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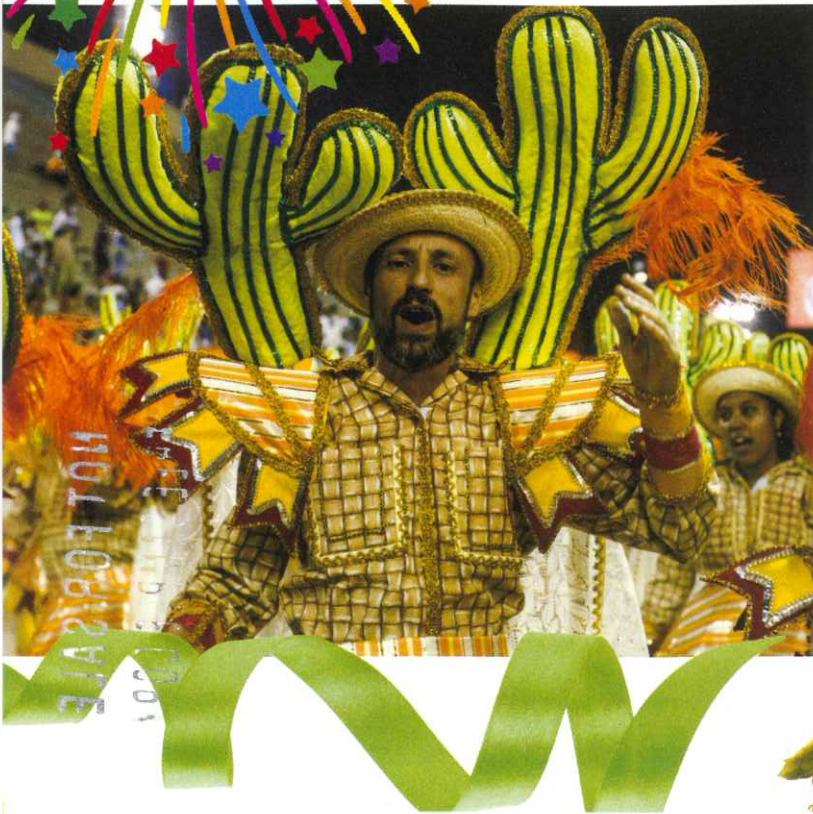# Let's Celebrate! 3

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LET'S START!

All around the world, people love to celebrate. Some people celebrate with fire, some with music and dancing, and others with lights and fireworks. Some celebrations have all of these! Celebrations are a wonderful chance for family and friends to have fun.

Do you know these
celebrations?
Do you have
something similar in
your country?

1 CHINESE NEW YEAR

There are red decorations in every house. A red dragon is dancing in the street. Fireworks light up the sky. It's Chinese New Year!

The date of the Chinese New Year depends on the moon, but it is usually in January or February. Chinese New Year is a time to make everything fresh and new. People wish one another good luck and happiness.

