

## The Chinese New Year

### Choose the correct answer:

1. The Emperor told the animals that they were going:

*a. to compete in a race.*

2. The rat and the cat asked \_\_\_\_\_ to carry them across the river.

*b. the ox*

3. The first year of the Zodiac was named after:

*b. the rat.*



### Answer the following questions:

1. What did the rat do when they were almost across the river and why?

*The rat pushed the cat into the water and jumped on the bank to finish first.*

2. Why did the Emperor expect the dragon to win the race?

*The dragon had wings. He could have flown and arrived first.*

3. How did the rabbit manage to arrive at the river bank?

*He hopped across on some stepping stones and then onto a floating log which carried him to the river bank.*

4. Find ONE word in the text that means 'cunning'. *The word is 'sly'.*

5. Which animal doesn't have a year named after it?

*The cat doesn't have a year named after it.*