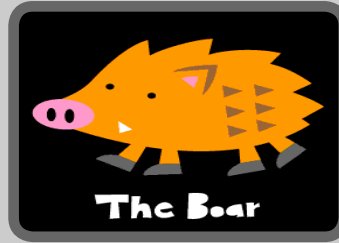
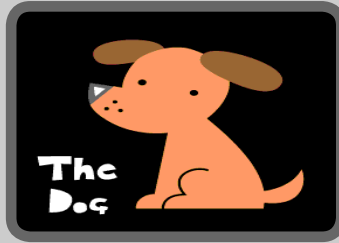
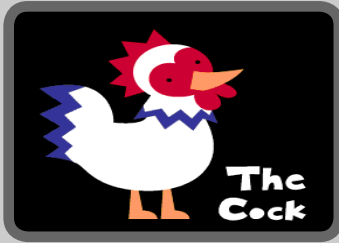
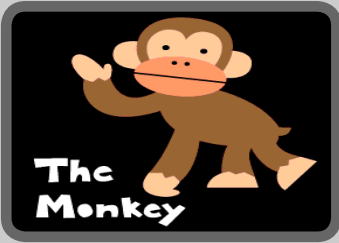


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## Chinese Zodiac



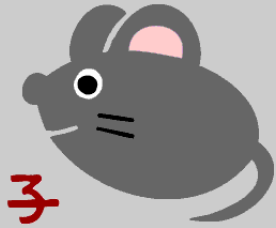
# Chinese Zodiac — When Were You Born?

The Chinese Zodiac consists of a 12-year cycle, each year of which is named after a different animal that imparts distinct characteristics to its year. Many Chinese believe that the year of a person's birth is the primary factor in determining that person's personality traits, physical and mental attributes and degree of success and happiness throughout his lifetime.

The Chinese people place a great deal of faith in the Yinyang principle. This is especially noticeable during the Chinese New Year. According to reliable legend, a mythical monarch named Yao was patron to two perceptive astronomers. These gentlemen constructed a fantastic system of 10 heavenly stems and 12 mundane branches. The latter correspond to 12 animals with two symbolic functions. Each animal is mystically related to one year in a 12-year cycle. Each animal also represents two hours or one-twelfth of every day. A person's future is determined by this intriguing system.

The animal astrological chart must be understood against the background of the Chinese Yinyang principle. It is a concept of symbiotic dualism. Everything, physical and spiritual, has an opposite and corresponding condition. In other words, every Yin has its Yang, and every Yang has its Yin. Yang is the positive principle: male, light, heaven and sun. Yin is the negative counterpart: female, shade, earth and moon. Yin and Yang have their designated hours of the day, an important factor in Chinese astrology.

# RAT 子鼠



If you were born in 1900, 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, your sign is the Rat.

The daily rat hours are from 23:00 until 01:00 when the power of Yin is supreme. The denizen of dark places is naturally at home in Yin. A rat person (a thousand pardons), an individual born during the year of the rat, will be endowed with traits characteristic of the rat. If his birth took place at night, he has it made, like the rat who is at his best in the dark. He will be adventurous and full of courage. But a rat person born during the day is in trouble. Such an individual tends to be cowardly and afraid of his own little shadow.

As a whole, rat people are temperamental, quick to anger, and easily perturbed. They are chatterboxes in the rodent tradition, with a touch of charm, but venal in regard to money. They are tenacious about attaining goals, letting nothing and no one stand in their way.

The life of a rat person is divided into three alternating periods. The first phase is blessed with good fortune. Then comes a spell of bad luck, followed by a closing period of comfortable living. A rat person will be happiest with a marriage partner who is a monkey, ox or dragon person — a person of those signs, that is. If such matches are not available, he would still do well with a fellow rat, or a choice snake, tiger, dog or pig. But beware of a horse.

# OX 丑牛

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If you were born in 1901, 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, your sign is the Ox.

