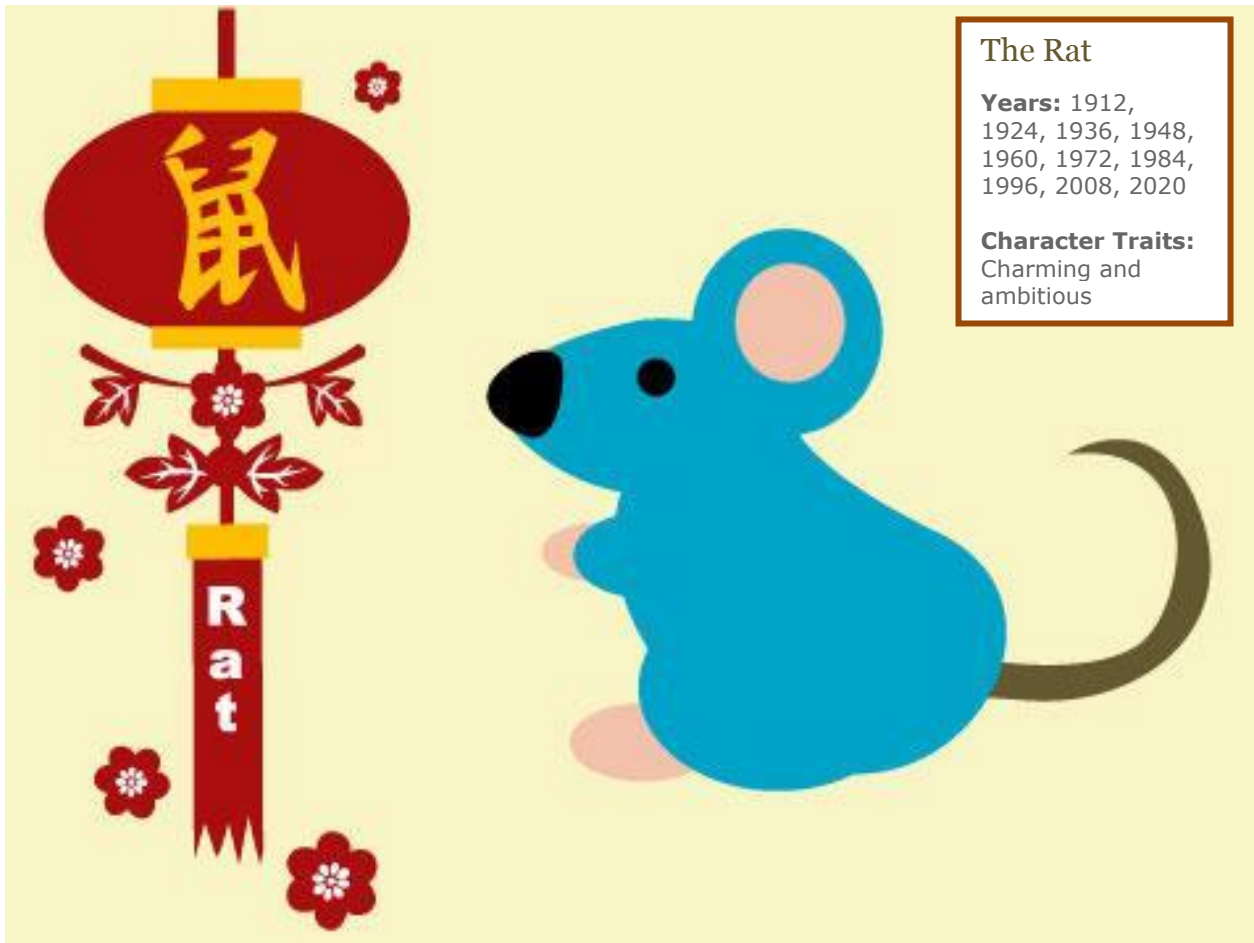


The Chinese lunar calendar dates back to the second millennium BCE. Unlike western calendar, which numbers the years progressively from a given time (the birth of Christ), the Chinese calendar is cyclical.

