

Social studies

Grade 1

Chinese New Year worksheet: the 12 zodiac animals

Learn how Lunar New Year is celebrated and put the zodiac animals in order.



I can tell about Lunar New Year traditions and the order of the zodiac animals.



1



Zodiac order

The zodiac starts with the Rat. Write 1 to 5 in the boxes.

☐

Tiger

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Rat

☐

Dragon

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Ox

☐

Rabbit

2

**Lunar New Year facts**

Circle the right answer.

1. Lunar New Year is in January or February.
2. Families often share a big dinner.
3. Red is a lucky color for the new year.
4. There are 5 zodiac animals.

True

False

True

False

True

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False

3

**Find the animal**

Circle the right answer.

1. 2026 is the Year of the Horse. What animal comes next?

A Goat

B Rat

C Pig

2. Children born in 2020 were born in the Year of the...

A Rat

B Dog

C Tiger

3. What do children often get in a red envelope?

A money for good luck

B a toy car

C a sandwich

4

**Count the fun**

Count each group and write the number.



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**Zodiac numbers**

The order is Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon. Write the number.

1. There are _____ zodiac animals.
2. The Rat is animal number _____.
3. The Ox is animal number _____.
4. The Tiger is animal number _____.
5. The Dragon is animal number _____.
6. 2026 is the Year of the Horse. The next year is _____.

6

**New Year words**

Draw a line from each word to its meaning.

☐

lantern

☐

red envelope

☐

dumplings

☐

dragon dance



● A. Food folded with a filling inside.

● B. A paper light that glows.

● C. People dance with a long dragon.

● D. A gift with money for good luck.

7

**Zodiac animal or not?**

Write each animal in the right column.

Tiger

Lion

Dog

Bear

Horse

Penguin

Pig

Elephant

Zodiac animal**Not a zodiac animal**

8

**Party problems**

Read each problem and circle the right answer.

1. Mei eats 3 dumplings. Then she eats 4 more. How many does she eat?

A 6

B 7

C 8

2. There are 10 lanterns. 2 go out. How many still glow?

A 8

B 9

C 12

3. Grandma gives 2 red envelopes to Mei and 2 to her brother. How many envelopes?

A 2

B 3

C 4

9

**Red envelope**

Draw a red envelope. Decorate it with your zodiac animal.

How did it go?



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