01:00 to 03:00 are the hours for the ox. This is when babies need maternal care, the kind given by the cow, which lavishes tender love on its calf, licking it and giving it a sense of security. A cow or ox person born at night will enjoy an easy life — a sort of barnyard existence, with all his needs provided for. If born in daylight, he will reflect

in his life the hard lot of the ox, earning his bread by the proverbial “sweat of his brow”.

Bovine traits predominate in the life-style of Ox people. They are calm, relaxed, self-assured and stubborn. Anger is their Waterloo, because they act foolishly when enraged. They lack passion and keep their distance from family. Ox people are notable, dexterous and occasionally outspoken. Frustration can bring out an unexpected mean streak. Patience is not their ultimate virtue.

The first phase of an ox person’s life is marked by happiness. The second part is marred by misfortune caused by emotional difficulties. In the third phase, he will find tranquility.

A marriage partner should be selected from the rats, snakes and cocks. A second best choice could be the rabbits, oxen, pigs, monkeys and dragons. Dogs and horses are not recommended. Beware of the sheep.

# Tiger 寅虎



If you were born in 1902, 1914, 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, your sign is the Tiger.

Tiger time is 03:00 to 05:00. The tiger is ferocious and so is the time segment when powerful Yang wrest sovereignty from retiring Yin. Daybreak is reveille for the tiger. The savage spirit of the tiger dominates the character of tiger year people. They are especially fierce if born at night. The tiger is at his savage worst on his nocturnal adventures.

Tiger people are quick-tempered and sensitive. They are fearless but cautious, sometimes overly hesitant when action is necessary. They are egoistic, somewhat penurious and affectionate towards their beloved. Tiger people are often bright and respected by their fellows. They respect human life, guarding it against the three traditional disasters: Thieves, fire and evil spirits.

The first phase of a tiger man's life is sweet. The second phase is beset of problems which can be handled with wisdom. The third phase follows the same routine.

When it comes to marriage, tiger people do best with horses, dragons and dogs. Snakes and monkeys spell trouble. Also acceptable in matrimony are rats, rabbits, sheep, pigs, cocks and fellow tigers.

# Rabbit 卯兔



If you were born in 1903, 1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, your sign is the Rabbit.

Rabbit people are nice to have around. Moderate in their ways, they trop-or-hoe the middle path in matters of sex, social relationships and work. They are very popular because they don't step on toes. Their mood is tranquil and they prefer 05:00 to 07:00.

Rabbit year individuals are considerate of their loved ones, though, like tigers, they tend to avoid close relationships with family. Their equanimity inspires confidence. They are bashful, moody and easily moved to tears. Rabbit people can evaluate a situation with keen insight and choose the right time to act. Surprisingly, they are also known to be conceited.

Rabbit people need not concern themselves with “phrases” of their lives. Their entire existence is a continuum of unblemished tranquillity.

Rabbit people find good marriage partners in the sheep, pig and dog. They should avoid dragons, and have nothing to do with rats and cocks.

# Dragon 辰龙



If you were born in 1904, 1916, 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, your sign is the Dragon. This year is Dragon Year!

The legendary dragon is a versatile master of change. Therefore, he is associated with the hours of 07:00 to 09:00, when Yang is in the ascendancy. It is the time of transformation. Dragons are objects of veneration in this part of the world. Whether great or small, they are a symbol of blessing. They are considered harbingers of harmony, power and riches, as well as talismans of longevity. As for

character, dragon people are honorable, brave, healthy, intelligent, and full of vim and vigor. But they are also temperamental, stubborn and “touchy”. Dragon people tend to be worrywarts, with no apparent ill effects. They are compassionate, but due to a congenital candor, they do not buy friends with flattery.

Dragon people would do well to marry a snake, cock, monkey or rat. For second choice, they might consider tigers, sheep, horses and pigs. The rabbit, ox and fellow dragon should be avoided. Beware of a dog!



