



## Gong Xi Fa Chai! (Mandarin)

## Gong Hey Fat Choy! (Cantonese)

### Chinese New Year begins on Saturday, January 25, 2020!

2020 is the year of the **Rat**. If you're born in the year of the Rat, you're a Rat! Rat's Birth Years: **1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020.**

### The Lucky Things for the Rats

- Lucky Numbers: 2, 3
- Lucky Months: the 2nd, 5th and 9th Chinese lunar months
- Lucky Days: the 4th and 13th of every Chinese lunar month (for most iPhone users you can turn on your Chinese Lunar Calendar under Settings)
- Lucky Colors: blue, green, gold
- Lucky Flowers: lily, African violet
- Lucky Directions: west, northwest and southwest

### The Rat's Personality: *Diligent, Compassionate...*

Rats are quick-witted, resourceful, and smart but lack courage. With rich imaginations and sharp observations, they can take advantage of various opportunities well.

In Chinese culture, rats represent working diligently and thriftiness, so people born in a Rat year are thought to be wealthy and prosperous.

### Rat's Fortune in 2020

According to Chinese astrology, the year of their birth sign (benmingnian) will bring people nothing but bad luck. It is believed that people will offend Tai Sui, the God of Age, in their benmingnian.

Therefore, in 2020, Rats are destined to experience a lot of challenges and ill fortune due to being in opposition to the Tai Sui star. They will feel exhausted and will have lots of ups and downs. However, the tough things will go their way if they control their mind properly and make efforts to align themselves with Tai Sui feng shui. Life will be easiest in the middle of the year.

**Career** - Rats will encounter some trials in the first half of the year but will also reap benefits in their careers due to their incredibly flexible characters. When they make every effort to improve their work, they'll receive recognition from their bosses resulting in promotions and increased salaries.

**Health** - Rats are likely to encounter some difficulties, which will decrease their enthusiasm. Psychological stress can lead to a lack of concentration in their work or study. A good amount of sleep every night is important to keep their spirits up at work and while studying. Moreover, a balanced diet and regular exercise will benefit them.

**Finances** - The financial horoscope for Rats is not always smooth in 2020. Hardwork will increase their income and they should avoid speculative or high-risk investments, such as gambling or stocks and shares. They should be wise and invest their increased income cautiously.

**Love** - Single Rats are likely to meet someone attractive easily but there is little likelihood that this will blossom into a relationship. Married couples tend to be suspicious of each other and argue a lot. By communicating more with each other, it is possible to avoid these arguments.

### Rat's Love Compatibility

Love compatibility between the Chinese zodiac animals takes the unique characteristics of each animal into account. Those whose characteristics match well can be good partners. See below the compatibility of the Rat with other animals, and find out if the Rat is compatible with your sign or not.

**Best match:** Ox, Dragon, Monkey

**Worst match:** Horse, Rooster

**If you belong to other animal signs, please click here or refer to the back of this page for your general forecast for the year of the Rat!**

# GENERAL ZODIAC FORECASTS FOR THE YEAR OF THE PIG

## **THE TALKATIVE RAT/MOUSE** (born in 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020)

Although a zodiac's year is traditionally the most unfortunate, laden with bad omens and mishaps, 2020 will perform reasonably well for the Rat. Success will come in the form of career; celebrate the fact that your efforts will be rewarded and seen. On the other hand, your health and relationships will prove to be a struggle. Visit your doctor at the first sign of illness, and work toward creating a loving, open environment for all of your relationships. The year will have its issues, but the positive factors can turn it around. To attract luck, wear jewelry made of stones and crystals (preferably jade) or jewelry with Feng Shui symbols, such as Pi Yao, Dzi beads, the symbol of double happiness, or an amulet with your zodiac sign.

## **THE ENDURING OX** (born in 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009)

A better year is on the horizon for the Ox. The compatibility of the Rat and the Ox will make for a year filled with blessings and advances. What a year it will be for your career, education, and health! Lucky you. On the other hand, relationships will need a little extra love and care. Communication will be critical for the year; do your best to be diligent and maintain open channels. Even if it is a struggle, you can do it with the help of regular conversations, speech classes, or therapy. Hard work towards any goal will do the job. The ox need protection stones and crystals, such as emerald, or Feng Shui amulets, such as Kwan Yin or Fuk Luk Sau.

## **THE SUBLIME TIGER** (born in 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010)

Tigers are set to reap the benefits of the Year of the Rat; career and education, in particular, will be the areas to focus on for the next few months. Be confident in your abilities. Use your talents for good; loyalty and intelligence will get you far. On the other hand, health and relationships will not have such a positive outlook. You will need to be sensitive to your well-being and others' if you want to have a good year. The lucky elements for Tiger are green potted plants or Wealth Trees, decorated with jade stones or coins.