Each cycle is made up of 12 years; after the 12th year, the cycle is repeated. The Chinese associate each year of a 12-year cycle with an animal, and they refer to the years as "the year of the dragon," "the year of the ox," and so forth. The 12 animals and the years associated with them are often represented on a circular chart, and for this reason they are known as animals of the zodiac.

The use of the animal names in the calendar led to the development of Chinese astrology. Astrology can be defined as a pseudo-science linking human destinies to charts associated with heavenly bodies or the recording of time. The Chinese believed the characteristics of a given zodiac animal influenced the personality of every person born in that year. They used this information to create horoscopes, daily predictions based upon the year of one's birth. Although the reading of horoscopes is popular in modern Chinese culture, few people take the predictions seriously.

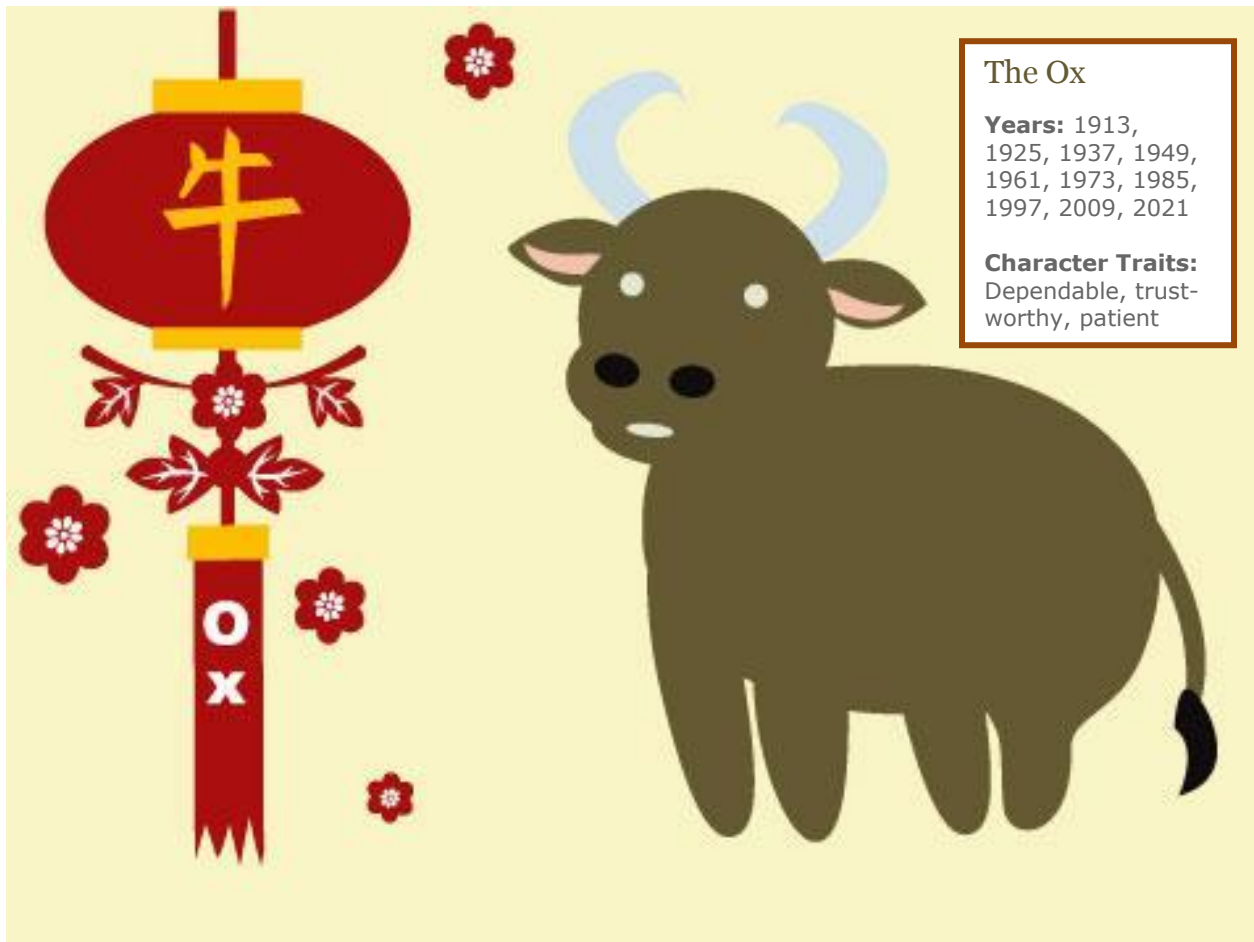
Do you know which animal symbol and the character traits are associated with your birth year?



