

The Chinese Zodiac

The Images

Every year we make a New Year's Card to send out to people and I make an animal image to go on that card that corresponds to the Chinese Zodiac. I've been making them for a few years now and already had a few other animal images laying about that I could use for a set like this. I've made a new image of a dog for this set to replace an older image as well as an image of a sheep or a ram for the coming new year. But all the other images are from my real new year's cards. So if you're just using these for a bit of cultural fun in your class I hope they'll be a lot of fun and if you're using them for your own New Year's greetings that'll be awesome too.

I've included three extra images here. One is the rat and the others are the Ram and the Goat. I've seen the zodiac listed alternately with the mouse or the rat and the sheep or the ram or the goat. So this way, all our bases are covered.

Using the worksheet

There are countless ways to use cards in classes. Games of memory, matching games, and games where kids run to the card or throw the card into a hat for a point. As long as you are active and fun and the kids are enjoying themselves you're going to have a great time and they are too. Make sure you and your students say the words again and again and speak, make sentences so everyone can hear and say the sentences in context.

Note: Kids have a way of destroying cards they get hold of, so after printing the cards you might want to laminate them and remember to round off the edges so no one gets a sharp card in the eye. If you do it well enough this opens up the usage of the cards for a few good games where you can flick or flip the cards to be more active.

Credit

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