

The Lunar New Year Boundary Guide

A clear way to check your birth-year animal and Five Element when January 1 is not the true boundary.

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Why a calendar year can give you the wrong sign

Chinese zodiac years do not automatically change on January 1. They change at Lunar New Year, which falls on a different date each year. If you were born in January or early February, your traditional lunar year may be the previous calendar year.

> Use your exact birth date. If it falls before that year's Lunar New Year date, read the previous year's animal and element.

The three-step check

- Find your calendar birth year in the table.
- Compare your birth date with that year's Lunar New Year start date.
- If your date is earlier, move up one row. If it is on or after the start date, use that row.

What this guide covers

This is the birth-year layer only. A full BaZi chart also uses month, day and hour pillars plus the relationships among all eight characters. Use this mini-guide as a cultural reference and reflection prompt, not a fixed personality label.

REFERENCE TABLE

Lunar New Year starts, 1990-2026

YEAR	STARTS	ELEMENT	ANIMAL
1990	Jan 27	Metal	Horse
1991	Feb 15	Metal	Goat
1992	Feb 4	Water	Monkey
1993	Jan 23	Water	Rooster
1994	Feb 10	Wood	Dog
1995	Jan 31	Wood	Pig
1996	Feb 19	Fire	Rat
1997	Feb 7	Fire	Ox
1998	Jan 28	Earth	Tiger
1999	Feb 16	Earth	Rabbit
2000	Feb 5	Metal	Dragon
2001	Jan 24	Metal	Snake
2002	Feb 12	Water	Horse
2003	Feb 1	Water	Goat
2004	Jan 22	Wood	Monkey
2005	Feb 9	Wood	Rooster
2006	Jan 29	Fire	Dog
2007	Feb 18	Fire	Pig
2008	Feb 7	Earth	Rat
2009	Jan 26	Earth	Ox
2010	Feb 14	Metal	Tiger
2011	Feb 3	Metal	Rabbit
2012	Jan 23	Water	Dragon
2013	Feb 10	Water	Snake
2014	Jan 31	Wood	Horse
2015	Feb 19	Wood	Goat
2016	Feb 8	Fire	Monkey
2017	Jan 28	Fire	Rooster
2018	Feb 16	Earth	Dog
2019	Feb 5	Earth	Pig
2020	Jan 25	Metal	Rat
2021	Feb 12	Metal	Ox
2022	Feb 1	Water	Tiger
2023	Jan 22	Water	Rabbit
2024	Feb 10	Wood	Dragon
2025	Jan 29	Wood	Snake
2026	Feb 17	Fire	Horse

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Turn a symbol into a useful question

Write the animal and element you found, then test the language against your lived experience. Keep what creates clarity. Discard what does not fit.

MY BIRTH-YEAR ANIMAL AND ELEMENT

A STRENGTH I RECOGNIZE IN REAL LIFE

A PATTERN I DO NOT IDENTIFY WITH

ONE DECISION I WANT TO APPROACH MORE CLEARLY

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