At this time, people wear new clothes and get a haircut. They also make sure their houses are clean. This is to clean away the bad luck! They hang up decorations – red with gold writing. Each decoration is a lucky saying or a happy wish!
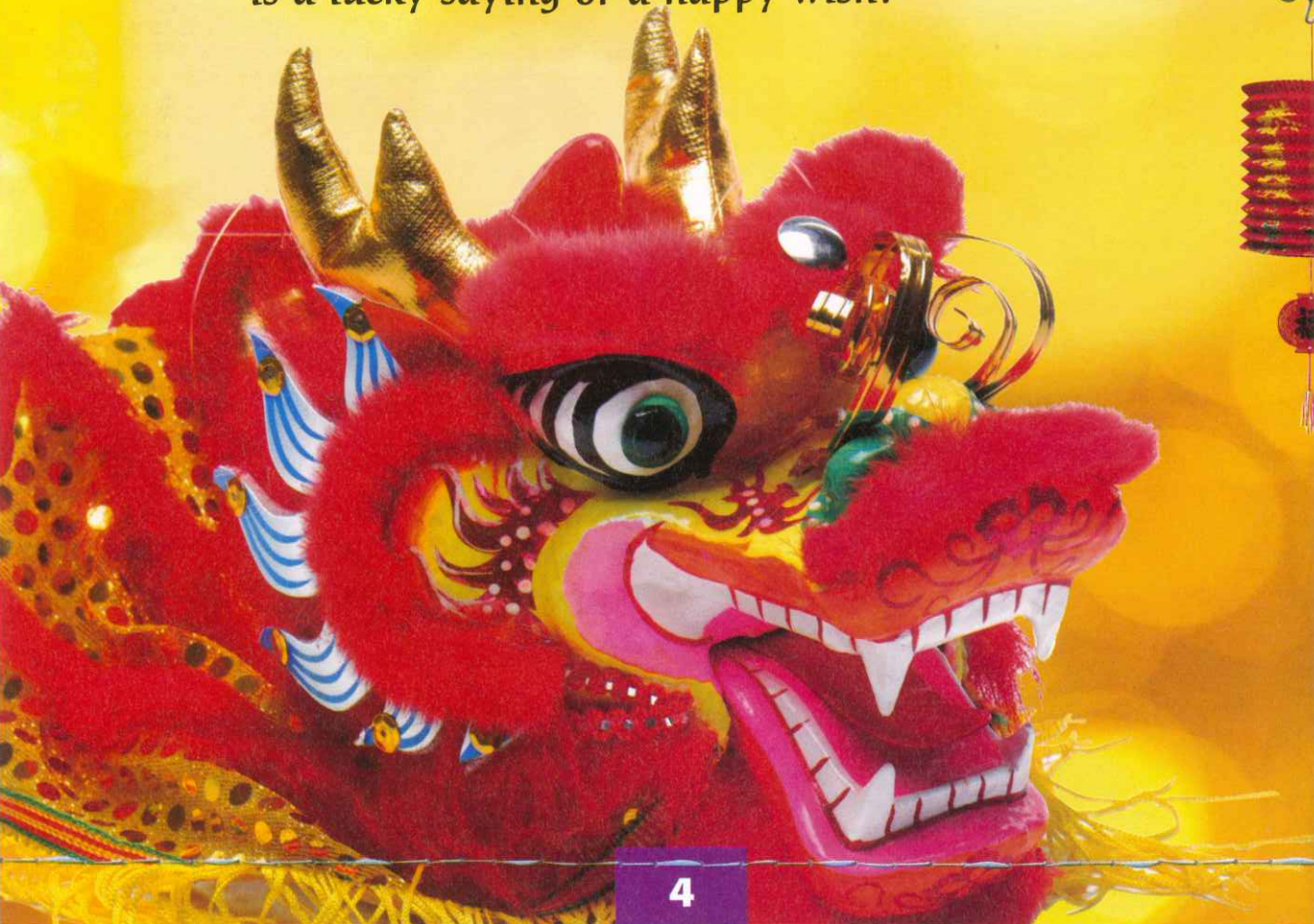
