

KEY SOURCES:

Videos:

- The myth behind the Chinese zodiac - Megan Campisi and Pen-Pen Chen;
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=may2s9j4RLk>
 - [2:38-2:58]
 - “Ten Heavenly Stems”
 - 5 elements – “metal, wood, water, fire, and earth,” “yin,” “yang”

Websites:

- Chinese Zodiac 2026: Year of the Horse, Animals, Years, and Meanings;
<https://sketchplanations.com/the-chinese-zodiac>
 - Order of the Chinese zodiacs
 - “Rat”
 - “Ox”
 - “Tiger”
 - “Rabbit”
 - “Dragon”
 - “Snake”
 - “Horse”
 - “Goat”
 - “Monkey”
 - “Rooster”
 - “Dog”
 - “Pig”
 - Chinese New Year Symbols and Traditions
 - Red envelopes – “money,” “symbol of luck and prosperity”
 - Lanterns – “Hung up or released into the sky,” “symbolizing brightness and good fortune”
 - Firecrackers – “scare away evil spirits”
 - Red and gold – “decorations,” “representing happiness, wealth, and good luck”
- Spring Festival Couplets (Chunlian);
<https://www.travelchinaguide.com/essential/holidays/new-year/spring-festival-couplets.htm>
 - “sides of the (front) door”
 - “vertical lines from right to left”

- 12 Lucky Chinese New Year Foods to Greet the Year of Snake 2026;
<https://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/chinese-food/chinese-new-year-food.htm>
 - Fish – “an increase in prosperity,” “surplus”
 - Dumplings – “wealth,” “Chinese silver ingots”
 - Longevity Noodles – “happiness and longevity”
 - Good Fortune Fruits – “tangerines and oranges,” “fullness and wealth,” “round and “golden” in color”

Images

Spring Couplets

- <https://www.travelchinaguide.com/essential/holidays/new-year/spring-festival-couplets.htm>



Images from Lucidchart

- Red envelopes



- Firecrackers



- Fireworks



- lanterns



Ginger Scallion Lobster

- <https://foodisafourletterword.com/recipe/house-special-lobster-recipe-copycat-of-tang-cang-newport-seafood/>



Fuzhou Fish Ball Soup

- [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/a/ae/Fuzhou Yu Wan.jpg](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/a/ae/Fuzhou_Yu_Wan.jpg)



Stir-Fried Rice Cake

- https://live.staticflickr.com/1379/649330496_f2236fe796_b.jpg



12 zodiac animals from FlatIcon; <https://www.flaticon.com/>

- Rat – https://www.flaticon.com/free-icon/rat_3543051



- Ox – https://www.flaticon.com/free-icon/ox_3543053?term=chinese+zodiacs+ox&related_id=3543053

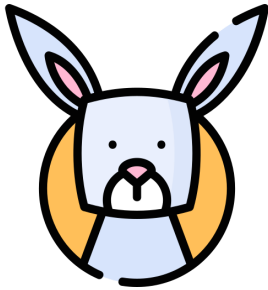


- Tiger – https://www.flaticon.com/free-icon/tiger_3543055?term=chinese+zodiacs+tiger&related_id=3543055



- Rabbit –

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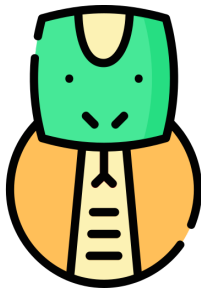
- Dragon –

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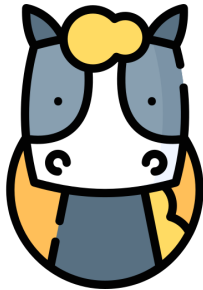
- Snake –

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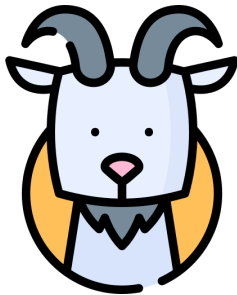
- Horse –

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- Goat –

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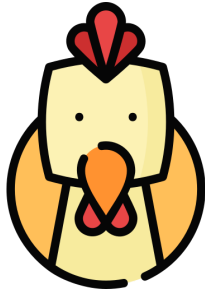
- Monkey –

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- Rooster –

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- Dog – https://www.flaticon.com/free-icon/dog_3543088



- Pig –

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