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CHINESE YEAR OF THE TIGER

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The Chinese Zodiac is based on the year in which a person was born. There are 12 signs, each named after an animal. When you're born in a year named after one of these animals, you're thought to share certain traits with it – and with other people born in that year.

And so, this year is the Year of the Tiger. The Chinese New Year starts on 14 February 2010 and continues until 2 February 2011. People born between these dates share the sign of the Tiger – a sign of bravery, naturally enough.

One of the most admired attributes of the

Tiger is its ability to keep away the three main tragedies that can afflict a Chinese home: fire, thieves and ghosts. The Tiger is also admired for its bold, independent nature, which can make it both friendly and loving. On the other hand, this animal can be selfish and shorttempered, and prone to jealousy. Tigers like to live dangerously, which can lead to trouble.

If you're lucky enough to be born in the Year of the Tiger, you're a natural leader with a noble spirit. You will be well liked and charismatic, happiest when you're pursuing power and success. And when you've achieved your goals,



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