***Happy Chinese New Year! “Gung hay fat choy!”***

Student B

**Part of the Chinese Zodiac – animals represent years**

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| **Horse** | **Sheep/goat** | **Monkey** | **Rooster** | **Dog** | **Pig** |
| 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 |
| 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 |
| 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 |
| 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 |
| 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |

**Characteristics of animals and people born in their year**

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| --- | --- |
| **Horse** | Lots of energy, popular, like large crowds, want freedom, like to travel |
| **Sheep** | Creative, imaginative, artistic, often shy, usually religious |
| **Monkey** | Like to have fun, like stimulation, skillful, have good memories |
| **Rooster** | Truthful, quick thinkers, like tradition, like to be busy |
| **Dog** | Physically active, honest, faithful, excellent in business |
| **Pig** | Intelligent, have good manners, enjoy learning, like to help others |

**Ask your partner questions to find the answers:**

Last year was the year of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (when?)

This animal is lucky with money. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (which?)

1950 was the year of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (which?)

This animal likes to gossip. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (which?)

Which animal represents your year of birth? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What are the characteristics of the animal that represents your birth year?

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Do you agree or disagree with these characteristics? Explain.

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**Talk with your partner; choose a girlfriend/boyfriend/brother/sister/ and find their animal. Do you agree with the characteristics of that person?**

*For example, my brother was born in 1978, so he is a horse. He has lots of energy and likes to travel, but he is not popular and likes to be alone.*

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Student A

**Part of the Chinese Zodiac – animals represent years**

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| **Rat** | **Ox** | **Tiger** | **Rabbit** | **Dragon** | **Snake** |
| 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 |
| 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 |
| 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 |
| 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
| 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 |
| 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |

**Characteristics of animals and people born in their year**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Rat** | Hard working, clever, charming, have big ambitions, loyal |
| **Ox** | Patient, calm, trustworthy, easygoing, quiet |
| **Tiger** | Courageous, proud, powerful, leader, well respected |
| **Rabbit** | Gentle, shy, sensitive, kind, like to entertain, gossip, lucky with money |
| **Dragon** | Healthy, powerful, brave, energetic, leader |
| **Snake** | Generous, like to help others |

**Talk to your partner and ask questions to find the answers:**

This year is the year of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (when?)

This animal is usually religious. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (which?)

1969 was the year of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (which?)

This animal has a good memory. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (which?)

Which animal represents your year of birth? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What are the characteristics of the animal that represents your birth year?

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Do you agree or disagree with these characteristics? Explain.

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