



The 12 Animals of the Chinese Zodiac

According to Chinese legend, *Buddha* summoned the animals for a big race. The twelve years of the *lunar cycle* were named after the animals in the order they finished in the race. It is said that people of the *same* Animal Sign *share* similar personality traits and that our lives are influenced each year by the characteristics of its' governing animal.

1. RAT

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



You are *imaginative*, *charming*, and truly *generous* to the person you love. However, you have a tendency to be *quick-tempered* and *overly critical*. You are also inclined to be somewhat of an *opportunist*. Born under this sign, you should be happy in sales or as a writer, critic, or publicist. **Some Rats:** Charlotte Bronte, Truman Capote, Catherine I, Mata Hari, Wolfgang Mozart, William Shakespeare, George Washington.

2. OX

YEARS: 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021, 2033



A *born leader*, you *inspire confidence* from all around you. You are *conservative*, *methodical*, and *good with your hands*. Guard against being chauvinistic and always demanding your own way. The Ox would be successful as a skilled surgeon, general, or hairdresser. **Some Oxens:** Napoleon Bonaparte, Walt Disney, Clark Gable, Richard Nixon, Rosa Parks, Sylvia Porter, Vincent Van Gogh.

3. TIGER

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



You are *sensitive*, *emotional*, and *capable of great love*. However, you have a *tendency to get carried away* and be *stubborn* about what you think is right; often seen as a "*Hothead*" or *rebel*. Your sign shows you would be excellent as a boss, explorer, race car driver, or matador. **Some Tigers:** Judy Blume, Emily Bronte, Emily Dickinson, Isadora Duncan, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Mary Harris (Mother) Jones, Barbara McClintock, Marilyn Monroe, Marco Polo, Beatrix Potter, **China Doll**.

4. RABBIT

YEARS: 1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023



Rabbits are *happy* and *optimistic* and are full of *youthful energy*. They are *peacemakers* who like to create a friendly atmosphere wherever they are. Rabbits care about clothes, food, and their surroundings in general. Rabbits can be *moody* and even *arrogant* occasionally, but they are *clever* and *fortunate* and lead peaceful lives. **Some Rabbits:** Albert Einstein, Leon Trotsky, Frank Sinatra, [Pope Benedict XVI](#), [Angelina Jolie](#), [Brad Pitt](#), [Johnny Depp](#), [David Beckham](#), [Tiger Woods](#), Whitney Houston.

5. DRAGON

YEARS: 1916, 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024



Full of *vitality* and *enthusiasm*, the Dragon is a *popular* individual even with the reputation of being *foolhardy* and a "*big mouth*" at times. You are *intelligent*, *gifted*, and a *perfectionist* but these qualities make you unduly demanding on others. You would be well-suited to be an artist, priest, or politician. **Some Dragons:** Louisa May Alcott, Susan B. Anthony, Joan of Arc, Pearl Buck, Sigmund Freud, Theodore Seuss Geisel, John Lennon, Florence Nightingale, Pat Schroeder, Mae West.

6. SNAKE

YEARS: 1917, 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025



Rich in *wisdom* and *charm*, you are *romantic* and *deep thinking* and your intuition guides you strongly. Avoid procrastination and your stingy attitude towards money. Keep your sense of humor about life.

The Snake would be most content as a teacher, philosopher, writer, psychiatrist, and fortune teller. **Some Snakes:** Clara Barton, Liz Claiborne, Charles Darwin, Mary Baker Eddy, Elizabeth I, Fannie Farmer, Anne Frank, Mahatma Gandhi, Ellen Goodman, Carole King, Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, Edgar Allen Poe.

7. HORSE

YEARS: 1918, 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026



Your capacity for *hard work* is amazing. You are *your own person* - very *independent*. While, *intelligent* and *friendly*, you have a strong guard against being egotistical. Your sign suggests success as an adventurer, scientist, poet, or politician. **Some Horses:** Louisa May Alcott, Chopin, Davy Crockett, Ella Fitzgerald, Aretha Franklin, Sandra Day O'Connor, Rembrandt, Teddy Roosevelt.

8. SHEEP

YEARS: 1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, 2027



Except for the *knack of always getting off on the wrong foot with people*, the Goat can be *charming* company. You are *elegant* and *artistic* but the first to *complain* about things. Put aside your *pessimism* and *worry* and try to be less dependent on material comforts. You would be best as an actor, gardener, or beachcomber. **Some Goats:** Rachel Carson, Michelangelo, Mark Twain, Rudolph Valentino, Barbara Walters, Orville Wright.

9. MONKEY

YEARS: 1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016, 2028



You are a very *intelligent* and a very *level wit*. Because of your *extraordinary nature* and *magnetic personality*, you are always *well-liked*. The Monkey, however, must guard against being an *opportunist* and *distrustful* of other people. Your sign promises *success* in any field you try. **Some Monkeys:** Julius Caesar, Bette

Davis, Annie Oakley, Eleanor Roosevelt, Betsy Ross, Diana Ross, Elizabeth Taylor, Harry S. Truman, Leonardo da Vinci, Alice Walker.

10. ROOSTER

YEARS: 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017, 2029



The Rooster is a *hard worker*, *shrewd* and definite in *decision making*, often *speaking his/her mind*. Because of this, you tend to seem *boastful* to others. You are a *dreamer*, *flashy dresser*, and *extravagant* to an extreme. Born under this sign you should be happy as a restaurant owner, publicist, soldier, or world traveler. **Some Roosters:** Virginia Apgar, Catherine the Great, Amelia Earhart, Rudyard Kipling, Groucho Marx, Peter Ustinov.

11. DOG

YEARS: 1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018, 2030



The Dog will never let you down. Born under this sign you are *honest*, and *faithful* to those you love. You are plagued by constant worry, a sharp tongue, and a tendency to be a fault finder, however. You would make an excellent businessman, activist, teacher, or secret agent. **Some Dogs:** Cher, Winston Churchill, Bill Clinton, Dorothea Dix, Benjamin Franklin, George Gershwin, Jane Goodall, Herbert Hoover, Shirley MacLaine, Golda Meir, Lucy Maud Montgomery, Socrates.

12. PIG

YEARS: 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019, 2031



You are a *splendid companion*, an *intellectual* with a *very strong need to set difficult goals and carry them out*. You are *sincere*, *tolerant*, and *honest* but by expecting the same from others, you are *incredibly naive*. Your quest for material goods could be your downfall. The Boar would be best in the arts as an entertainer, or possibly a lawyer. **Some Boars:** Lucille Ball, Ernest Hemingway, Mahalia Jackson, Albert Schweitzer, Elizabeth Cady Stanton. 