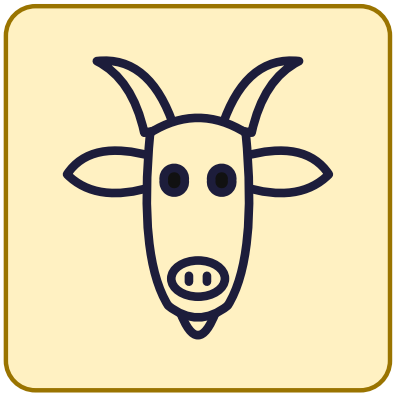
# Year of the Goat 2027: fact sheet

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?**

12

**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