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Chinese New Year Scramble

- gbniegnin -----
- oekfirwrsr -----
- actsrneso -----
- nadosrteioc -----
- saytoglor -----
- fliteasv -----
- sidtontria -----
- tenairblceo -----
- cmryeoen -----
- acrlnadae -----
- lieecrntfo -----
- eansrlnt -----

February Birthdays

- 14 Shannon Blair
- 16 Jessica Lannon
- 18 Delphia Von Heeder
- 20 Don Giles
- 25 Nina Beth Everhard
- 26 Diane Dow



Word List

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| ancestors | celebration | fireworks |
| fortune | astrology | ceremony |
| lanterns | beginning | chopsticks |
| decorations | calendar | festival |
| traditions | reflection | noodles |

Grab a pencil and piece of paper.
How many words can you make using the letters in "Be my Valentine"
"Be my Valentine"
We found 77!!



CHINESE NEW YEAR

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

- TIGER
- SNAKE
- DRAGON
- FEBRUARY
- RED
- LUNAR
- PIG
- RAT
- MONKEY
- GOAT
- HORSE
- NEW YEAR
- ZODIAC
- ROOSTER
- OXEN
- DOG
- CHINESE
- PARADE
- RABBIT

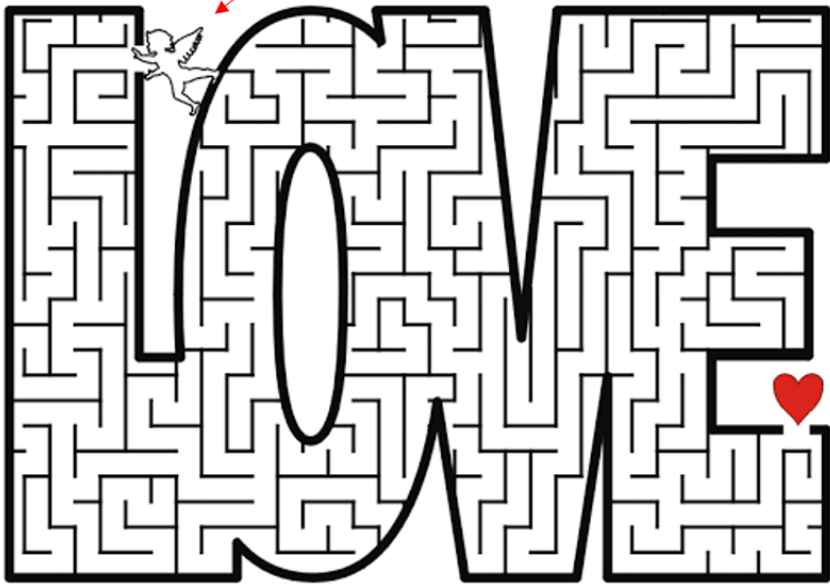
Lincoln's Birthday is a legal, public holiday in some U.S. states, observed on the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth on February 12, 1809 in Hodgenville (Hodgensville, Hodgen's Mill), Kentucky. Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Texas, California, Missouri, and New York observe the holiday.
In other states, Lincoln's birthday is not celebrated separately, as a stand-alone holiday. Instead Lincoln's Birthday is combined with a celebration of President George Washington's birthday (also in February) and celebrated either as Washington's Birthday or as Presidents' Day on the third Monday in February, concurrent with the federal holiday.



Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a minor Western Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius I in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honour of Saint Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269.[7][8] The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards

Get CUPID to the Heart

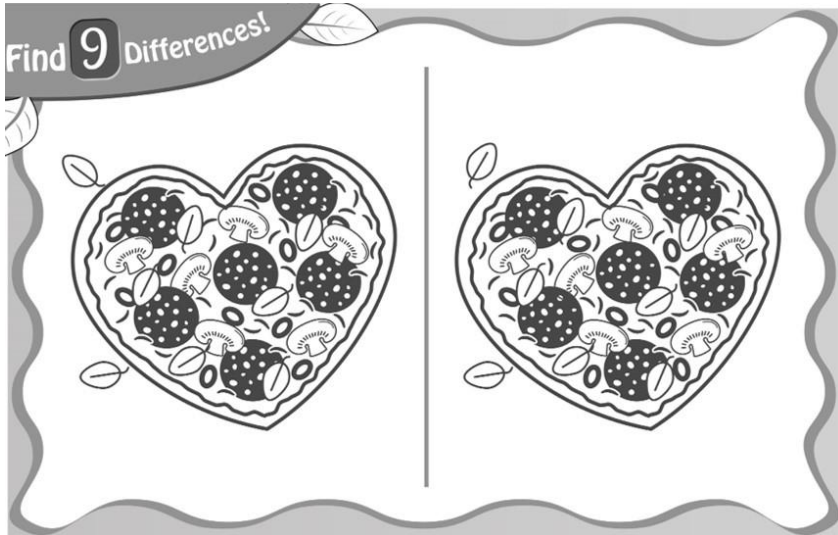


The Lunar New Year, most commonly associated with the **Chinese New Year** or **Spring Festival**, typically falls sometime between January 21 and February 20 annually. Lunar New Year 2021 is on February 12, and in terms of the Chinese zodiac animal, it's the Year of the Ox. The **Chinese New Year** festival period lasts for 16 days, starting from **Chinese New Year's** eve to the Lantern Festival. In **2021**, the **Chinese New Year** festival will begin on February 11th and go on till February 26th. It's called the Lunar New Year because it marks the first new moon of the lunisolar calendars traditional to many east Asian countries including China, South Korea, and Vietnam, which are regulated by the cycles of the moon and sun.