# Snake 巳蛇



If you were born in 1905, 1917, 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, your sign is the Snake.

The power of Yang increases ever more from 09:00 to 11:00. The sly snake, capable of countless masquerade roles, belongs to this period.

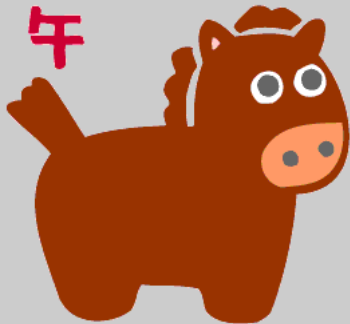
Snake people are poor communications, unable to win the trust of others. They are egotistical, conceited and philandering. They pursue their goals with singular dedication, which does not win them friends. They are also tight in the wallet department.

Yet, snake people are not altogether hopeless. They tend to be intelligent, wealthy, sensual, handsome (or beautiful) and well groomed.

The first two phases of a snake person's life are rather good. As for the final phase, the less said the better!

A snake year person seems to fare best with an ox or cock marriage partner. Rabbits, rats, horses, sheep, dogs, dragons and fellow snakes are not bad either. Monkeys are sheer poison, and the worst spouse is a pig or a tiger.

# Horse 午马



If you were born in 1906, 1918, 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, your sign is the Horse.

Yang reaches its apex between 11:00 and 13:00. The stately horse is connected with this time slot. A horse year person born in the daytime will be spirited, his life activate and burdened with work. If born at night, his lot will be comfortable and pleasant. Freedom is vital to horse people, and they prefer the open spaces. Horse people are very sociable with a facility for speech both quantity and in flattery. They lead happy lives, liking people and being liked by them in return.

Concerning women, it's a horse of another color. Horse people are like putty in the hands of the opposite sex. For them, blinders or not "Love is blind". Occasionally their quick temper creates social problems for them. Generally, horse people are calm and collected. They are recognized for their "horse sense", which reflects intelligence, good humor and general competence.

Horse year people should not be concerned with difficulties during the first two phases of their lives. The quality of the third phase will more than compensate for their initial tribulations.

Matrimonially, a horse person should look for a tiger, dog, or sheep. If such are not available, he can do well with a dragon, snake, monkey, cock, or pig. The rabbit, ox and fellow horse should be shunned, and the rat must be avoided like the plague.

# Sheep 未羊



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If you were born in 1907, 1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, your sign is the Sheep.

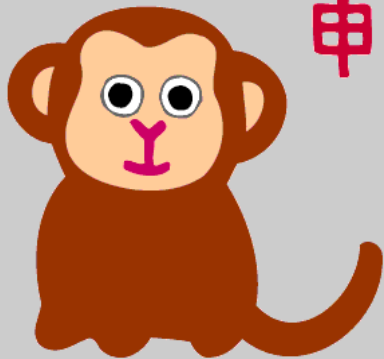
Sheep year people make excellent spouses. They are so gentle. A suckling lamb bends its knees when it takes milk from its mother. This suits the hours between 13:00 and 15:00, a time of simplicity and orderly tranquillity, when the power of Yin is still rising to be associated with the sheep.

Sheep people are paragons of virtue. They are scrupulously honest, calm, compassionate, dedicated, aesthetic and fashionable. Since they are trustworthy, people trust them with money. Their concern for others could make them gullible. However, they have a cynical streak and a tendency to act reserved, which counterbalances the inherent weakness of sheep with people's "snow jobs". As expected sheep prefer to be shepherded. They are extremely dependent.

The first phase of a sheep's life is fine. The second is marked by emotional problem. Luck awaits them in the third.

Sheep match well with a horse, a pig, or a rabbit. Also acceptable are the monkey, cock, snake, dragon, tiger and fellow sheep. The rat is not acceptable. Stay away from a dog and an ox.