## **THE DETACHED RABBIT** (born in 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011)

Rabbits can look forward to the Year of the Rat. Blessings will continue from the previous year, particularly with regards to love. The Rabbit will be one of the most irresistible of the zodiacs for the entirety of the year; look for romance around every corner. Your work and home life will also prove to be satisfying. A female friend will be able to guide you through any struggles in your career. However, be on your guard for a possible betrayal from within your friend circle and prepare for mental health issues. Do your best to balance your emotions when you are feeling low. Besides a few hiccups here and there, the year should be good. The lucky elements for Rabbit are green potted plants or Wealth Trees, decorated with jade stones or coins.

## **THE OUTSPOKEN DRAGON** (born in 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012)

Revered in Chinese culture, the Dragon will do well in the Year of the Rat. With luck on your side, 2020 should be smooth sailing. Your focus should be career-centered as the Dragon's horoscope suggests. If you play to your talents, you will succeed. Work will consume you, and therefore, relationships will slip to the sidelines. Spending time alone will be good for personal growth in all areas—prioritize yourself! The lucky elements for Dragon are green potted plants or Wealth Trees, decorated with jade stones or coins.

## **THE PHILOSOPHICAL SNAKE** (born in 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013)

The Year of the Rat does not bring much to look forward to for Snakes. While not as unlucky as the Horse, you will still need to be on your guard against suspicious behavior. On the other hand, fortune will come to you in the form of a friend or business associate. If you can put aside your misgivings, luck will seek you out. Success will be possible for those who put in the effort. You can make it even better with the power of stones and crystals, such as hematite, tourmaline, malachite, jasper, and carnelian. Beneficial amulets: Citrine Tree and Medicine Buddha.

## **THE EXPRESSIVE HORSE** (born in 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014)

The Year of the Rat will prove troublesome for the Horse. The promise of fortune from the previous year has passed, and it will be a struggle to get through this one. Because the Horse and the Rat are not compatible, problems will appear around every corner. To combat this misfortune, perform good deeds throughout the year, such as community service or random acts of kindness. Although bad luck is on the horizon, the Rat does bring success to all. If you get the chance, take it immediately. The remedy for Horse natives in the Year of the Rat 2020 is Tai Sui. That's why is necessary to have him on our side at the beginning of every year. We must carry his image with us under different forms: Tai Sui card, keyring or amulet, or a Tai Sui booklet or painting in the house and office.

## **THE ARTISTIC GOAT** (born in 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015)

While the Year of the Pig brought good luck for Goats, the year of the Rat will have its shortcomings. Misfortune is apparent in the alignment of the stars. Be prepared to face difficulties this year. Perseverance will serve you well. Even though there will be bad things to come, the Rat will bring success in some ways. Ride out any blessings to the fullest. Although the forecast is not favorable in many aspects, your career will prove to be successful. The Goat needs protection stones and crystals, such as emerald, or Feng Shui amulets, such as Kwan Yin or Fuk Luk Sau.

## **THE IRREPRESSIBLE MONKEY** (born in 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016)

The new year brings both good luck and misfortune to Monkeys. Your career will not see much improvement; unfortunately, however, other areas such as education, health, and relationships will reap the blessings of the Year of the Rat. Monkeys will need to be mindful of their strengths and weaknesses this year. Your intelligence will be beneficial, but your irritability and stubbornness may prove troublesome. Try to channel a sense of harmony this year. The lucky elements for Monkey are green potted plants or Wealth Trees, decorated with jade stones or coins.

## **THE INDUSTRIOUS ROOSTER** (born in 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017)

As the first of the zodiac animals, the Rat ushers in a cycle of renewal. Roosters, be prepared to use your talents to your advantage in career opportunities and to surround yourself with friends and family. All good things come from a loving, supportive home. The Year of the Rat will be a year of great success and improvement. On the other hand, remember to keep your emotions in check. Roosters tend to be oversensitive and easily angered. Work towards becoming more level-headed and peaceful in all situations, especially office-related ones. The Rooster needs protection stones and crystals, such as emerald, or Feng Shui amulets, such as Kwan Yin or Fuk Luk Sau.

## **THE WATCHFUL DOG** (born in 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018)

2020 will be a successful year for Dogs, rewarding your loyalty and intelligence in all endeavors, from career to lifestyle. Friends will play an essential role throughout the year; rely on them for support during success or failure. The year of the Pig brought fortune to your career, and compounded with this year's zodiac success is yours for the taking. Be ready for real growth opportunities and overall progress. The dog should wear amulets with rat symbols (bracelets, pendants, keyrings). In the house, you can place statues representing a golden rat, the symbol of prosperity and luck in the northern side of the bedroom or living room.

## **THE RESIGNED PIG** (born in 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019)

The Year of the Rat will surely be better for the Pig. One's zodiac year is known to bring misfortune, and this was certainly true for 2019. Now that a new year is on the horizon, Pigs can look to the skies and eagerly await a better tomorrow, especially for the second half of the year. Opportunities may present themselves at any time, so look forward to what is ahead. Take note, however, as a few unlucky stars are bearing down on you for the year; expect difficulties keeping your temper and concentration. Do everything you can to focus on the good for the year. It's better to wear a golden obsidian Amitabha, the Buddhist protector for people of Pig sign in order to be blessed with happiness and good luck in 2020.