

Appendix VIII

**THE CHINESE HOROSCOPE &
STAR SIGNS (生肖與星座)**

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**The Chinese Horoscope:
Twelve Animal Signs of the Chinese Zodiac**

A: What is your sign of the Chinese zodiac?

B: My sign is Horse. I am a Horse.

The Chinese zodiac consists of a 12-year cycle, each year of which is named after a different animal that imparts distinct characteristics to its year. According to one myth, a Chinese emperor invited all forest friends to a Chinese New Year party, but only twelve animals came. The rat was first, followed by the ox, and so on. The emperor honored the animals by naming the years after them. Many Chinese believe that the year of a person's birth is the primary factor in determining that person's personality traits, physical and mental attributes, and degree of success and happiness throughout his lifetime.

Some even believe that if a person is born in the year of a certain animal, he or she behaves like that animal. Do you know what animal rules the year in which you were born and what personalities you have?

Look at the following description. Don't believe them all; instead, take them with a grain of salt.

1. **Rat** (1960, 1972, 1984, 1996)

You are imaginative (有想像力的) and charming (迷人的). However,

you get angry easily. You will do well as a businessperson.

2. **Ox** (1961, 1973, 1985, 1997)

You are a natural leader and you will be successful as a hairdresser (美容師).

3. **Tiger** (1962, 1974, 1986, 1998)

You are sensitive (敏感的) and capable of great love. But you are very stubborn (固執的) sometimes. You will do well as an actor.

4. **Rabbit** (1963, 1975, 1987, 1999)

You are a person easy to get along with. You will make a good social worker (社會工作者).

5. **Dragon** (1964, 1976, 1988, 2000)

You are very popular and will become a good computer programmer.

6. **Snake** (1965, 1977, 1989, 2001)

You are romantic and smart and will be good as a teacher.

7. **Horse** (1966, 1978, 1990, 2002)

You are a very independent (獨立的), hardworking but selfish (自私的) person. You will do well as a scientist or engineer. (工程師)

8. **Sheep** (1967, 1979, 1991, 2003)

You love money but you are elegant (高雅的) and artistic. You often make a bad first impression on people. You will do well as a designer.

9. **Monkey** (1968, 1980, 1992, 2004)

You are very intelligent, outspoken and quick. You'll succeed in every thing you try to do. Remember not to be jealous of others' good luck.

10. **Rooster** (1969, 1981, 1993, 2005)

You make decisions easily. You are a dreamer and tend to spend a lot of money. You will do well as a tour guide (導遊).

11. **Dog** (1970, 1982, 1994, 2006)

You are faithful (忠心的) and honest. You learn very quickly. You will be happy as a secretary or mechanic (技工).

12. **Boar** (1971, 1983 1995, 2007)

Although you never disappoint (使失望) others, you worry too

much. You will be good as a salesperson or an account (會計師).

Star Signs: Zodiac Signs

A: What is your star sign (of the zodiac)?

B: My sign is Leo. I am a Leo.

Birthdate	Latin	English	中文	Traits
Jan.20 – Feb.18	Aquarius	Water Bearer	寶瓶座	Giving & friendly
Feb.19-- Mar.20	Pisces	Fishes	雙魚座	Creative & kind
Mar.21—Apr.19	Aries	Ram	白羊座	Direct & lively
Apr.20—May 20	Taurus	Bull	金牛座	Reliable & loyal
May 21 –June 21	Gemini	Twins	雙子座	Smart & charming
June 22 –July 22	Cancer	Crab	巨蟹座	Homebody & moody
July 23 –Aug.22	Leo	Lion	獅子座	Powerful & proud
Aug.23 –Sept.22	Virgo	Virgin	處女座	Neat & practical
Sept.23 – Oct.23	Libra	Scales	天秤座	Caring & daydream
Oct. 24 – Nov.21	Scorpio	Scorpion	天蠍座	Brave & excitable
Nov.22 – Dec.21	Sagittarius	Archer	射手座	Happy & honest
Dec.22 – Jan.19	Capricorn	Goat	魔羯(山羊)	Boss, hard-working