Each year of the Chinese calendar has an animal symbol.
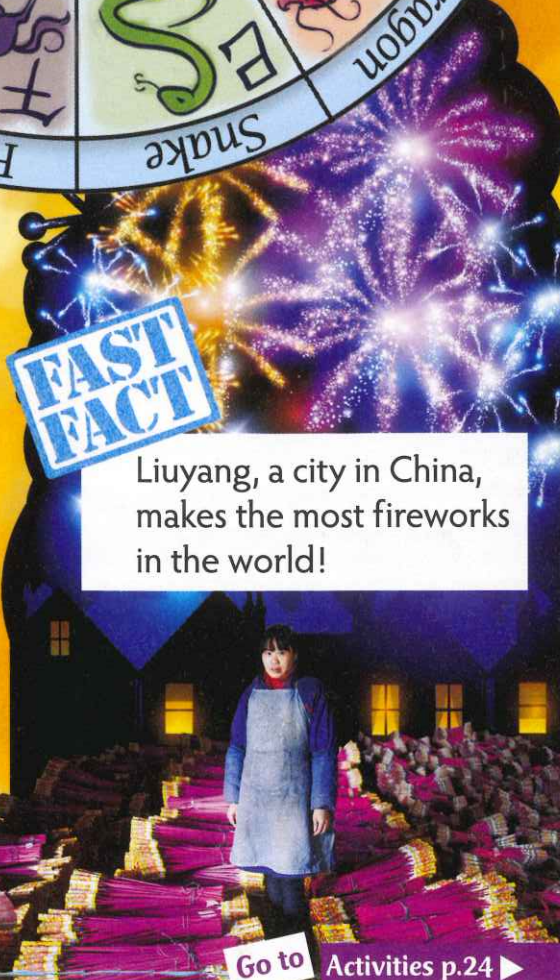There are twelve animals.
Look at the calendar.
Find the year you were born in.
Which animal are you?
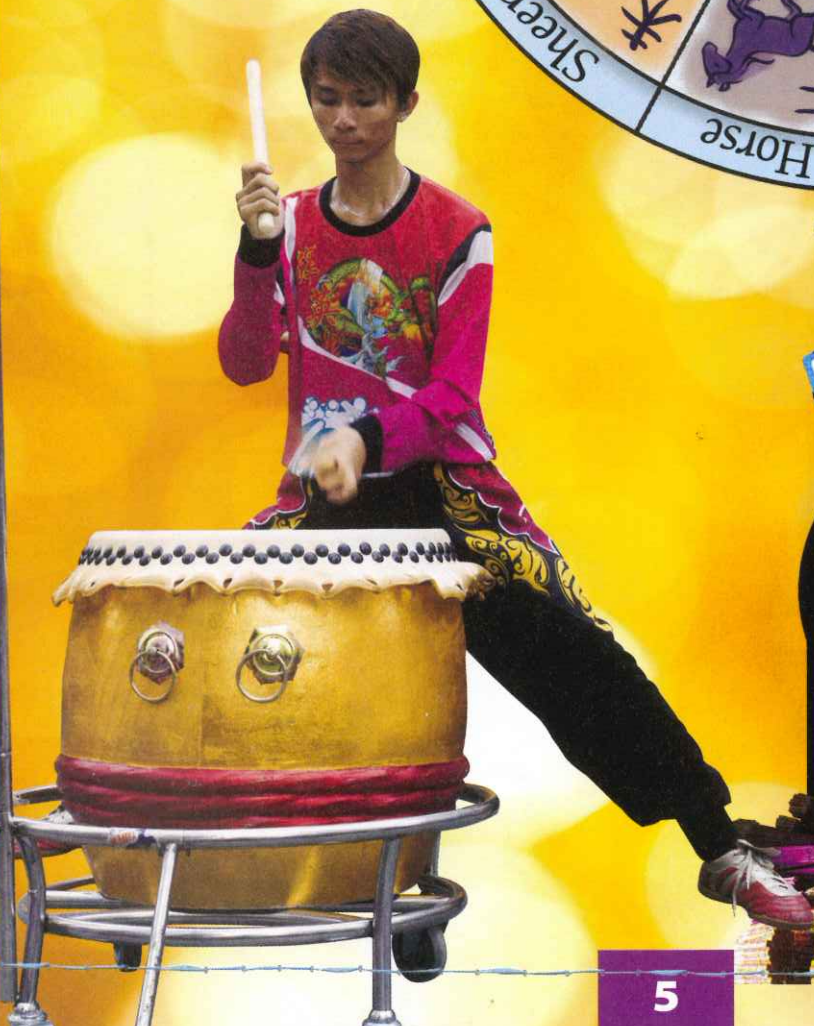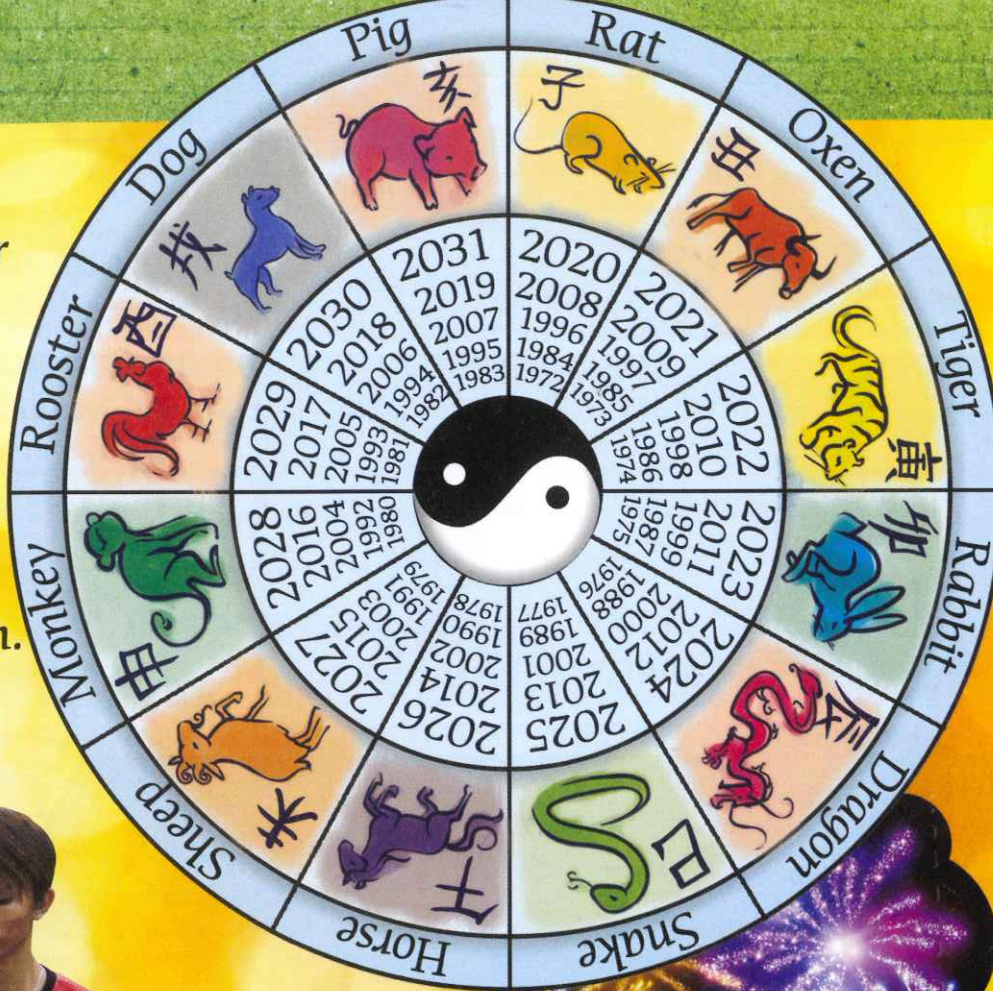
FAST FACT