The Rat

Years: 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020

Character Traits:
Charming and ambitious



The Ox

Years: 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021

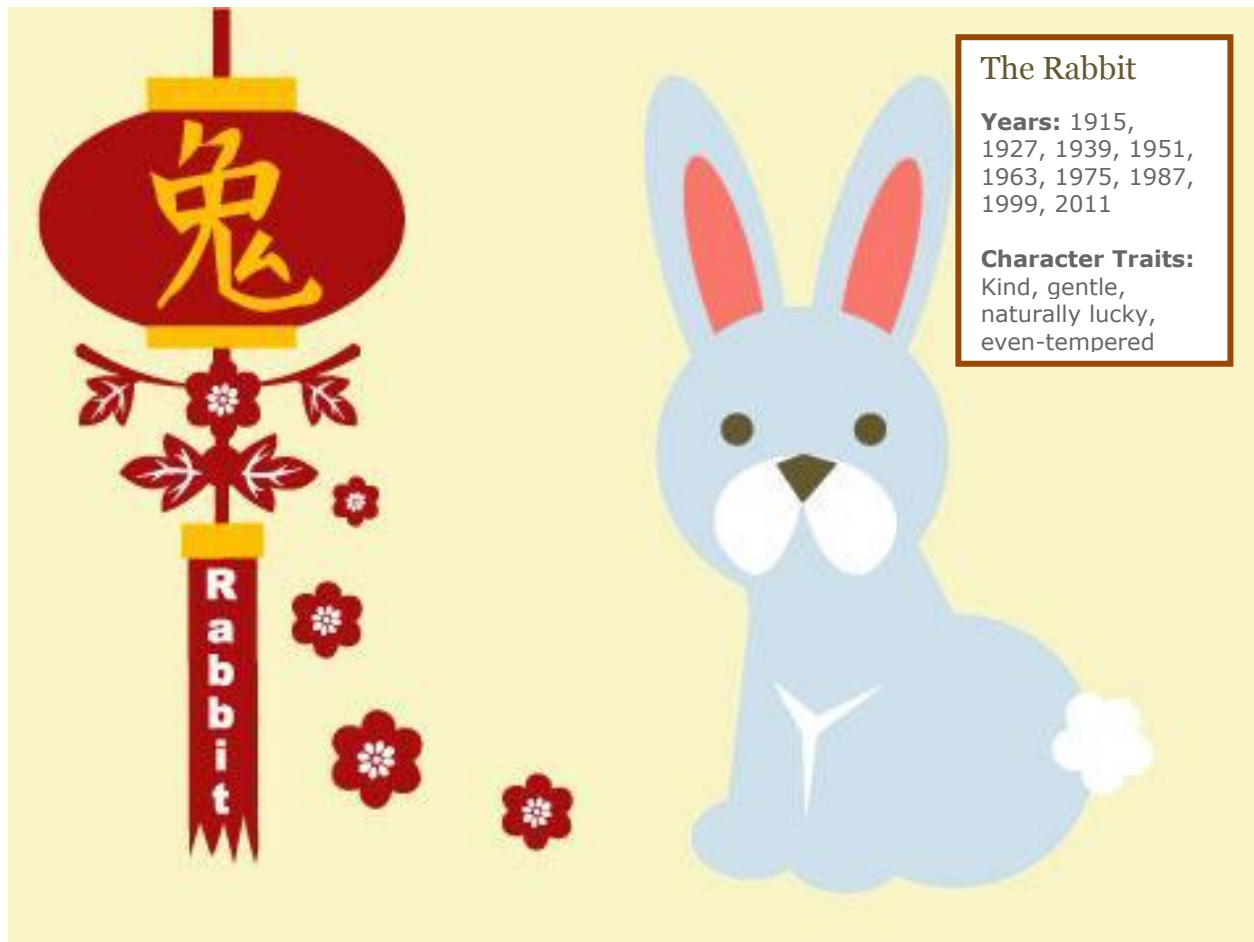
Character Traits:
Dependable, trustworthy, patient



