

Questions

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

Each new lunar year...

dates back thousands of years.

A person born in the Year of the Ox...

gave each one their own year in the Chinese zodiac cycle.

To repay the animals for their loyalty, Buddha...

begins on a slightly different date than the last.

The history of the Chinese New Year...

is said to be faithful and dependable.

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 _____ that you are linked to, people born in a Year of the Ox are said to have different _____ .

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

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?

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

What does 'compatible personalities' mean?

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.

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