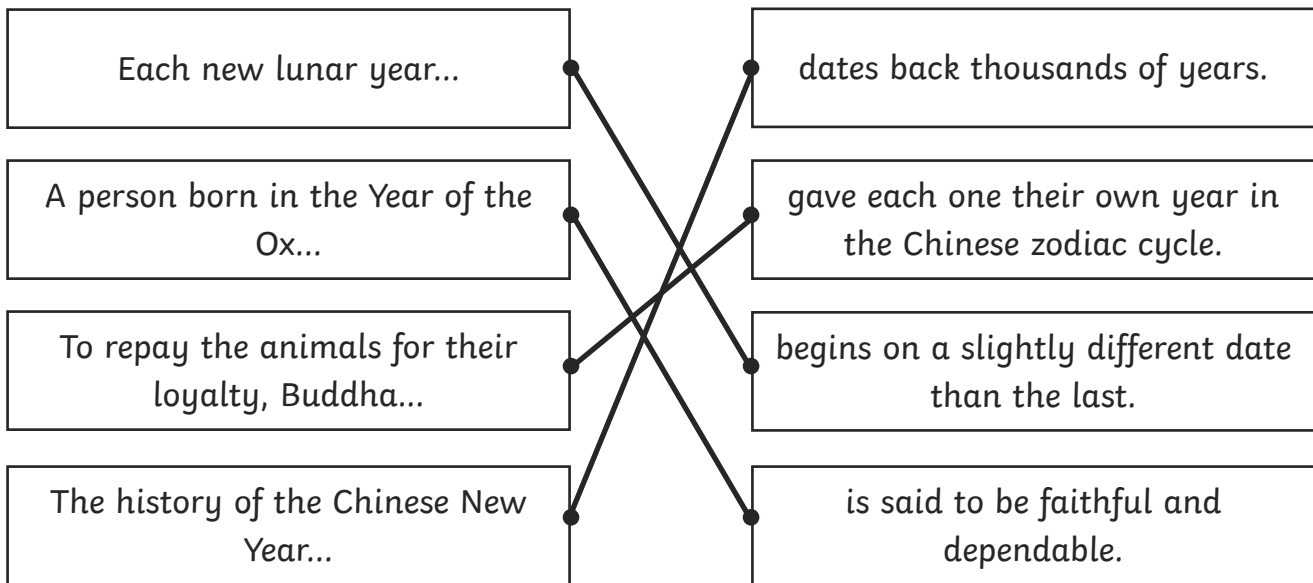


# Answers

1. Draw **four** lines and complete each sentence.



2. **...people born in the Year of the Ox are said to be dependable...** Which of the following words is an antonym of 'dependable'? Tick one.

- unkind
- unreliable**
- unfriendly
- untidy

3. Fill in the missing words.

Depending on the year that you were born and the **element** that you are linked to, people born in a Year of the Ox are said to have different **traits**.

4. On what date will the next Year of the Tiger begin?

**The next Year of the Tiger will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.**

5. Look at the section of the text called **The Origin of the Chinese Horoscope**.

Why do you think that this section has this been included in the text?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: This section has probably been included in the text to give the reader an understanding of the background to the Chinese horoscope and why each year is named after a different animal.**

6. ...**The rat and the ox are believed to have compatible personalities...**

What does 'compatible personalities' mean?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: 'Compatible personalities' means when people have characteristics and qualities which are well-suited to one another.**

7. ...**the rat - who was kindly helped by the ox - tricked the ox and rushed ahead of them.**

Explain how you think the ox would have felt when this happened.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: The ox may have felt disappointed that they didn't arrive first and they may have felt betrayed.**

8. Summarise what you have learnt about the Chinese zodiac cycle using 25 words or fewer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Each new lunar year in the Chinese zodiac cycle is represented by one of 12 animals. The animals are based on a traditional story.**