# Monkey 申猴



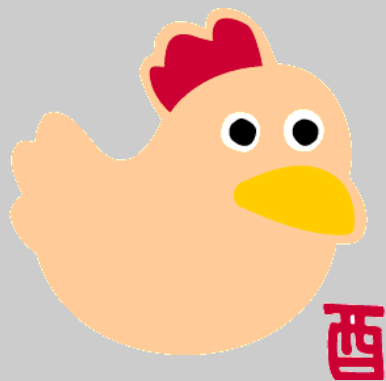
If you were born in 1908, 1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016, your sign is the Monkey.

With the monkey, the power of Yin takes over. The hours are from 15:00 until 17:00. Monkey-business includes vanity, lack of respect for others, irritability, slyness and a lack of ability to pursue their goals with enthusiasm.

But monkeys, like all people, are not without redeeming virtues. They are creative and successful in a wide range of endeavors.

A monkey should settle down with a dragon or a rat. When such partners are unobtainable, a sheep, dog or rabbit is not bad. Snakes and pigs are bad news, and a tiger is worse than spinsterhood.

## Cock 酉鸡



If you were born in 1909, 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, ,2005, 2017, your sign is the Cock.

The cock takes over during the first period of the moon, from 17:00 to 19:00. Cock year people born at night are introverts. Their self-effacing humility makes them easy prey for bullies. On the other hand, those born in the daytime are independent, diffident, rash, even insolvent.

Cock people are spendthrifts, outspoken, energetic and “cock-sure”. They are clever, opinionated, and suspicious.

They are always busy, though their many ambitious projects end in frustration. Friends find them full of zest and fun.

A cock should marry an ox, snake or dragon. A pig, tiger, monkey, horse or sheep are so-so. A dog, rat or fellow cock spells trouble. Rabbits are out.

# Dog 戌狗



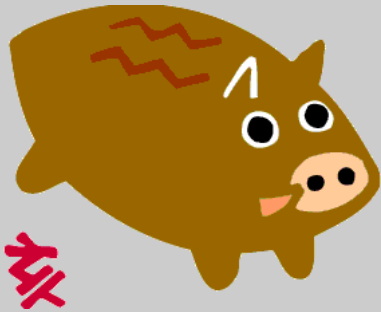
If you were born in 1910, 1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018, your sign is the Dog.

A “watchdog” is needed to protect the power of Yin in its waning hours. The dog is ideal for the job. His time is between 1900 and 21:00. Born during the day, a dog year person will live in the lap of luxury. But the one born at night will “work like a dog” for his livelihood.

Dog people have a good reputation. They are faithful, honest responsible, trustworthy, righteous and doggedly dedicated to a task. They avoid crowds and do not get along with everyone. One would expect them to be obstinate. Surprisingly, they tend to occasional erratic behavior.

The best marriage partner for a dog is a rabbit, tiger, or horse. Second best would be a snake, pig, dog, rat, or a monkey. The ox or cock make bad marriage partners; and the living end would be a dragon or sheep.

# PIG 亥猪



If you were born in 1911, 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019, your sign is the Pig.

Tranquillity is the hallmark of the declining power of Yin. The calm pig is associated with this period, 21:00 to 23:00. A thin line of demarcation separates “calm” from “lazy”. At the risk of semantic impropriety, it should be said that pig people are supposed to be lazy. They are also said to be short on brains and long on tenacity.

Though gentle, pig people can be easily provoked. Unlike the cock, a pig stumbles on to complete a project. Pigs observe the seventh commandment and conduct themselves in a courteous manner. Pigs are reliable friends when they get over their congenital shyness. They can try the patience of a saint in the process. Pig year people have a special predilection for learning, though they are not particularly endowed with an abundance of perspiration.

Best marriage prospects for a pig are sheep and rabbits. Also good is a dragon, tiger, cock, dog, horse, ox or rat. Monkey and fellow pig are bad. Worst of all is the snake.