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The Chinese Zodiac assigns a different animal for each birth year, repeating the cycle every 12 years. Consistent with the Chinese Yin/Yang principle, which states that positive and negative energies coexist in every person and thing, each Chinese Zodiac animal possesses positive and negative qualities. Those who follow the Chinese Zodiac believe that persons born in a certain year exhibit the qualities of their Zodiac animal. All animals are advised to marry one of a few specific other animals, and avoid a few other specific animals. Since the Chinese follow the lunar calendar, those with January or February birthdays may have a different sign than Chinese Zodiac charts suggest. *

Instructions

1. Subtract 1 from your birth year if your birthday is between January 1 and February 4th to obtain your Chinese birth year. For example, if you were January 20th, 1984, your Chinese birth year is 1983. Otherwise, just use your actual birth year. (Because the Chinese New Year falls on the 4th or 5th of February every year, if your birthday is between February 3rd – 6th you can enter your birth date into a Lunar calendar converter to find your actual Chinese birth year. You can find this on a Mandarin Tools website).
2. Match your Chinese Birth Year to the corresponding Zodiac animal in the Table:

											
RAT	OX	TIGER	RABBIT	DRAGON	SNAKE	HORSE	GOAT	MONKEY	ROOSTER	DOG	PIG
Rat people are very popular. They like to invent things and are good artists.	Ox people are dependable & calm. They are good listeners & have very strong ideas.	Tiger people are brave. They are respected for their deep thoughts & courageous actions.	Rabbit people are nice to be around. They like to talk and many people trust them.	Dragon people have good health & lots of energy. They are good friends because they listen well.	Snake people love good books, food, music & plays. They have good luck with money.	Horse people are popular, cheerful & quick to compliment others. They can work very hard.	Goat people are very good artists. They ask many questions, like nice things & are very wise.	Monkey people are very funny. They can always make others laugh & are good problem solvers.	Rooster people are hard workers. They have many talents & think deep thoughts.	Dog people are loyal & can always keep a secret. Sometimes they worry too much.	Pig people are very good students. They are honest & brave. They always finish a project or assignment.
1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911
1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935
1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031

* http://www.ehow.com/how_8408067_calculate-animal-zodiac.html#ixzz2p1QSt1k8