

Year of the Rat forecasts

The first prediction applies to each animal sign (Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, Pig) for the new lunar year. Each prediction is followed by an additional forecast specific to one's element (metal, water, wood, fire, earth). To find out what sign and element apply to you, turn to page 16 and look up your date of birth.

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The Rat

It's your year, Rat! Your honesty, patience, and imagination will be rewarded this year. The year may have some issues, but reacting positively will help you overcome them with ease. Remember to take care of your health and relationships in order to enjoy the year to its fullest.



- **Metal Rat:** Your year will see you turning an unlucky event into fortune.
- **Water Rat:** The year 2020 may have an uneven beginning, but using your charm will lead to success.
- **Wood Rat:** Remain strong-willed this year in order to finish any projects you start.
- **Fire Rat:** Showing your compassion toward friends and family will help strengthen relationships.
- **Earth Rat:** You tend to be a good speaker. Use your voice to help others.

The Ox

A good year is on the horizon for the capable and confident Ox. Communication is critical this Rat Year, so do your best to be diligent and maintain open channels. As always, remain low-key and do not seek praise. Some relationships may need a little extra care as you await your year in 2021.



- **Metal Ox:** Look deep to find passion in your hobbies and relationships.
- **Water Ox:** Listen carefully to family and friends during the coming Year of the Rat.
- **Wood Ox:** Focus, Wood Ox, on personal and familial relationships.
- **Fire Ox:** Set new goals — big or small — throughout the year.
- **Earth Ox:** Stay practical and organized this Rat Year.

The Tiger

The ambitious Tiger will reap rewards during the Rat Year. Stay confident in your abilities, use your talents for good, and remember to pay attention to your health and relationships. Staying loyal and optimistic will get you far.



- **Metal Tiger:** Stay focused on family and don't be over-confident.
- **Water Tiger:** Be respectful, but if a friend takes you for granted, take steps to fix the issue.
- **Wood Tiger:** The year 2020 may end up being a year in which you need to work really hard.
- **Fire Tiger:** Make time to focus on a hobby that you've neglected.
- **Earth Tiger:** An important decision will descend upon you this year; seek advice if needed.

The Rabbit

The principled Rabbit can look forward to the Year of the Rat. Blessings will continue from the previous year and home life should prove satisfying. A close friend may be able to guide you through any struggles this year. Also remember to take care of your mental health.



- **Metal Rabbit:** Remember that without clear targets, not much will be accomplished.
- **Water Rabbit:** Always give your best to make each day a little better for those around you.
- **Wood Rabbit:** The Year of the Rat is one to get a lot of sleep, which will help keep you happy.
- **Fire Rabbit:** Remember to be kind to others and put your best paw forward.
- **Earth Rabbit:** Health and wellness should be a priority during the Year of the Rat.

The Dragon

The courageous Dragon will do well during the Year of the Rat. With luck on your side, 2020 should be smooth sailing. Stay focused and utilize your talents to accomplish goals you set. Spending some time alone may also be good for personal growth.

- **Metal Dragon:** Enjoy the normalness of this year, but be prepared for the unexpected.



- **Water Dragon:** The Year of the Rat is one to meet new people. Stay energetic during new encounters.
- **Wood Dragon:** Take time to rejuvenate friendships and relationships from the past.
- **Fire Dragon:** Find a hobby that is right for you. Step back from your responsibilities to occasionally enjoy it.
- **Earth Dragon:** Meeting problems head on this year will help put your life in order.

The Snake

The Year of the Rat may be a tough one for the calculating Snake. Keep your guard up and watch for suspicious behavior. Some luck may find you this year, so keep your eyes open. Stay reflective and work even harder this year to achieve success.



- **Metal Snake:** Be cautious when taking on a new project this year.
- **Water Snake:** Focusing on good health is an important goal during this Rat Year.
- **Wood Snake:** A chance to travel may present itself; set aside some money for the trip.
- **Fire Snake:** Feel free to rejuvenate or remake your living space this year.
- **Earth Snake:** Remember to stay in touch with family and friends while pursuing spiritual development.

The Horse

The Year of the Rat may prove troublesome for the Horse. Although productive and energetic, you might feel like the year is a struggle. To combat possible misfortune, perform good deeds throughout the year and practice random acts of kindness.



- **Metal Horse:** The 2020 Year of the Rat may bring interesting offers your way. Stay cautious.
- **Water Horse:** Seek advice from a trusted friend or family member.
- **Wood Horse:** Thoroughly analyze any new opportunities and chances that arise this year.
- **Fire Horse:** Pay attention to your health, Fire Horse. Listen to what your body is trying to tell you.
- **Earth Horse:** Be adaptable and creative when making decisions; the year may have mixed results if you are careless or impractical.

The Sheep

The Year of the Rat may bring some difficulties your way. A candid and sincere Sheep should be able to deflect some of the misfortune and perseverance will serve you well. Despite the rough spots, the Rat Year will bring success in some ways.



- **Metal Sheep:** Cultivate healthy relationships in your life. Toxic ones may bring you down this year, so be sure to remove them. Trust your gut to guide you about which relationships are worth your energy.
- **Water Sheep:** Overcome a temporary lack of motivation and focus on your priorities. Success will be achieved with determination.
- **Wood Sheep:** Focus on the safety of yourself and others to avoid any potential accidents.
- **Fire Sheep:** Keep your family and friends close, as an emotional year may be in store.
- **Earth Sheep:** Help raise up those around you. Your efforts will not only help them, but also bring you joy and satisfaction.

The Monkey

The Year of the Rat will bring both good luck and misfortune to the Monkey. Stay mindful of your strengths and weaknesses to help you through the tough times. Your independence should serve you well while taking on tasks.

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