

A LITTLE CULTURE. A MORE PERSONAL KEEPSAKE.

Your Chinese Birth-Year Profile

Your zodiac animal, birth-year element and the cultural system behind them.



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OF 60

Metal Dragon

Prepared for Avery / 2000 lunar year

Birth date: 18 June 2000

Lunar New Year convention / A cultural keepsake, not a prediction

SAMPLE EDITION - fictional recipient

01 / YOUR YEAR

A year has an edge.

January 1 is not the boundary used for this profile.

Metal Dragon

5 February 2000 - 23 January 2001

Geng-Chen / lunar year 2000

Your birth date, **18 June 2000**, is after Lunar New Year on **5 February 2000**. This places it in the **2000 Metal Dragon year** under this convention.

YOUR BIRTH DATE FALLS INSIDE THIS INTERVAL

05 Feb 2000

24 Jan 2001

WHY TWO LOOKUPS CAN DISAGREE

Some BaZi traditions change the year at **Lichun** (Spring Commences). This keepsake uses **Lunar New Year**. It does not calculate a BaZi year pillar.

Method: we compare the Gregorian civil date you enter with Chinese New Year dates in the Hong Kong Observatory calendar. We do not convert a birth instant between time zones. For a family tradition using another boundary, this result may differ.

HKO calendar: 2000 / 2001; HKO, What year is it today?

02 / YOUR BIRTH-YEAR ELEMENT

The Metal in Metal Dragon.

A label attached to the year stem. One part of a larger system.

Geng

YEAR STEM

Metal

Geng is the heavenly stem in **Geng-Chen**. In the traditional stem-to-phase mapping, it belongs to **Metal**. The animal comes from the branch, **Chen**.

THE FIVE PHASES / WUXING

Wood

Jia / Yi

Fire

Bing / Ding

Earth

Wu / Ji

Metal

Geng / Xin

Water

Ren / Gui

Often called the five elements in English, these are cultural categories. A year label is not a chemical description, a measurement of your body, or a tally of your complete chart.

A MODERN REFLECTION LENS

A carefully shaped object makes an idea tangible.

An original Sixty metaphor for reflection, not a statement about your personality.

03 / THE SIXTY-YEAR CYCLE

Same animal. Another year.

The animal repeats every 12 years. The same stem-branch pair repeats every 60.

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Geng-Chen

Position 17 of 60 / 2000 lunar year

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60

Ten stems and twelve branches advance together, one step per year. They return to the same pairing after 60 steps. 1984 is a Jia-Zi reference year: position 1.

FIVE DRAGON YEAR LABELS, FIVE PHASES

1964

Wood

Dragon

1976

Fire

Dragon

1988

Earth

Dragon

2000

Metal

Dragon

2012

Water

Dragon

These are lunar-year labels, not a January 1 shortcut. A January or February birthday always needs its boundary checked.

Cycle table and eight-character structure: Hong Kong Observatory

04 / ANIMAL MEETS ELEMENT

Metal Dragon

Form + imagination / an original reflection pairing

THE CULTURAL FOUNDATION

In Chinese art, dragons can be bringers of rain and appear among clouds with a pearl. This is a cultural image, not a promise about a Dragon-year person.

How the label fits: Geng supplies Metal; Chen supplies Dragon. This identifies a year in a calendar tradition. It does not describe every person born in that year.

THREE QUESTIONS TO MAKE IT YOURS

01 What would you like to give a clearer shape to?

02 What would you make if imagination came before judgment?

03 How could form and imagination meet in something you make or notice?

These prompts are written by Sixty for reflection. They are not ancient quotations, personality findings or instructions for life decisions.

The Met, The Dragon and the Pearl (1991)

05 / KEEP THE MEANING IN PROPORTION

A year is one piece.

Your birth-year element is not your BaZi Day Master.

YEAR	MONTH	DAY	HOURL
Cultural year label	Not calculated	Not calculated	Not calculated
What this profile explains	Part of a full BaZi chart	The Day Master is here	Needs birth-time details

Your Metal label comes from the year stem, **Geng**. In BaZi, the term Day Master refers to the stem of the **day** pillar. This profile has not calculated that pillar and cannot tell you your Day Master.

WHAT YOU CAN TAKE AWAY

A date-checked year label. A visual map of the cycle. A way to recognise cultural symbols and start a conversation about them.

WHAT THIS PROFILE DOES NOT ESTABLISH

Your complete element balance, compatibility, personality, luck, health, wealth or future events. It offers no medical, financial, legal or relationship advice.

People with the same animal and birth-year element share the cultural interpretation. Personalisation changes the relevant facts, dates, diagrams and selected prompts; it is not a private divination session.

Day Master terminology: Joey Yap; year-boundary distinction: Hong Kong Observatory

06 / KEEP, EXPLAIN, EXPLORE

A story you can retell.

A few words to help you share your result without overstating it.

"My Chinese birth-year label is Metal Dragon, using Lunar New Year. The Metal part comes from the year stem. It is a cultural label, not my whole chart."

LOOK CLOSER

Zodiac animals are more than online personality lists. They also appear in objects and images. The British Museum records all twelve on a Qing-period porcelain vessel. Next time you see a zodiac design, notice whether it shows an animal, a year, or a whole sequence.

YOUR POCKET GLOSSARY

Shengxiao	The twelve-animal zodiac.
Gan-Zhi	The paired heavenly stem and earthly branch.
Wuxing	The five phases, often called five elements.
Lichun	Spring Commences; distinct from Lunar New Year.

READ THE SOURCES

HKO / calendar dates

HKO / Gan-Zhi cycle

HKO / year boundaries

Joey Yap / stem terminology only

British Museum / zodiac vessel PDF,C.635

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Sources support calendar facts and cultural context, not predictive accuracy. Edition 1.1.

07 / YOUR SHARE CARD

Keep the label. Share the story.

Your separate PNG leaves out your full birth date.



Suggested caption: "Found the story behind my birth-year label. Same animal does not always mean the same element."

You choose whether to share. The PNG includes the display name you provide; use an alias or leave the name blank for a private version.