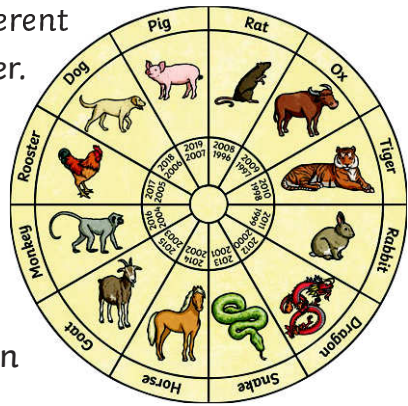


The Year of the Pig

Why Were Different Animals Chosen?

Each new year in Chinese culture is named after a different animal. There are 12 different animals altogether. There are different stories about how the years were named. One tradition began a very long time ago and started with a story about the Buddha. The story says he asked all of the animals on Earth to come and see him one day but only 12 animals came. To say thank you, Buddha named the years in the Chinese zodiac cycle after each of these animals..



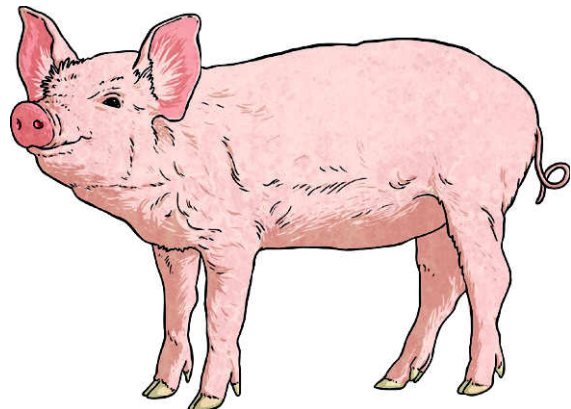
When Does the Year of the Pig Start?

The Year of the Pig begins on Tuesday 5th February 2019.

What Is Good about the Year of the Pig?

There are lots of good things about being born in the Year of the Pig. If someone is born in this year, Chinese culture believes that they will be:

- a fantastic friend
- thoughtful towards others
- polite
- chatty
- honest – they will always tell the truth
- curious – interested in things



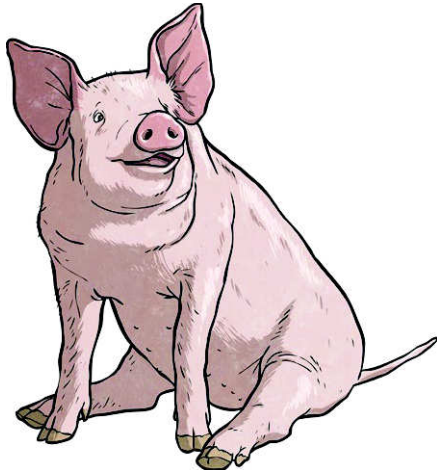
What Jobs Would People Be Good At?

Chinese culture believes that someone born in the Year of the Pig might make a good:

- doctor
- vet
- shopkeeper
- comedian
- chef

You were born in the Year of the Pig if you were born in:

1935 1947 1959 1971 1983 1995 2007 2019



Did You Know...?

If you were born in the Year of the Pig:

- your lucky colours are yellow, grey, brown and gold;
- your lucky flower is a daisy;
- your lucky numbers are two, five and eight;
- your lucky days are the 17th and 24th of every Chinese month;
- your unlucky numbers are one and seven.

The Year of the Pig Questions

1. On which date does the Year of the Pig start in 2019? Tick **one**.

- ☐ 1st January 2019
- ☐ 5th February 2019
- ☐ 16th February 2019
- ☐ 25th December 2019

2. Fill in the missing spaces in this sentence.

One tradition began a very long time ago and is thought to have started with a story about _____. He asked all of the animals on Earth to come and see him one day but only _____ animals came.

3. Name **one** thing that people born in the Year of the Pig are good at.

4. Draw a line to match the numbers and dates with what they stand for.

24th of every Chinese month

7

2007

Year of the Pig

lucky

unlucky

5. Which of these is a lucky number for someone born in the Year of the Pig? Tick **one**.

- ☐ one
- ☐ six
- ☐ eight
- ☐ 17

6. Number these sentences to show the order that they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.

	There are 12 different animals altogether.
	It won't happen again until 2031.
1	Each new year in Chinese culture is called after the name of an animal.
	There are lots of good things about being born in the Year of the Pig.
	Your lucky flower is a daisy.

7. Why do you think that someone born in the Year of the Pig might make a good doctor?

The Year of the Pig Answers

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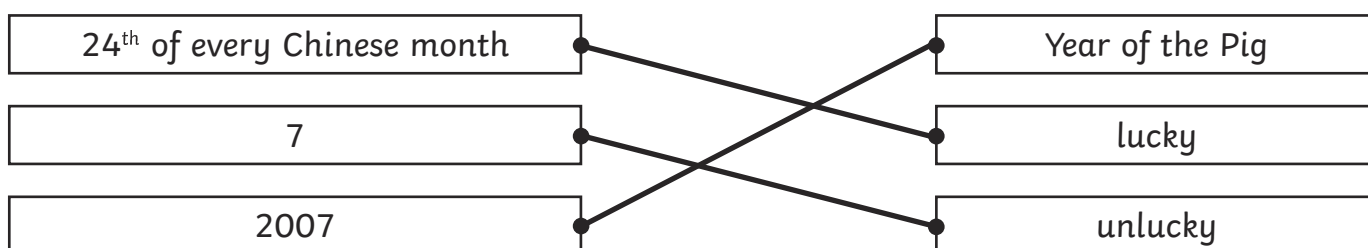
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One tradition began a very long time ago and is thought to have started with a story about **the Buddha**. He asked all of the animals on Earth to come and see him one day but only **12** animals came.

3. Name **one** thing that people born in the Year of the Pig are good at.

Accept any of the following: a fantastic friend; thoughtful towards others; polite; chatty; honest – they will always tell the truth; curious – interested in things.

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7. Why do you think that someone born in the Year of the Pig might make a good doctor?
Pupils' own responses, such as: I think someone born in the Year of the Pig would make a good doctor because doctors need to be thoughtful towards people and polite. People born in the Year of the Pig have these qualities.