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This could be your lucky year! I don't know how difficult it will be to do this, but the first person to bring a completed game card to the library will **win a week of free lunches at The Bistro** (maximum value \$50)!

Find a Penn State York student, faculty, or staff member born under each Zodiac sign and fill in the chart below. All information will be verified!

All first-year students also receive **25 ConnectED points for each signature**, so please hand in your form even if you haven't found 12 people!

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Zodiac sign	Signature	Printed name	PSU User ID
RAT			
OX			
TIGER			
RABBIT			
DRAGON			
SNAKE			
HORSE			
GOAT <small>Be nice-give them something red!</small>			
MONKEY			
ROOSTER			
DOG			
PIG			

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A Penn State York Library First-Year Experience

Celebrating the Chinese New Year
An Information Literacy Event
Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Happy New Year!

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Is it the year of the Goat,
the Sheep, or the Ram?

No one is quite sure, but it doesn't seem to really matter. The Chinese word 羊 (yáng) is more of a generic term which can refer to any of the above animals, so you may see 2015 associated with any one of these three!

Chinese New Year
February 19, 2015

The Animals of the Chinese Zodiac

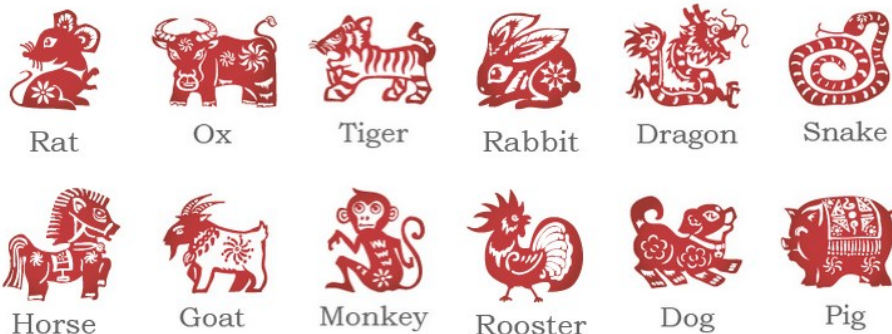


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RAT	1948	1960	1972	1984	1996	2008	2020
OX	1949	1961	1973	1985	1997	2009	2021
TIGER	1950	1962	1974	1986	1998	2010	2022
RABBIT	1951	1963	1975	1987	1999	2011	2023
DRAGON	1952	1964	1976	1988	2000	2012	2024
SNAKE	1953	1965	1977	1989	2001	2013	2025
HORSE	1954	1966	1978	1990	2002	2014	2026
GOAT	1955	1967	1979	1991	2003	2015	2027
MONKEY	1956	1968	1980	1992	2004	2016	2028
ROOSTER	1957	1969	1981	1993	2005	2017	2029
DOG	1958	1970	1982	1994	2006	2018	2030
PIG	1959	1971	1983	1995	2007	2019	2031

Chinese months follow the lunar calendar, so if you were born in January or February, you will need to double-check the information shown above since the Chinese New Year does not always begin on the same date.

The 5 Elements

The Zodiac animal is also modified by the element for the year, creating a 60-year cycle of combinations. The five elements are wood, fire, earth, metal, and water. This year is the Wood Goat, which hasn't happened since 1955, 60 years ago.

Yin and Yang

The concept of Yin and Yang also affects the Chinese Zodiac. The 12 animals of the Chinese Zodiac are in a set order, beginning with the rat. The Yin or Yang of each animal is determined by the number of toes, hoofs, or claws that each has. If an animal has an odd number of toes per limb, it is a Yang animal (the rat, tiger, dragon, horse, monkey, and dog). The rat is first since it has the unique characteristic of having 4 toes on its front legs and 5 on its back legs, combining the attributes of both Yin and Yang. It is characterized as a Yang animal since $4 + 5 = 9$, an odd number, making Yang dominant.

These animals are paired with the opposing force of a Yin (even) number, resulting in all **even-numbered years being Yang years** (for the animal). The opposing force of a Yang (odd) number is paired with a Yin (even) animal (the ox, rabbit, snake, goat, rooster, and pig), resulting in all **odd-numbered years being Yin years**.

This is the sequence: Yang Wood, **Yin Wood**, Yang Fire, Yin Fire, Yang Earth, Yin Earth, Yang Metal, Yin Metal, Yang Water and Yin Water.

Ben Ming Nian

Contrary to what you might think, your birth sign (zodiac) year, also known as your Ben Ming Nian, is considered an unlucky year for you. According to Chinese astrology, it is believed that you offend the God of Age in your zodiac year. Wearing **red** seems to be the most common tradition to fend off bad luck as red is one of the luckiest colors in Chinese culture.

2015



Yin Wood Goat