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Chapter Fourteen 第十四課 Zodiac Year

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Asking for the astrological sign or sign of the Zodiac

1. The verb 屬 (shu3, belong to) is used when asking for a person's Zodiac sign. It sounds awkward and impolite to say 你是什麼?

2. Each year is indicated with an animal name followed by the word, 年 (nian2).

今年 (jin1 nian2) this year, 明年 (ming2 nian2) next year, and 去年 (qu4 nian2) last year.

* Q: 你屬什麼? (Ni3 shu3 shen2 me?) What is your Zodiacal sign?

* A: 我屬龍。(Wo3 shu3 long2.) I was born in the year of the dragon.

* 今年是鼠年。(Jin1 nian2 shi4 zhu1 nian2.) This year is the year of the rat.

* Q: 明年是什麼年? (Ming2 nian2 shi4 shen2 me nian2?) What is next year's Zodiacal sign?

* A: 明年是牛年。(Ming2 nian2 shi4 shu3 nian2.) Next year is year of ox.

* A: 去年是豬年。(Qu4 nian2 shi4 zhu1 nian2.) Last year was the year of the pig