

Oriental Zodiac Chart

There are 12 animals in the Oriental Zodiac chart, which originated in China. They work in rotation, so 2007 is the year of the boar and so is 2019. You may already have learnt the animals of the Chinese zodiac. Can you spot any different animals to the ones you already know? Can you use the chart to work out the year in which you were born? What about the year your mum or dad were born, or even your grandparents?

Animals		Year					
	ねずみ <i>nezumi</i> mouse	1960	1972	1984	1996	2008	2020
	うし <i>ushi</i> cow	1961	1973	1985	1997	2009	2021
	とら <i>tora</i> tiger	1962	1974	1986	1998	2010	2022
	うさぎ <i>usagi</i> rabbit	1963	1975	1987	1999	2011	2023
	たつ <i>tatsu</i> dragon	1964	1976	1988	2000	2012	2024
	へび <i>hebi</i> snake	1965	1977	1989	2001	2013	2025
	うま <i>uma</i> horse	1966	1978	1990	2002	2014	2026
	ひつじ <i>hitsuji</i> sheep	1967	1979	1991	2003	2015	2027
	さる <i>saru</i> monkey	1968	1980	1992	2004	2016	2028
	にわとり <i>niwatori</i> rooster	1969	1981	1993	2005	2017	2029
	いぬ <i>inu</i> dog	1970	1982	1994	2006	2018	2030
	いのしし <i>inoshishi</i> boar	1971	1983	1995	2007	2019	2031