The Tiger

Years: 1914, 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022

Character Traits: Caring, thoughtful, courageous



The Rabbit

Years: 1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011

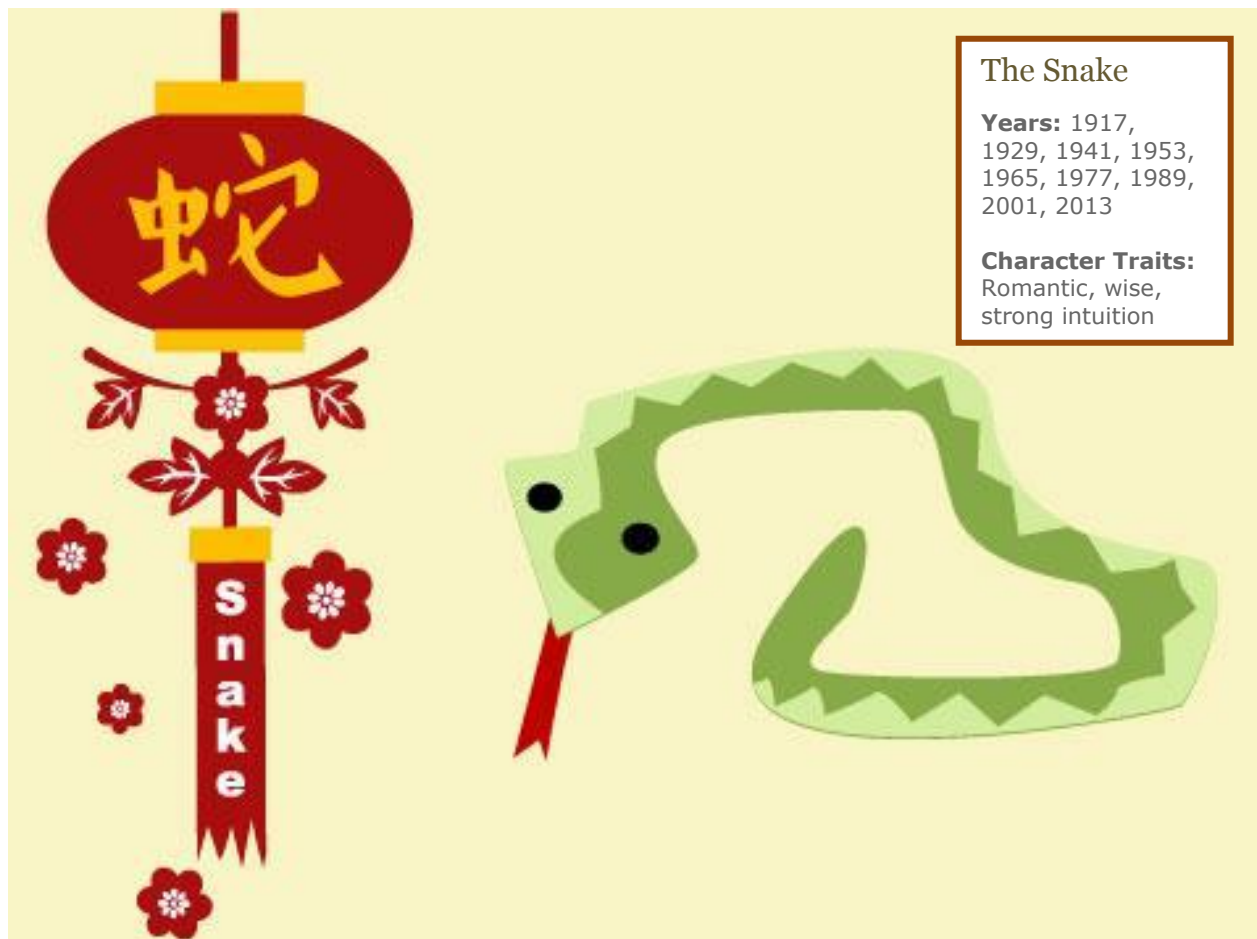
Character Traits: Kind, gentle, naturally lucky, even-tempered