A solar year—the time it takes Earth to orbit the sun—lasts around 365 days, while a lunar year, or 12 full cycles of the Moon, is roughly 354 days. As with the Jewish lunisolar calendar, "a month is still defined by the moon, but an extra month is added periodically to stay close to the solar year." This is why the new year falls on a different day within that month-long window each year.

Lucky colors for 2021? Although this holiday is traditionally dominated by red, during the Year of the Ox, the colors that will bring good fortune and wellness are pink and orange.

Find 9 Differences!



Free Masks

Lavelle Ford and Barbara Spencer are still making masks. Masks are free to all members and to all TMRC residents and staff.

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Here's what to know about Lunar New Year traditions, and what more than 1.5 billion people do to celebrate it.

Lunar New Year isn't exactly the same as Chinese New Year.

The Lunar New Year isn't only observed in China, it's celebrated across several countries and other territories in Asia, including South Korea and Singapore. In Vietnam, Lunar New Year is known as Tết, and in Tibet it's Losar. In the U.S., though, it's most commonly associated with what's often called Chinese New Year, the American version of China's 15-day-long festivities.

Lunar New Year traditions include the Dragon Dance and the distribution of red envelopes filled with money.

Red pockets full of money: in China they're traditionally gifted from an elder or parent to children, or really anyone who's unmarried. "It's really fun, because even if your brother is 40 and he's unmarried he still gets red envelope, The custom arose out of a tradition of using coins as a gift to ward off evil spirits.

Firecrackers: Firecrackers and fireworks are often set off throughout Lunar New Year, both to ward off an ancient monster called Nian, and because it's become a raucous way to celebrate. It's common to see families shooting off the equally festive, and non-fiery, confetti cannons on the streets of U.S. Chinatowns on New Year's Day.

The Lion Dance and Dragon Dance: Traditional dances and gymnastic performances are an exciting part of a Lunar New Year parade.

The Dragon Dance features visible puppeteers holding poles as they make the dragon move in a flowing motion.

- [ineseNew Year Traditions](#)
- <https://www.thechinesezodiac.org/chinese-new-year-traditions/>



Every [Lunar New Year](#) billions of red envelopes stuffed with money are exchanged physically and virtually as a token of good fortune in the New Year.

















Upside-down fu characters: On Chinese New Year, you'll commonly see a calligraphy character on a square of red paper, hung in a diamond shape. The character which means good luck, is hung upside down for Lunar New Year.

The Chinese zodiac is a repeating 12-year cycle of animal signs and their ascribed attributes, based on the lunar calendar. In order, the zodiac animals are: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, Pig.

The [Lunar New Year](#), or Spring Festival, marks the transition from one animal to the next—2020 is the [year of the Rat](#), which began on January 15th, 2020, and ends on February 11th, 2021. February 12th, 2021 (Chinese New Year) will signal the start of the [year of the Ox](#).

The Chinese Zodiac is based on a twelve-year cycle, each year being represented by an animal. Find the year you were born to determine your sign.

 Rat	1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996	You are imaginative, charming and truly generous to the person you love.
 Ox	1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997	A born leader, you inspire confidence from all around you. You are conservative and methodical.
 Tiger	1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998	You are sensitive, emotional, and capable of great love.
 Rabbit	1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999	You are the kind of person people like to be around. You are affectionate, obliging and always pleasant.
 Dragon	1916, 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000	Full of vitality & enthusiasm, you are a popular person - intelligent, gifted, a perfectionist.
 Snake	1917, 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001	Rich in wisdom and charm, you are romantic and deep thinking. Your intuition guides you strongly.
 Horse	1918, 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002	You are your own person-very independent, intelligent, friendly and hard working.
 Goat	1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003	The Goat can be charming company. You are elegant and artistic.
 Monkey	1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004,	You're intelligent and have a very clever wit. Because of your magnetic personality you are always well liked.
 Rooster	1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005	You're a hard worker, a shrewd and definite decision maker, often speaking your mind. A dreamer, flashy dresser.
 Dog	1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006	The Dog will never let you down. You are honest, and faithful to those you love.
 Pig	1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007	You're a splendid companion, an intellectual with a strong need to set difficult goals and carry them out. You are sincere, tolerant, and honest.

*Thinking of You !
Happy Valentine's
Day
From
Barbara and Joe*

