

Activity: sequencing the New Year Race story

Please photocopy this page. Then cut up the sentences and sequence them in the order of the Chinese New Year Race story.

Thirteen animals started the race. They were the Rooster, the Dragon, the Ox, the Dog, the Monkey, the Rabbit, the Tiger, the Horse, the Cat, the Rat, the Sheep and the Snake.

Many years ago, the Jade Emperor wanted to find a way to keep track of the passing years.

As the Ox reached the river bank, the Rat jumped off the top of the Ox's head and won the race.

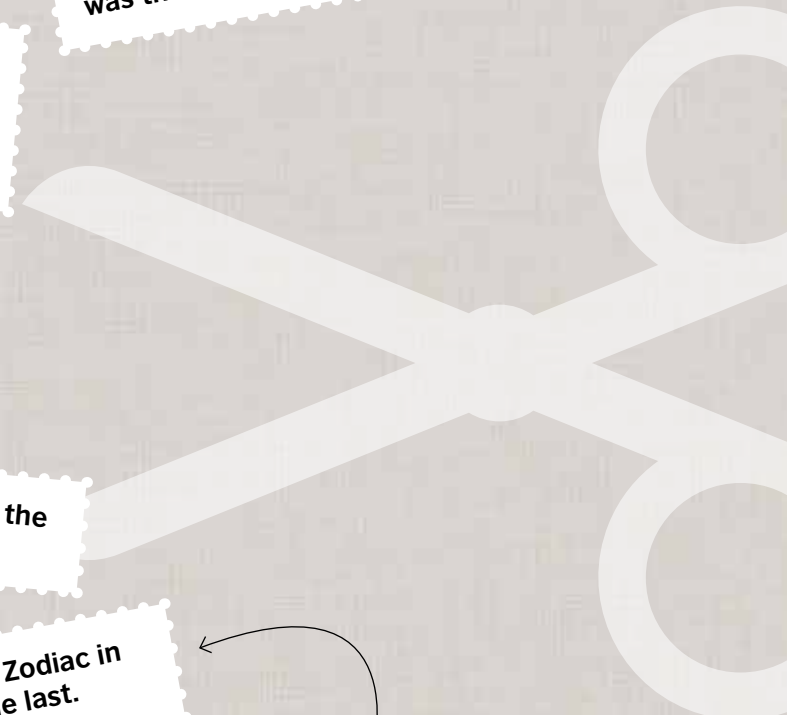
He decided to organise a race for the animals and whichever order the animals came in, would be the order of the years to come.

The Pig came in last and the Cat ran away.

The Jade Emperor recorded the result of the race on a scroll for all to see.

The Rat is still the first year of the Zodiac in the 12 year cycle and the Pig is the last.

The animals set off. At first the Dragon was in the lead, but as they crossed the river, it was the Ox that was winning the race.



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