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The Year of the Tiger 虎年

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

The city of London is **gearing up for** a series of events to celebrate the Chinese New Year, and if last year's celebrations are **anything to go by** it should be quite a party.

The main **hub** for the festivities will be **Trafalgar Square** in the very centre of London.

According to the **promoters** of the party, the square will be transformed with a **diverse** selection of live performances including a traditional Chinese dragon and lion dance.

The fun will spread to other neighbouring areas like London's Chinatown and **Leicester Square** where authentic Chinese **cuisine** will be offered to revellers and a **fireworks display** will **round off** the proceedings.

The celebrations are organised by the **Mayor** of London's Office **in conjunction** with the London Chinatown Chinese Association.

Mr Leslie Ng, President of the London Chinatown Chinese Association, said: "Hundreds of thousands of people enjoy London's Chinese New Year celebrations, which have become a real **highlight** in the capital's calendar of events.

"It's an opportunity to celebrate and experience Chinese culture, and to see what Chinatown offers – not just during Chinese New Year, but all year round," he added.

People in the UK sometimes do not know that in the **Chinese zodiac** if you are born in a particular year you will have certain **characteristics**.

So what are the **traits** of people born in the Year of the Tiger?

Most people agree that tiger people are **courageous** but can also be **quick-tempered**. They may also be very **egocentric** and **unpredictable**.

Are you a tiger person? Do you agree with this description of your personality? Why not email us and let us know your thoughts?

Glossary 词汇表

gearing up for 做好准备, 张罗着	anything to go by 过去的标准还靠得住的话
hub 中心	Trafalgar Square 特拉法加广场
promoters 承办人	diverse 各色各样的
Leicester Square 莱斯特广场	cuisine 烹饪
fireworks display 烟花表演	round off 使圆满结束
mayor 市长	in conjunction 一起, 共同
highlight 精彩部分	Chinese zodiac 生肖
characteristics 特点	traits 属性, 特征
courageous 英勇无畏的, 勇敢的	quick-tempered 性急的, 易怒的
egocentric 以自我为中心的	unpredictable 难以预测的, 变化多端的

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

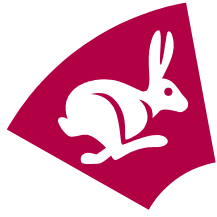
Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Last year's Chinese New Year party was small and boring. **True / False**
2. Trafalgar Square is in the heart of London. **True / False**
3. Chinese food will be available to party-goers. **True / False**
4. There will be a tiger dance to celebrate the new year. **True / False**
5. Tiger people are said to be cowardly and shy. **True / False**

2. Chinese Zodiac 生肖

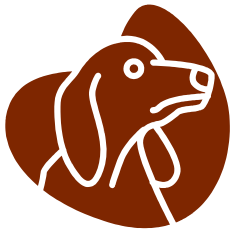
Write the name of the animal. 请在横线上写出以下动物的名称。



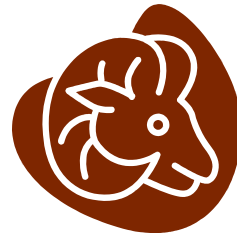
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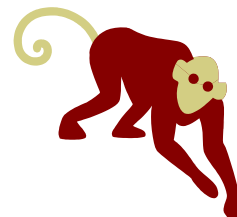
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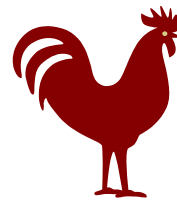
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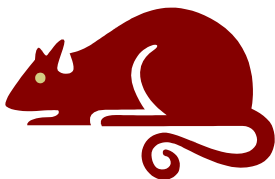
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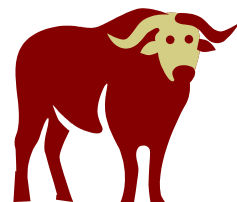
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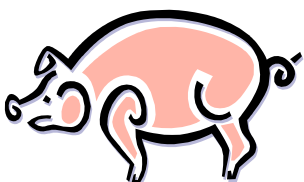
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11. _____



12. _____

3. Character Traits 性格特征

Match the adjective to its opposite.

请把左栏的形容词和其在右栏的反义词连接。

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. truthful | a. lazy |
| 2. shy | b. indecisive |
| 3. selfish | c. pessimistic |
| 4. arrogant | d. thoughtful |
| 5. optimistic | e. selfless |
| 6. graceful | f. hedonistic |
| 7. puritanical | g. clumsy |
| 8. impetuous | h. humble |
| 9. ambitious | i. dishonest |
| 10. decisive | j. outgoing |

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with western zodiac signs in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (→), vertically (↓) or diagonally (↘)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与西方星座有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的(→) 垂直的(↓) 或对角的(↘)形式出现。

a	g	e	m	i	n	i	b	n	m	u	a
l	k	i	h	g	y	d	s	c	a	w	t
q	w	c	r	b	l	t	d	a	b	y	a
d	e	a	r	i	e	s	b	n	s	r	u
a	n	y	d	a	o	v	t	c	v	t	r
q	o	b	t	s	r	c	s	e	c	r	u
u	u	b	l	v	r	a	e	r	v	p	s
a	d	e	v	i	t	v	h	y	f	i	t
r	k	i	d	e	b	i	v	t	s	s	r
i	w	e	c	f	t	r	r	b	y	c	u
u	z	e	d	f	e	g	a	b	y	e	f
s	c	o	r	p	i	o	n	y	f	s	t

aries	leo	virgo	cancer	libra
pisces	taurus	gemini	scorpio	aquarius

Answers 答案

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3. Chinese food will be available to party-goers. **True**
4. There will be a tiger dance to celebrate the new year. **False**
5. Tiger people are said to be cowardly and shy. **False**

2. Chinese Zodiac 生肖

1. rabbit
2. tiger
3. dog
4. ram
5. dragon
6. monkey
7. snake
8. rooster
9. rat
10. ox
11. pig
12. horse

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| 9. ambitious | a. lazy |
| 10. decisive | b. indecisive |

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