Liuyang, a city in China, makes the most fireworks in the world!

1 CHINESE NEW YEAR

1 Look, read and number the pictures.

1 moon	**4** decoration	**7** house
2 dragon	**5** city	**8** fireworks
3 calendar	**6** sky	**9** clothes

a ☐ d ☐ g ☐

b ☐ e ☐ h ☐

c ☐ f ☐ i ☐

2 Read and circle the correct words.

1 **Fireworks / Decorations** light up the sky.
2 A red **animal / dragon** dances in the streets.
3 People wear **old / new** clothes.
4 People wish one another **good / bad** luck.
5 People get **a haircut / money**.
6 They make sure their houses are **clean / dirty**.
7 They hang up **toys / decorations**.
8 The decorations are **blue / red**.

3 Read and match.

1	Chinese New Year is	a	the bad luck!
2	It is a time	b	is a lucky saying.
3	They clean away	c	usually in January or February.
4	The decorations are	d	twelve animal symbols.
5	Each decoration	e	to make everything fresh and new.
6	The Chinese calendar has	f	red with gold writing.

4 What animal are they in the Chinese calendar? Write.

1 Paul was born in 2006. ....
2 Martha was born in 2001. ....
3 Derek's dad was born in 1980. ....

4 Mrs Brown was born in 1972. ....
5 Sue was born in 2009. ....
6 His mum was born in 1990. ....

5 OVER TO YOU: Answer the questions.

1 Do you celebrate New Year in your country? When?

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2 What do you do?

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