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When does the year begin? \_\_\_\_\_ In ancient times, different countries had their own date for beginning the year. The Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, is in September or October. The Aztec New Year is always on March 12. The Lunar New Year is in January or February. It is sometimes called Chinese New Year, because Chinese immigrants were the first to introduce it to the USA. But many other Asian countries also celebrate the New Year on this day. Have you ever attended a Lunar New Year's celebration? \_\_\_\_\_

In ancient China, a calendar was developed that assigns a different animal every twelve years.

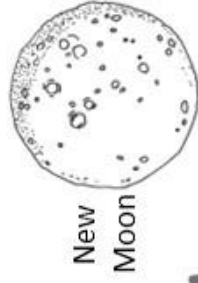
Rat	Ox	Tiger	Rabbit	Dragon	Snake
Horse	Goat	Monkey	Rooster	Dog	Pig

Which animal is your favorite? Circle it.

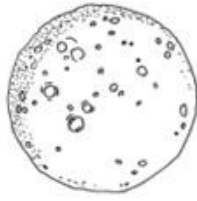
Celebrations often involve paper lanterns and firecrackers. People wear and decorate with the color red. The Lunar New Year is always on a new moon, which is when the moon does not reflect the sun's light onto the earth. It is the darkest night each month.

On the back color in the phases of the moon.

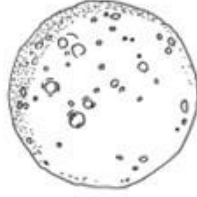
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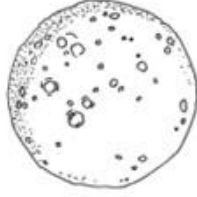
New  
Moon



Waning  
Crescent



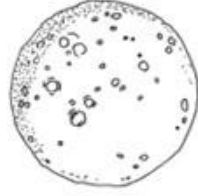
Third  
Quarter



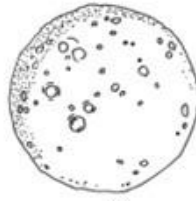
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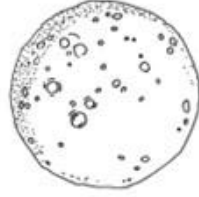
# Lunar Cycle



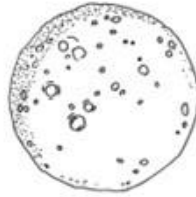
Full  
Moon



Waxing  
Crescent



First  
Quarter



Waxing  
Gibbous

# Lunar New Year Word Search

D	Q	T	I	B	B	A	R	G	H
R	O	W	E	R	T	Y	U	O	X
A	R	G	T	S	Y	U	R	A	I
G	E	P	W	N	I	S	A	T	O
O	T	H	J	A	E	K	T	L	P
N	S	G	F	K	D	S	A	Z	Y
I	O	U	Y	E	T	E	W	E	X
C	O	O	P	L	K	J	K	P	Q
V	R	E	G	I	T	N	J	I	A
B	B	D	X	F	O	G	H	G	S
N	M	L	K	M	J	H	G	F	D

HORSE  
SNAKE  
DRAGON  
GOAT  
MONKEY  
ROOSTER

RAT  
OX  
TIGER  
RABBIT  
DOG  
PIG