The Dragon

Years: 1916,
1928, 1940, 1952,
1964, 1976, 1988,
2000, 2012

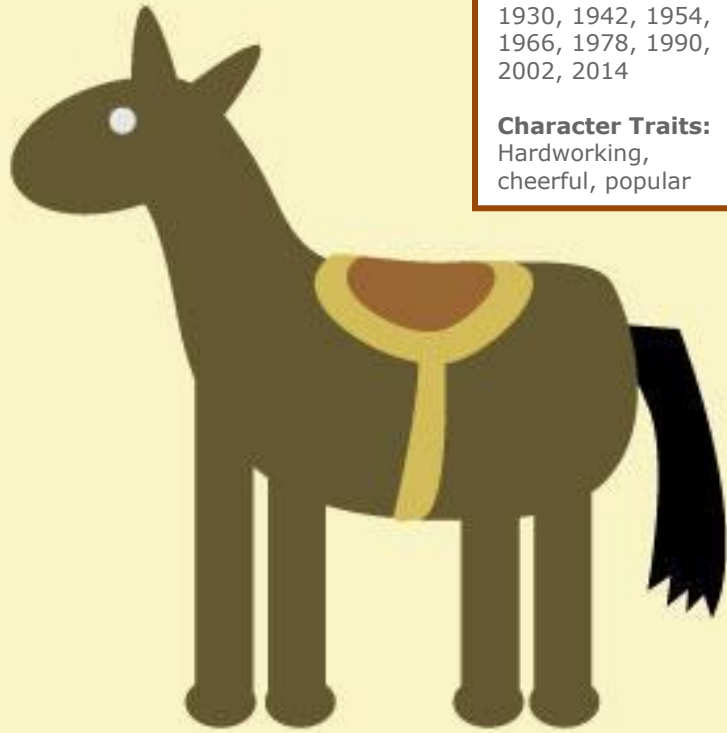
Character Traits:
Intelligent,
enthusiastic, brave



The Snake

Years: 1917,
1929, 1941, 1953,
1965, 1977, 1989,
2001, 2013

Character Traits:
Romantic, wise,
strong intuition



The Horse

Years: 1918, 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014

Character Traits:
Hardworking,
cheerful, popular



The Goat

Years: 1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015

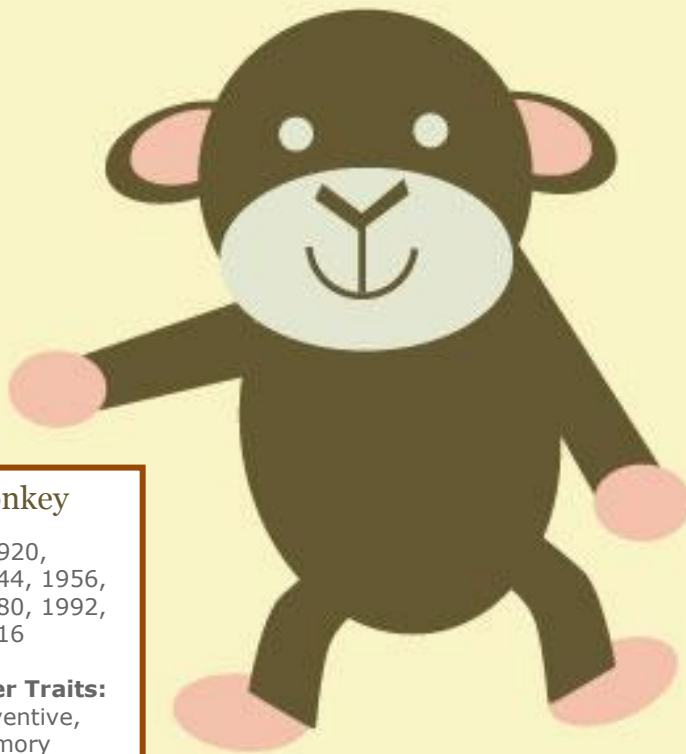
Character Traits:
Elegant, artistic,
compassionate



