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Check Out the Chinese Zodiac!

This year, Chinese New Year starts on January 26. The Chinese lunar calendar runs in 12-year cycles. Each year is represented by one of 12 animals (see chart). This is the Year of the Ox. The last Year of the Ox was 12 years ago. When will the next Year of the Ox be? _____

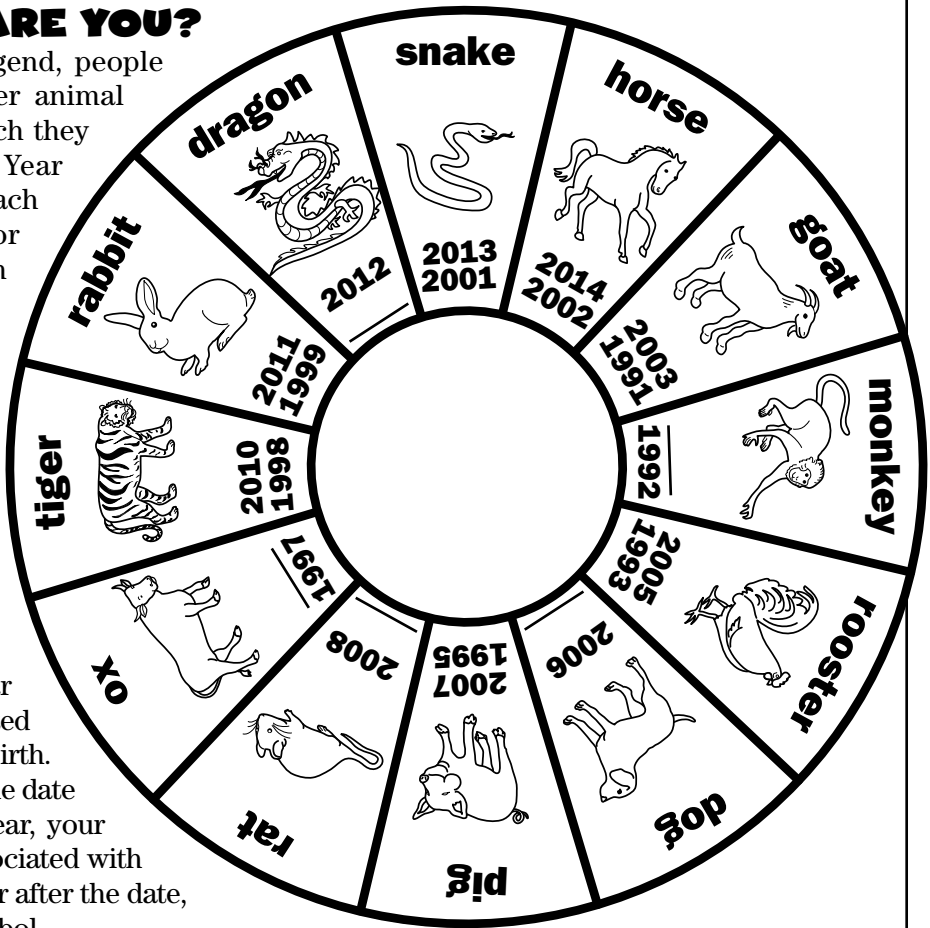


Read the Chinese zodiac chart, and fill in the missing years in the blanks on the chart. Remember, each animal's year comes around every 12 years.

WHAT ANIMAL ARE YOU?

According to Chinese legend, people are connected to whichever animal represented the year in which they were born. Chinese New Year begins on a different date each year, usually in January or February. If you were born early in a certain year—before the start of the Chinese New Year—your animal sign will be the sign from the year before. For example, the year 1995 was the Year of the Pig. But if you were born in 1995 before January 31, your zodiac symbol would be the symbol for 1994.

Some Chinese New Year dates from recent years are listed below. Find the year of your birth. If your birthday falls before the date of Chinese New Year that year, your animal symbol is the one associated with the year before. If it falls on or after the date, your animal is that year's symbol.



1993 — January 23 **1994** — February 10 **1995** — January 31 **1996** — February 19
1997 — February 7 **1998** — January 28 **1999** — February 16 **2000** — February 5

What's your animal? _____