Western astrology is based on the day you were born. According to it you are one of the following signs:

Aries
Taurus
Gemini
Cancer
Leo
Virgo
Libra
Scorpio
Sagittarius
Capricorn
Aquarius
Pisces

However, in China, individual birth dates are not as important as **the year in which** a person is born.

To know which one is yours, look up the year of your birth below and look at the qualities of that animal to see how much of it agrees with you:



**Snake**: 1917, 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001

Snake people are intelligent and resolute. Snake people are sometimes too perfectionist because they hate to fail at anything. You rely on your instincts before asking others their opinions. At times you want to take a break from the action. It's not that you're lazy—sometimes you just like to think. Snake people believe everyone should supportive. Your best friends are the Rooster and the Ox.



**Dog**: 1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006

You are a great listener who can keep a secret. Loyal to your friends, you have a keen sense of right and wrong and stick to what you believe in. Dogs are faithful and sincere. You like things to be fair and work well within a team. Dog people cannot stand injustice.

Your friends are the Tiger and the Horse.



**Goat**: 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003.

You always stick by your friends. You are artistic, creative, elegant and kindhearted. Goat people can be bossy, but that's because they're worried things will not get done correctly. You are creative and elegant.

Your best friends are Rabbits and Pigs.



**Ox:** 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021

Ox people are easy going and have a great deal of selfassurance that helps help them to be successful. You approach projects in a step-by-step manner because you are patient and hardworking. Therefore, you want to do things right the first time. Shy but loyal, you are kind and responsible and never lose sight of your goal. You are honest and like to follow rules.

Your friends are the Snake and the Rooster.



**Rat**: 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008

People born in the Year of the Rat are famous for cheerfulness, benevolence and generosity. They are generous with those they love. You are charming, picky, ambitious, funny and smart. You are adventurous and deep thinking. Rat people love gossiping. That can cost them many friendships if they are not careful.

You get along well with Dragons and Monkeys



**Dragon**: 1916, 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000 Dragon people are sincere, obstinate, faithful, and protective.

You always are ready to help your friends, who often seek you out for advice. Your outgoing personality helps you get along with many types of people.

Dragons are full of strength and energy, always on the go. You are influential, wealthy and wise.



**Rooster**: 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005 Rooster people are selfconfident, attentive, deep thinkers and good speakers. Rooster people do not trust people at a first glance however, on time due, they make wonderful friends. You are hard-working, trustworthy and resourceful

You will be fine with Snakes and Oxen.



Tiger: 1914, 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986,

1998, 2010

Tiger people are brave, loyal, brave, intelligent, and stubborn. You can also be disobedient and impulsive but at the same time caring and compassionate. You're a natural leader but often like to do things by yourself. (That's how you stay in charge!) You believe in fighting for what's right, even if you'll lose in the end.

The Dog and the Horse are your best friends.



Rabbit: 1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011

The Rabbit is considered the luckiest of the Chinese Zodiac animals. Well-liked and popular, you have a large circle of family and friends Rabbit people are fortunate, cheerful, friendly, determined, and reliable. You aim for peace in your life, therefore, you avoid conflicts.

Your best friends are the Goat and the Pig.



Horse: 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002.

You have loads of energy and love adventure. You take charge and understand people. Horses are popular and very attractive. Horse people are popular, happy, smart, and shy. You are easy to like and love.

You get along with Tigers and Dogs



**Pig** 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019

People who are born in the Year of the Pig are intelligent, sincere, brave, popular, and treat all people with great kindness. Pig people are often late and often forgetful. Pigs are Smart and caring, you live to help other people. You have great taste. You make lifelong friendships.

You get along with Rabbits and Goats.



#### Monkey

1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004 Swinging from one group of friends to another, you love to have a good time. You like to entertain your friends by showing off your talents, and they appreciate your cleverness and sense of humour. You are able to influence people and are successful at almost anything. Monkey people have a wonderful memory.

Your friends are the Dragon and the Rat.

### Exercise 1:

Find a synonym for each adjective and its opposite (antonym):

Adjective	Synonym	Antonym		
Intelligent	Admired	Bigoted		
Resolute	Clever	Boring		
Easy going	Courageous	Compliar	nt	
Loyal	Determined	Consiste	ent	
, Faithful	Diligent	Coward		
	Fortunate	Deceitf	ul	
Sincere	Good-looking	Feeble		
Attractive	Honest	Hostile		
Brave	Humorous	Ill-fated	d b	
Popular	Obstinate	Indecisi	ve	
Lucky	Open-handed	Lazy		
Friendly	Powerful	Naive		
Generous	Rebellious	Obedier	ıt	
Stubborn	Reliable	Poor		
Hard-working	Rich	Selfish		
Strong	Shrewd	Thick		
Influential	Sociable	Unattra	ctive	
Wise	Tolerant	Unpopul	ar	
Wealthy	Tough	Unreliat	ole	
Disobedient	Trusty	Weak		
Funny				

Exercise 2:

What do the next statements mean?:

- You rely on your instincts.
- You stick to what you believe in
- You approach projects in a step-by-step manner
- You never lose sight of your goal
- Swinging from one group of friends to another
- You <u>aim</u> for peace in your life

### Exercise 3:

- 1- Which Chinese sign are you?
- 2- Do you agree with your description?
- 3- Do you like the animal you are?
- 4- What is your favourite animal?