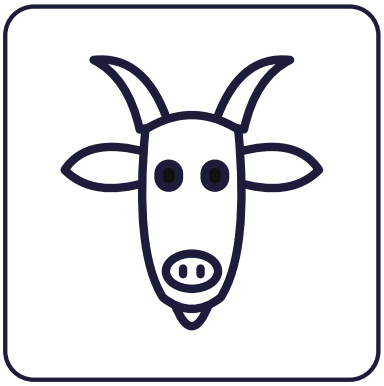
Year of the Goat 2027: fact sheet

Lunar New Year 2027 is on Saturday 6 February.



When

The Year of the Goat starts on Saturday 6 February 2027 and ends on Tuesday 25 January 2028.

Where in the cycle

The goat is the eighth of the twelve animals. The monkey comes next, from Wednesday 26 January 2028.

Goat, sheep or ram?

In English it is called the Year of the Goat, the Sheep or the Ram: one animal word, translated in different ways.

Every twelve years

Earlier Goat years started in 2015, 2003 and 1991. The next one will start in 2039.

Fire Goat

Each year also has one of five elements: wood, fire, earth, metal or water. 2027 is a Fire Goat year, called Ding-wei.

Other zodiacs

Vietnam's cycle has the buffalo instead of the ox and the cat instead of the rabbit. Japan's has the boar instead of the pig.

About real goats

- Goats are mammals. A baby goat is called a kid.
- Goats have rectangular pupils, which help them see a wide view around them.
- Goats are good climbers and can stand on narrow rocky ledges.

1. How many years are there between one Goat year and the next?

2. Which animal comes after the goat?

3. Is a child born on 20 January 2027 a Goat? Why or why not?

4. Which Goat year came before 2015?

Sources: Hong Kong Observatory 2027 calendar table; Royal Museums Greenwich, Lunar New Year dates and animals.

Answers: Year of the Goat fact sheet

1. How many years are there between one Goat year and the next?

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2. Which animal comes after the goat?

The monkey

3. Is a child born on 20 January 2027 a Goat? Why or why not?

No: the Goat year starts on 6 February 2027, so 20 January 2027 is still in the Horse year.

4. Which Goat year came before 2015?

2003