The Monkey

Years: 1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016

Character Traits: Witty, inventive, good memory



The Rooster

Years: 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017

Character Traits: Deep thinker, confident, determined

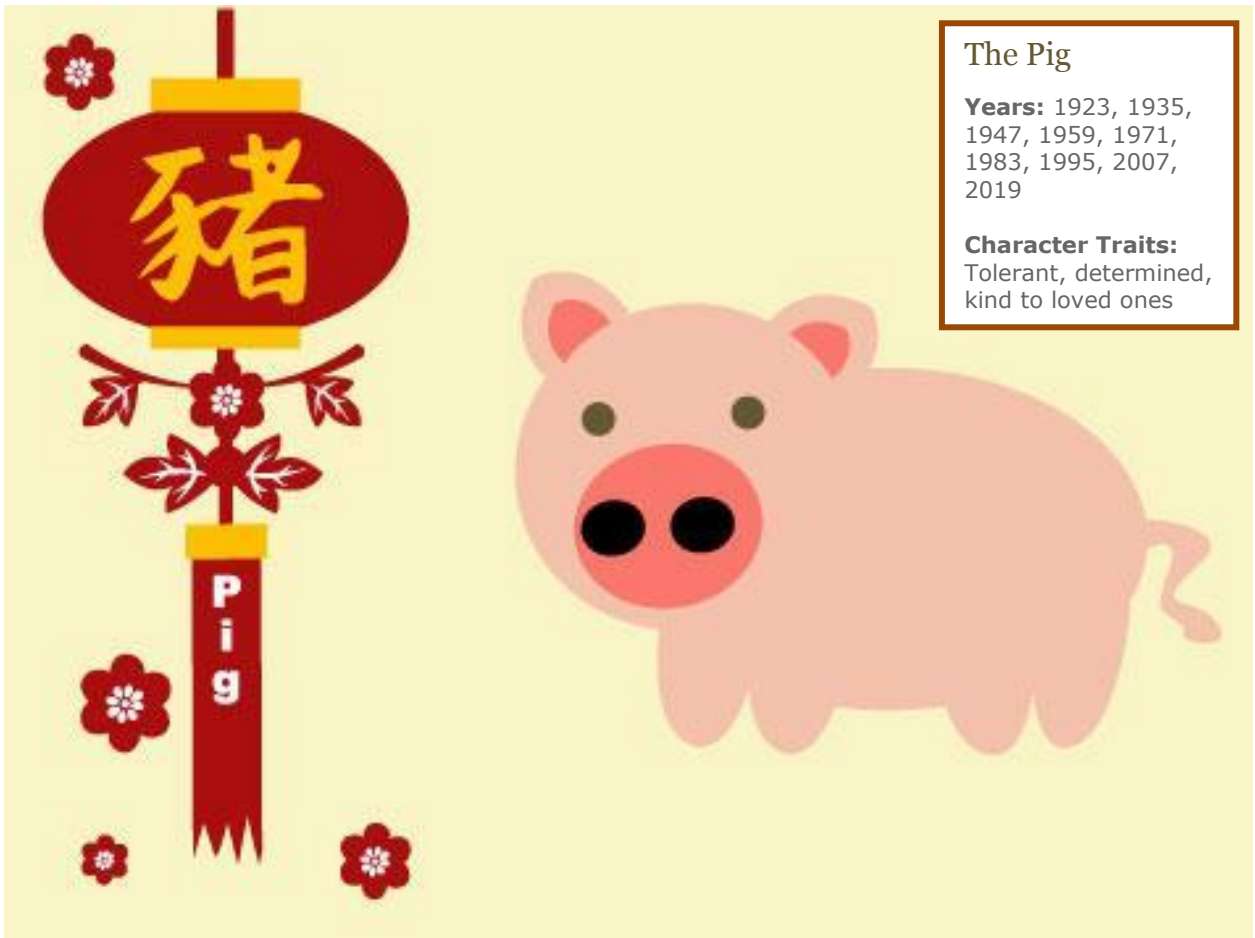




The Dog

Years: 1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018

Character Traits:
Loyal, honest, can keep a secret



The Pig

Years: 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019

Character Traits:
Tolerant, determined, kind to loved ones